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INSTITUTE

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. We support HB750 HD1 to establish the Hawai'i Island Technology Exchange Institute at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Science and technology are important for Hawaii's future to withstand and respond to changes to the natural, economic and social environments. This proposal will help us to be more sustainable and to develop a highly capable workforce that will contribute to the future needs of our island economy. UH Hilo views our collaboration with Hawai'i Community College as extremely important to provide higher education and career options to the people of our Hawai'i Island.

We support HB750 HD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB750 HD1. Aloha.