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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 309**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1273
RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS**

Chairpersons Tsuji and Nishimoto and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 1273, Relating to Appropriations. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill to appropriate \$500,000 to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Cooperative Extension Service (CTAHR-CES) to support the growth and sustainability of the agriculture industry.

The Department appreciates your committees' interest in supporting the CTAHR-CES mission of providing science-based information and educational programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human resources to the local agriculture industry. As provided in this measure, the University of Hawaii will administer the funds provided. Thus, the Department defers to the comments from the University of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.