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Senate Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land

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TESTIMONY By Kā'eo Duarte Kamehameha Schools

To: Chairs Kahele and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Kidani and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees

RE: HB 588 HD1 Making An Appropriation for He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Aloha mai kākou! My name is Kā'eo Duarte and I serve as the Vice President of Community Engagement and Resources of Kamehameha Schools.

Kamehameha Schools is writing in **support of HB588, HD 1**. The bill will provide funds that will help advance the He'eia estuary with science research allowing Hawai'i to learn more about the intersection of the marine and terrestrial environments within the newly established He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve. This research will provide critical insight into the current and future stewardship of He'eia's near shore and coastal waters, including He'eia fishpond, a traditional resource that has been restored to produce food for Hawai'i.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.



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