Detecting device probe regressions



Motivation

- Device probe regressions
 - Big impact on platform's functionality
 - Commonplace
 - Not immediately detected (lack of tests)

Dead ends

- Report all unprobed devices
 - Not all devices need drivers
- call_driver_probe()
 - Logs errors returned from probe
 - Issues:
 - ENODEV/ENXIO sometimes used on error path, rather than match rejection
 - Other errors logged as warning
 - Doesn't detect missing driver or device instantiation



Current status

- Rely on existing static device definitions:
 - Kselftest merged to verify probe of devices based on DT and compatibles present in driver's match. [1]
 - Similar kselftest for ACPI from Laura still waiting for feedback. [2]
- Kselftest to test devices from discoverable busses (USB/PCI)
 being discussed. [3]
 - Current RFC focusing on DT-based platforms
 - How to describe HW topology in stable way for all platforms?







