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SB 1598 – RELATING TO WATER TESTING

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges are in support of SB 1598, 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 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, on the condition that any funds appropriated in support of this program does not supplant any portion of the University's budget request.

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