



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HB 1419 HD1      RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER  
FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS

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 (UHH). We support the intent of HB1419 HD1 to fund the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) to manage and facilitate its work to expand and diversify technology-based enterprises and education in Hawai'i.

This proposal will help to stimulate the growth of our State economy through aerospace research, the development, testing and evaluation of new technologies that support the exploration of space and the creation of new careers. UH Hilo views the proposal as an opportunity to collaborate with PISCES to provide higher education and career options to the people of our Hawai'i Island.

We support HB1419 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 HB1419 HD1. Aloha.