

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2400 SD2 HD1 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2400 SD2 HD1.

We support this interagency planning activity and will assist to the best of our abilities. We see a strong role for CTAHR in providing extension services to tenants as well as conducting relevant research to maximize the potential of this agricultural resource for the people of Hawai'i.

As no funding is provided for planning or implementation in SB 2400 SD2 HD1, we note that our ability to implement any additional or special assistance programs for the lands managed by the Agricultural Development Corporation and the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, beyond the support and training that we provide to all agricultural producers in the State of Hawai'i, will be dependent upon acquiring the personnel and resources required for such implementation.

We are pleased to participate in this important planning effort.