

# LATE TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Higher Education  
House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2093, HD1 (hscr64-12) Relating to Agricultural Education

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the University of Hawaii to establish a Center for Agricultural Leadership. Requires the University of Hawaii to establish a two-year pilot project at one high school campus in each county to determine the steps necessary for a school farm to be food safety certified by the Department of Agriculture.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2093, HD1 (hscr64-12) as long as its implementation does not impact or replace priorities set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The Department will collaborate with the University of Hawaii Center for Agricultural Leadership in the establishment of one high school pilot project in each county and interface with the Department of Agriculture to identify and generate remedies regarding potential barriers to school farm food safety certification. The process of food safety certification will be incorporated into any agriculture-related curriculum associated with the school farm.