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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011  
9:20 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 249, SD1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 249 SD1. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Agriculture to purchase the slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park and to make necessary capital improvements to the facility. The slaughterhouse is an essential component of the State's livestock industry. It is the largest slaughterhouse on Oahu and one of the most modern in the State. In order for Hawaii to increase food self-sufficiency it will need a centrally located USDA inspected slaughterhouses to ensure a safe food supply for its citizens, provide hog producers and ranchers access to retail markets and to ensure that local hogs and cattle are humanely processed.

Since there are structures on the parcel already owned by the State and to clarify previous testimony, the Department would suggest language be included to clarify that the purchase is to consist of the Cooperative's existing slaughter equipment, refrigeration units and capital improvements to the leasehold.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

The Senate  
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Committee on Ways and Means  
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Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union on SB 318, Proposed SD2

The Hawaii Carpenters Union supports the concept of the proposed SD 2 of SB 318, Relating to Business Development in Hawaii.

The motion picture and related industries have shown that they can have a positive impact on Hawaii's economic activity and diversification, and subsequently, employment of our residents. Passage of the SD 2 of this Bill will allow for further consideration of types of industrial activities, amounts and maximums, administration, and budget requirements.

Our members are of course most directly affected by infrastructure development and construction, and incentives for this aspect of the industry, are vital to motion picture work here in Hawaii. It appears that this industry has the ability to pay area standard wages for construction.

Infrastructure in place, as well as the other resources that this Bill can establish, would produce more sustained motion picture activity in Hawaii, as opposed to pronounced peaks and valleys. This will in turn sustain a local work force and related training programs. Should all other aspects of the Bill be fully developed, we would urge an effective date that is as early as possible, rather than later.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for SB 318, Proposed SD 2.