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HB 770 HD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the intent of HB 770 HD1 relating to health.

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is involved in food safety in a number of ways. Our Cooperative Extension program trains farmers in food safety, Gap Analysis and Food Safety Modernization Act regulations. Our Food Science program produces undergraduate degrees in this area and has a research program that has made significant strides in reducing obesity in children throughout the Pacific Basin. We do have the expertise among our faculty to participate in such a task force.

Therefore, we support the intent of this bill.