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HB 2150 HD1 – RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS' PLANETARY SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES INITIATIVE

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 (UH Hilo). We support the intent of HB 2150 HD1 to fund the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) to support planetary sustainability technology demonstrations and university-based competitions.

This proposal will help stimulate the growth and diversification of our State economy through applied aerospace research, the development, testing and evaluation new technologies that support the exploration of space and the creation of high-tech 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 HB 2150 HD1 provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2150 HD1. Aloha.