



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 3229 SD2 – RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) is in support of SB 3229 SD2, which seeks to further the discovery and development of geothermal resources by establishing the University of Hawai'i Geothermal Exploration Special Fund for the Hawai'i Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center (HGGRC).

The HGGRC, based in UH Mānoa's heralded School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, has the knowledge and 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.