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SB 2390 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND

Chairs Solomon and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Galuteria and Kouchi and Members of the Senate Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to express concerns on this measure.

Senate Bill 2390 requires, prior to the disposition of agricultural land 25 acres or greater to certain governments or government agencies, an accounting of the number of contiguous agricultural land parcels 25 acres or greater that are on the same island and meet one or more criteria for lands eligible for IAL designation. Requires the identification and consideration of the inventory of large parcels of agricultural land prior to a land reclassification or district boundary amendment that reclassifies agricultural land 25 acres or greater to another state land use classification.

The Board of Regents is currently updating its Board policy on land and its statements on their purposes, which include the promotion and support of the University's educational and research mission while advancing the principals of environmental stewardship and sustainability. This legislative measure may conflict with the University in meeting its mission.

Accordingly we request that this measure be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.