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HB 1940 – RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs:

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

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, but defer to the HDOA on the outcome.