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SB 3119 RELATING TO INCOME TAX

Senate Committee on Health and Environment

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SB 3119 would amend Chapters 235 and 195D, HRS to establish an income tax check-off for endangered species and habitat protection to be deposited into the endangered species trust fund.

This statement does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

I fully support the intent of this measure, even while anticipating the likely opposition it will face from those concerned about impacts to the State's exercise of discretion in allocating tax revenues. To paraphrase an appealing bumper sticker, it would be a lovely world if endangered species and habitat protection received ample government support and proponents of a new convention center had to hold a bake sale.