



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented to the
House Committee on Higher Education & Technology
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

by
Vassilis L. Syrmos
Vice President for Research and Innovation
University of Hawai'i System

SB 3229 SD2 – RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Clark, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports 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).

Based in UH Mānoa's heralded School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, the HGGRC has the knowledge and expertise in geothermal exploration to derive another clean energy source to help the state in its efforts to become more sustainable and less dependent on imported fuels.

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