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SB 3229 SD1 – RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) is in support of SB 3229 SD1 as it establishes the University of Hawai'i Geothermal Exploration Special Fund for the Hawai'i Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center (HGGRC) to further the discovery and development of geothermal resources.

The HGGRC is based in UH Mānoa's heralded School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology and has the expertise in geothermal exploration to help the state secure another clean energy source in its drive to achieve a more sustainable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.