



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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and  
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HB 862 HD2 Proposed SD2 – RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT

Chairs Dela Cruz and Baker, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Chang, and members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) is in support of Section 1 of HB 862 HD2 Proposed SD2, Relating to State Government. This section seeks to transfer administration of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) to UH Hilo for administrative purposes only. We support this bill provided that it is properly funded by the Legislature. In addition, we also request that should PISCES transfer to UH Hilo, the bill be amended to remove 'Imiloa Astronomy Center as unit in which PISCES is housed. This will allow UH Hilo flexibility in determining the administrative oversight for PISCES.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.