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

SB 2370 proposes the financing of \$330,000 in general obligation bonds for planning of a research and outreach center in Waimanalo, O'ahu. This research and outreach center would be 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 \$330,000 for a long range development plan for an Agribusiness Incubation and Outreach Center in Waimanalo, which is parallel to the intent of SB 2370. This \$330,000 project was included in the University's Major CIP Planning request; however, it was left unfunded by the 2003 Legislature. The Major CIP Planning project 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 2370.