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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010
9:00 AM
ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 2292
RELATING TO FARM PRODUCE

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 2292 relating to farm produce. The department has some concerns.

This bill proposes to create a farm produce dealers special fund for the licensing of dealers of farm products. However, the bill does not provide for any appropriation to expend from the special fund. Currently, about \$15,000 annually is collected under dealer licensing and those funds are remitted to the general fund. The fees charged and amount collected would have to quadruple or more to even support one position so this raises concerns as to the impact on industry.

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2292

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RELATING TO THE FARM PRODUCE

House Bill No. 2292 establishes the Farm Produce Dealers special fund and authorizes the Department of Agriculture to collect fees, charges, and expenses, and other moneys to support operational expenses at the Department of Agriculture for the licensure of merchants, dealers, brokers, agents, processors, and retail merchants. This measure does not include an appropriation. As such, no funds can be expended from the Farm Produce Dealers special fund and no general fund expenditures 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.