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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 2100, HD2
RELATING TO BEES

Room 211
9:00 AM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Chief Operating Officer and Government Affairs Liaison for the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF supports HB 2100, HD2, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for statewide bee hive research.

Honey bee problems are problems for all of us since many local crops are pollinated by bees. If we are unable to control pests and diseases that harm our honey bees, Hawaii's Agriculture Industry may suffer lower production and quality in tomatoes, melons, and cucumbers as well as coffee, avocado, macadamia nuts, and citrus.

We support UH's efforts to advance their honey bee research activities, and we encourage all them to collaborate their honey bee research efforts between islands and with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

I can be reached at (808) 848-2074 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.