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HB 88 HD1 – RELATING TO COASTAL EROSION

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports HB 88 SD1 which establishes and appropriates funds for UH to conduct a two-year study on sand movement patterns and coastal erosion between Sunset Beach and 'Ehukai Beach Park on O'ahu.

The Hawai'i Sea Grant's excellent research, education and policy efforts combined with working, technical solutions from the UH Mānoa's College of Engineering Coastal Erosion Shoreline Team in geotechnics, transportation, infrastructure and shoreline hardening, provides the full range of skillsets necessary to conduct this important study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.