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HB 749 – RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Nakashima and Wooley, and members of the House Committees on Labor and Public Employment and Agriculture, my name is Maria Gallo. I am Dean and Director of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and I am submitting testimony today in support of HB 749 on behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I support the creation of a workforce development plan for the State to support food self-sufficiency. And I would be happy to serve on a Hawai'i agriculture workforce advisory board should it be instituted to help accomplish that goal.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa supports the intent of the bill provided it does not adversely affect our UH priorities as set in our budget request, most notably in health and safety and repairs and maintenance issues.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 749.