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**SB 2145, SD 1
RELATING TO PROTECTION OF HAWAII'S
UNIQUE NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA**

**Statement for
House Committee on
Water, Land Use, Development & Hawaiian Affairs
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SB 2145, SD 1 proposes adding to HRS 205 a new section entitled "Protection of Hawaii's unique flora and fauna." This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We agree with the findings expressed in the bill that there are areas of the State that are not in the Conservation district but that provide habitat for rare floral and faunal species unique to Hawaii and/or in which there are high-quality native forests.

The new section of HRS 205 that is proposed would provide that the Department of land and Natural Resources (DLNR) shall initiate amendments to the conservation district boundaries" to include areas of the sort to which reference is made in the findings, and that the DLNR may seek assistance from other agencies and may employ consultants in this respect.

These provisions are highly appropriate.