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DEPT. COMM. NO. 149

December 20, 2017

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting one copy of the Report on the Statewide Dark Skies Protection Advisory Committee (Act 185, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017) as requested by the Legislature.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, this report may be viewed electronically at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/government-relations/2018-legislative-reports/>.

Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kim at 956-4250, or via e-mail at scskim@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Lassner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Lassner
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Enclosure

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REPORT TO THE 2018 LEGISLATURE

Report on the
Statewide Dark Skies Protection Advisory Committee

Act 185, SLH 2017

December 2017

Act 185, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017, establishes a Dark Skies Protection Advisory Committee to assist the University of Hawai'i in developing a statewide dark night skies protection strategy. The advisory committee is placed within the University of Hawai'i for administrative purposes. In addition, the University of Hawai'i and the advisory committee were charged with submitting reports to the Hawai'i State Legislature on its initial findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018, and thereafter report updated findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session of 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the advisory committee has not been able to convene an initial meeting. As such, the advisory committee does not have substantive findings and recommendations to report to the 2018 Hawai'i Legislature. Based on past experience with the complex technical and practical issues involved in this area and ongoing discussions with other agencies, including those involved in the advisory committee, we anticipate that the advisory committee will require significant time to arrive at consensus and therefore anticipate reporting initial substantive results for the regular session of 2019.