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SB 1195, SD1 RELATING TO THE ECONOMY

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB1195 SD1 which would amend the Hawai'i State Planning Act to include references to science and technology initiatives in Hawai'i.

As the largest science and technology organization in the State of Hawai'i, the UH has a vested interest in the formal recognition of science and technology as a component of the educational, government and economic activities of our state. As you are aware, the UH, through its EPSCoR program, is taking a leadership role in the development of a statewide science and technology plan and is engaging stakeholders from government, industry and academe in that process. We thank this legislature for the opportunity to testify on this bill and for its continued support of STEM education, innovation, and the development of a science and technology industry in Hawai'i.