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HB 2036 HD1– RELATING TO CORAL RESTORATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee:

Thank for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2036 HD1, which would establish a pilot project to plan and design an expansion of the Hawai'i Coral Restoration Nursery, including improvements to the sea urchin hatchery.

As a research institute heavily involved in coral cultivation and restoration, and a collaborative partner with the state coral nursery facilities, the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology wishes to express its support of efforts aimed at increasing the state's capacity to cultivate corals and other invertebrates in nurseries that will help recover our reef ecosystems.