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AFFAIRS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2277, HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

Chairperson English and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 2277, House Draft 1. The purpose of this bill is to establish requirements and prohibited acts for owners, operators, and sellers of all-terrain vehicles. The Department recognizes the important role all-terrain vehicles have in the daily operations of many agricultural businesses, particularly ranches. We support the agriculture-related provision of this measure, and ask that you consider the following reference as an amendment to this measure.

On page 6, lines 11 to 13:

"(2) Persons engaging in bona fide agricultural activities within agricultural districts, as defined under section 205-2(d)(1) through (11), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and"

This amendment would exclude "open air recreational facilities" as a use exempt from the provisions governing the use of ATVs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

