HB 2813 HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAI‘I SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION AGENCY

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

House Bill 2813 HD1 establishes the Hawai‘i Science, Technology, and Innovation Agency through collaboration between University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College.

While the University of Hawai‘i is strongly committed to STEM education and developing an innovation based economy in Hawai‘i, we are not familiar with the intent of this bill or the proposed agency. We would be happy to learn more and also to share with the proposers of the bill some of the initiatives that UH does have relating to science and technology.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.