HB 2730
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENFORCEMENT

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HB 2730 would amend HRS 342-8, a section of the chapter on Environmental Quality that deals with the enforcement of the provisions in other sections and in rules promulgated under them. This statement on this bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Although there are now provisions in HRS 342-8 for the determination of violations, for the issuance of cease and desist orders, and for the imposition of penalties, these provisions would be rearranged and expressed with somewhat better clarity and detail by HB 2730. The most substantive change that we have noted is the designation of the hearing held on a violation as a contested case hearing. We understand that Department of Health already considers such a hearing as one on a contested case.

In summary, we consider appropriate the amendments proposed in HB 2730.