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## House Committee on Finance

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House Bill 2268 HD1, Relating to Small Business

1 **Department's Position:** Comments.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health believes that HB2268 HD1 duplicates existing  
4 processes since the Small Business Regulatory Review Board currently has several opportunities for  
5 input at critical junctures in the Hawaii Administrative Rule development process, up to and including a  
6 final recommendation and report to the Governor prior to rule adoption.

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8 We believe the current workflow expressed in statute and Administrative Directive 09-01 provides a  
9 sufficient balance of interests between a volunteer advisory board, the public, and state agencies vested  
10 with rule-making authority.

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12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**Hawaii Farm Bureau**  
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**Wednesday, February 29, 2012**  
**12:30 pm**  
**Conference room 308**

**House Committee on Finance**

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee,

I am [REDACTED], 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF [REDACTED] this measure that will ensure accountability of State agencies to address concerns raised by small businesses prior to and during the public participation process required by rulemaking. Our farmer and rancher members are detrimentally impacted by new State rules that, without any justification, go beyond what is required by federal regulations and don't address food producers' expressed, legitimate concerns. We very much support the work of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board and hope that you will pass this bill to make sure the Board has the means to achieve their purpose in protecting Hawaii's businesses, including farms and ranches, from unreasonable new regulations.

Please contact Janet Ashman at (808) 848-2074 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.