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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2291

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RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

House Bill No. 2291 establishes the Weights and Measurements special fund and diverts all application and license fees charged by the Department of Agriculture, Measurement Standards Branch, that are currently deposited into the general fund to be deposited into the special fund. This bill does not include an appropriation. As such, no funds can be expended from the weights and measurements special fund and no general fund appropriations are supplanted.

As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether the fund will be self-sustaining.