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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development
and Technology

Dear Chair Espero, Chair Wakai and Joint Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill No. 1282 HD1, which will fund studies for a ground station for NASA's goal of establishing a global laser communication network from the Earth to spacecraft and to human outposts in deep space.

The laser communications ground station will also provide high-tech jobs for people in Hawai'i while allowing for the testing and development of technology that could revolutionize communication here on Earth in ways that are unimaginable today.

Thank you also for your continuing support of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Onishi".

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
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