

## LATE TESTIMONY

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Hawaii Farmer Union welcomes tax relief for farmers but wishes that this law would have lower thresholds for qualification.

There are only two dairies on the Big Island with more than 350 farms, there are only about four commercial poultry farms and Pig farms are getting smaller every year to the point of disappearing.

Lighten up the minimum restriction and we can get more SMALL farmers in business. They need the help more than the big producer..

Case in point, Naked Cow Dairy on Oahu. Two sisters with three cows and over \$100,000 invested in equipment. They run a full time business making butter and cheese. Yet they are iced out.

Or Olomana Gardens, 200 egg laying chickens, five milking goats, 80 egg laying ducks, one or two pigs per year, and four horses that provide the manure for the five acre organic veggie farm...all that cost \$400 plus dollars a week to feed.

This total is MORE than just the 300 chickens would be, but we qualify for NOTHING.

This bill should be targeted to the SMALL farmer, not the large producer.

Many small profitable farms are much better than one or two big farms.

Thank you

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