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Legislative Testimony

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HB 313 HD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

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

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 313 HD1, however, the scope of the bill goes beyond the mission of the university, which is to educate a workforce to meet the needs of the State. As written, HB 313 HD1 proposes to identify and purchase foreign agricultural technology, including small equipment tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with the EPA's emission standards for small engines rather than developing a curriculum and establishing a learning center to teach students how to retrofit small equipment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 313 HD1.