



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SB1256 SD1      RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER  
FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS

Chairs Choy and Tsuji, Vice Chairs Ichiyama and Ward and Members of the  
Committees:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH). We support the intent of SB1256 SD1 to fund the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) to manage and facilitate its work to expand and diversify technology-based enterprises and education in Hawai'i.

This proposal will help to stimulate the growth of our State economy through aerospace research, the development, testing and evaluation of new technologies that support the exploration of space and the creation of new careers. UH Hilo views the proposal as an opportunity to collaborate with PISCES to provide higher education and career options to the people of our Hawai'i Island.

We support SB1256 SD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB1256 SD1. Aloha.