



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 2583 SD1 – RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION LASER COMMUNICATIONS GROUND STATION INITIATIVE

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo). We support the intent of SB 2583 SD1 to fund the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) to support planetary sustainability technology demonstrations and university-based competitions.

This proposal will help stimulate the growth and diversification of our State economy through applied aerospace research, the development, testing and evaluation new technologies that support the exploration of space and the creation of high-tech 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 SB 2583 SD1 provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2583 SD1. Aloha.