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## HB 1574, HD 1 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Statement for Committee on Finance  
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HB 1574 proposes several amendments of the State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) law (HRS 343). We submitted earlier to the House Committees on Energy, Ecology, and Environmental Protection and on Water, Land Use, and Hawaiian Affairs a statement (RL:0480) on the original version of the bill. Neither the earlier statement nor this one on HD 1 reflects an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We will not repeat here our earlier comments on the several provisions of the original bill but merely state that most of them were appropriate and that others have been made appropriate by revisions in HD 1. However, we wish to suggest a way in which one of the revisions should be improved.

HB 1574, HD 1 would restore to HRS 343 a time limit to the period for public review of the draft EIS on a project proposed by a private applicant. As now worded, however, the bill would require that comments on the draft must be submitted to the Environmental Quality Commission whereas at present they are submitted to the agency that will determine whether the EIS is acceptable. We suggest revision of the revised sentence (p. 9 lines 8 and 9) to read:

The statement shall be made available for public review for a period of 45 days and for the submission of comments pursuant to section 343-3.