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SB 3229 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES

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

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB 3229 SD2 HD1 which seeks to further the discovery and development of geothermal resources in the state.

The Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology based at UH Mānoa, with research expertise in geothermal exploration, will seek to derive another clean energy source to help the state in its efforts to become more sustainable and energy independent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.