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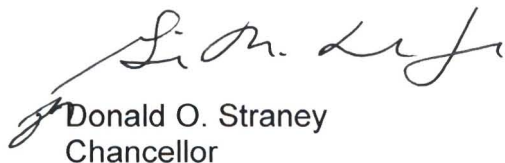
On behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, I am pleased to support the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative (SHYLI) that is engaging and inspiring Hawai'i's youth to become the next generation of innovative leader to plan and create a more sustainable future for Hawai'i.

I am extremely impressed with the progress made by SHYLI and the youth involved including the first youth delegate speaking at APEC in 2010 and the initiation of a pilot program at the West Hawaii Explorations Academy and now expanding to schools and organizations throughout the Big Island. I am also inspired by their stories of how SHYLI has transformed their lives.

I'm excited that Hawaiian youth will have this opportunity to serve as SHYLI's youth delegates and learn with other island youth about how to become leaders of their islands. At UH Hilo, we have adopted the Hawaiian saying, *'A'ohē pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi*, meaning one learns from many sources. Partnering with SHYLI will enable us to expand our delivery of educational programs and begin to examine the development of leadership opportunities and certification programs.

I hope you will join me to support this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Donald O. Straney
Chancellor