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Chair Fukunaga, Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the committees:

SB 776, Relating to Science and Technology, builds on the work of the small business working group and University of Hawai'i President Greenwood's Advisory Council on Hawai'i Innovation and Technology Advancement. It establishes a Biotechnology Task Force to:

- Identify barriers that Hawai'i businesses and university professors face in developing entrepreneurial business models in biotechnology, and
- Recommend specific actions to address these issues.

The representative of the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources shall serve as the Chair of the Biotechnology Task Force, and the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2012 Hawai'i State Legislature.

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 776.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.