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HB 2049-82, HD 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR
THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL

Statement for
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HB 2049, HD 1, calls for an appropriation to the Office of Environmental Quality Control to cover certain salaries and raises. This statement on the bill has been reviewed in draft by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Environmental Center of the University of Hawaii. However, it does not represent an institutional position of the University.

The needs for budgetary provision for the salary of the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control are discussed in the attached statement on the first version of this bill. With respect to that provision, HD 1 differs from the original version only in specifying an annual salary of \$30,000.

Past experience indicates that the Director can be instrumental in saving millions of dollars of public funds for endeavors promoted in the name of environmental improvement that will not actually improve environmental quality, as well as in encouraging genuine environmental improvement endeavors. He can, in addition, improve the efficiency of operation of all environmental quality control efforts of the state. He can do so only if well qualified. It is questionable that a well-qualified person can be attracted to the position by the salary proposed.