



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 940 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Chair Garrett, Vice Chair Amato, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 940. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports HB 940, which appropriates funds for the rat lungworm lab, also known as the Jarvi lab, at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) at UH Hilo.

The DKICP and UH Hilo appreciates and acknowledges the ongoing support from the legislature for this work, which promotes the health and welfare of people in our state. We wish to confirm that the facilities and personnel for this work continue to be operational and dedicated to rat lungworm research and community outreach.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 940.