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Legislative Testimony

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HB 313 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Gates, Vice Chair Kahaloa, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 313, which proposes to appropriate funds to the University of Hawai'i to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program at a University of Hawai'i community college program, and 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.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 313, on the condition that any funds appropriated in support of this program does not supplant any portion of the University's Budget Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 313.