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**RE: HB 2948 - Relating to Agriculture**  
**Hearing: Past - February 3, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.**  
**Testimony on behalf of Airlines Committee of Hawaii**  
**Committee: AGR**

Attached is late testimony regarding HB 2948 which we would like request to be put "on the record". My apologies and thank you!

## AIRLINES COMMITTEE OF HAWAII



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February 3, 2010

The Honorable Cliff Tsuji, Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture

**Re: House Bill 2948 – Relating to Agriculture**  
**8:30 AM – February 3, 2010 – Conference Room 312**

Aloha Chair Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii\* (ACH), which is made up of 23 signatory air carriers that underwrite the Hawaii State Airport System, supports the intent of this bill but have concerns about the provisions requiring written notification of all interisland shipments.

We are aware and supportive of the need to take preventative measures that restrict and reduce the spread of invasive species in the state. As providers of air transportation for visitors and residents and as transporters of airfreight to and within Hawaii, the ACH has supported the expansion of inspection of articles brought into this state. In 2008 as a result of an agreement with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), ACH members began voluntarily providing daily manifests for all cargo traveling on flights into the state. This is a pivotal change that has allowed HDOA inspectors the opportunity to screen air freight cargo prior to landing and, subsequently, gives the department the ability to better align its resources to meet inspection needs.

For interisland air cargo, we believe the bill as currently written would be very difficult to carry out. With very short windows for interisland flights and hundreds of departures daily, requiring a written notification of freight in advance of flights would have an adverse impact and become economically devastating for all parties involved in the transportation process from the farmer to the airfreight provider to the merchant.

For these reasons, we respectfully recommend that the committee consider amending this bill to accommodate those challenges and the challenges HDOA is facing with the reduction of agriculture inspectors at all airports throughout the state.

As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide input on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Ogawa  
ACH Co-Chair

Lori Peters  
ACH Co-Chair

\*ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, China Airlines, Continental Airlines, Continental Air Micronesia, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, go!, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, JALways, Korean Air, Northwest Airlines, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.

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