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Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

I strongly support HB2832. Hawaii farmers and ranchers have suffered through severe droughts. This legislation offers tools to provide drought relief.

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Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

We support the Depart of Ag being funded to carry out its core mission of supporting farmers.

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### TESTIMONY on HB 2832 RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATION

Hearing: Friday February 03, 2012 @ 9:00AM  
Conference Room 312

Rep. Tsuji Chair, Committee on Agriculture

Aloha Chair Tsuji and Committee Members

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 2832** Relating to Drought Mitigation; these efforts are crucial Statewide in lieu of our continued drought issues.

My name is Lorie Farrell; I am the Executive Director for the Big Island Farm Bureau (BIFB); We are the largest general agriculture organization on Hawaii Island; striving to be the Voice of Agriculture and represent over 600 agricultural members & producers on the Island of Hawaii. We are unique in representing all agricultural commodities & utilize our diverse membership base to direct our policies. The Big Island Farm Bureau is directly related to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

**BIFB Strongly Supports** all of the mitigation efforts and the amounts requested; drought continues to wreak havoc on Hawaii Islands agriculture industry; all crops are affected with livestock being especially hard hit and the recovery from drought takes years whether your a cattle producer or a coffee producer the effects are long term. We must strive to build infrastructure and mitigate these situations as best we can for the future of agriculture and our communities.

We strongly support increased production of locally grown agricultural products, fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and poultry products and our producers need access to water to build their business to make Hawaii less dependant on imports.

Thank you for this opportunity to address this important issue. If there are any questions, Please contact me via email or phone at (808) 885-8015.

*Mahalo,  
Lorie Farrell*