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## LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN  
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTION  
AND AGRICULTURE  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1568  
RELATING TO INSPECTIONS

Chairs Souki and Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1567 which proposes to add a new section to HRS 261 – A, for the State Department of Transportation to authorize the Department of Agriculture to provide biosecurity inspection facilities at air and sea ports statewide, in compliance with HRS section 150A-53 for the inspection, consolidation, deconsolidation, and treatment of air cargo, and to facilitate the inspection of air cargo, and to meet the needs of each island's agricultural industries.

The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure as the measure is supportive of the Biosecurity Program under section HRS 150A-53(2), authorizing that the Department shall establish, operate, or participate in operating port-of-entry facilities for state plant pest prevention programs.

The Department is working closely with the Department of Transportation to identify our respective and specific needs to strengthen biosecurity initiatives to prevent entry of new pests of concern to agriculture, public health and environment in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

