



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 2584 – RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS' PLANETARY SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES INITIATIVE

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani 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 2584 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 2584 provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2584. Aloha.