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SB 1093, SD 1 Relating to Ocean Health Consensus:

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Ostrander. I am pleased to offer my support for the intent of
SB 1093, SD 1 Relating to Ocean Health Consensus, provided that its passage does
not replace or adversely impact priorities as expressed in our Board of Regents-
approved Executive Biennium Budget.

We appreciate the fact that this measure would provide much-needed resources
for a critical environmental education and conservation program. However, we wish to
emphasize that there are other needs contained in our UH budget request that deserve
consideration as well – and have been affirmed through the review process of our
University administrators, Board of Regents, and Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.