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SB 1511 SD2 – RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kapela, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) appreciates the Hawai'i State Legislature's intent to provide more clarity to the purpose and scope of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) via SB 1511 SD2.

Over the last three years, a task force/working group of UH and RCUH representatives have diligently examined the entire operation and have implemented the necessary changes to Board of Regents, executive and administrative procedures that clarifies RCUH's purpose and relationship to UH. With these steps already underway, UH feels this proposed legislation is not necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.