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Chair Chang, Vice Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii is supportive of the intent of this Bill to provide "green collar" training and employment opportunities for individuals who have lost their jobs as a result of current economic conditions. And we understand that the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) is willing to undertake the program as modified by the testimony they will be submitting directly.

The University of Hawaii requests one very important change in any measure that moves forward to implement the program.

Section 3, Paragraph (5) calls for attorneys employed or retained by the University of Hawaii to provide legal support for this program. The University of Hawaii does not provide legal support to the RCUH, which is a separate organization represented by the Office of the Attorney General. So we respectfully request that this paragraph be stricken in its entirety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.