



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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by

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### **SB 1093, SD 1 Relating to Ocean Health Consensus:**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Ostrander. I am pleased to offer my support for the intent of SB 1093, SD 1 Relating to Ocean Health Consensus, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as expressed in our Board of Regents-approved Executive Biennium Budget.

We appreciate the fact that this measure would provide much-needed resources for a critical environmental education and conservation program. However, we wish to emphasize that there are other needs contained in our UH budget request that deserve consideration as well – and have been affirmed through the review process of our University administrators, Board of Regents, and Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.