



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**  
**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony  
Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 1598 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO WATER TESTING

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 1598 SD2 HD1, which establishes a water quality testing laboratory at the University of Hawai'i Maui College (UHMC).

The UHMC has been performing this water quality testing through funding from a federal grant, which is coming to an end. This measure would ensure the continuation of water quality testing capabilities at UHMC, along with the continued training of our students in the program.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 1598 SD2 HD1 on the condition its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1598 SD2 HD1.