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HB 1940 HD1 – RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1940 HD1.

This is the same testimony that was previously submitted. We defer to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) as to its ability to meet the requirements of this bill.

However, we wish to note that as the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa moves to develop a companion animal program within the animal science curriculum, we see opportunities to partner with this program. We can envision supporting it with research and education, as well as it being a source of internships for our students. We also envision that programs like this could encourage students to take this direction in their careers.

In summary, we are in support of HB 1940 HD1, but defer to the HDOA on the outcome.