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SB 2860, SD 1 RELATING TO A TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN

The University of Hawaii supports SB 2860, SD 1 which would create a science and technology task force to develop a stakeholder-driven State Master Plan for Science and Technology, subject to automatic review and update of the plan every two years.

As the largest science and technology organization in the State of Hawaii, the University has a vested interest in the task force and its resulting State Master Plan for Science and Technology. Many of our Federal funding agencies are requiring evidence that their awards--especially in infrastructure and large, center-like awards--are not only meeting the needs of the nation, but also those of the state, as defined in an overarching science and technology plan.

With respect to Section 1, page 2, line 10 of the bill, "*...the University of Hawai'i will be competing for \$15,000,000 over [~~three~~] five years under the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).*" As such, we respectfully request that line 10 be amended to correctly reflect the five-year duration of the grant award.

The University thanks the Legislature for its strong work on this bill and for the continued recognition and support of the role of university research and education in the economic diversification of our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.