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### Re: SB142 SD1 RELATING TO DAMS AND RESERRVOIRS

Chair Tsuji, Chair Chang and Members of the Committees:

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of commercial farm and ranch families and organizations in the State **strongly supports SB142 SD1**, clarifying the decision making process in the Dam and Reservoir Safety Analysis

The majority of dams and reservoirs are under the ownership of those engaged in agriculture. Yet, these **dams and reservoirs also serve the community in other ways such as drinking water and fire protection**. Forests have been saved because of access to water from reservoirs during forest fires. We need to ensure that compliance to dam and reservoir safety is reasonable so these services can continue into the future.

We respectfully request your strong support to move this measure forward. We appreciate this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter. If there are questions, please contact Warren Watanabe at 2819718. Thank you.