



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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HB 1426 HD1 – RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

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

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 1426 HD1, which establishes under the Agribusiness Development Corporation a “food and product innovation network” providing access to facilities, resources, expertise and education to capitalize on the “Made in Hawai'i” brand and supporting the strengthening and diversification of the local agriculture economy.

Synergies between network members can expand access statewide, and leverage resources while avoiding unnecessary duplication in support of innovation and business development.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 1426 HD1, as long as its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1426 HD1.