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Chairs Sakamoto and Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committees on Education and Water, Land, and Agriculture:

SB 2369 proposes the financing of \$14.573 million in general obligation bonds for the renovation and addition to the Komohana Research and Outreach Center in Hilo, Hawai'i. This research and outreach center is operated by the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

The Board of Regents' Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2003-2005 included \$14.573 million for the renovation and addition to the Komohana Agricultural Complex, which is parallel to the intent of SB 2369. This \$14.573 million request was left unfunded by the 2003 Legislature and is not included in the Board of Regents' CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2004-2005.

While we support the intent of the bill, we have reservations if the proposed appropriation replaces the priorities of the Board of Regents' CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2004-2005.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2369.