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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2460
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

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 is in strong support of SB 2460, which provides funding to implement the electronic importer manifest program.

Technology has advanced. SB 2460 proposes modern 21st century technologies that allow for more efficient, cost effective, and timely way of doing business. When you return a car to Avis, a person with an electronic device processes your return and prints a receipt, all without the intervention of data entry by the worker. Fed Ex commercials on TV show tracking of packages as it travels across the country.

At the same time, it is an undeniable fact that the threat of invasive species entering Hawaii is on the increase. Globalization makes this inevitable. Use of technology to expand HDOA's efficiency in protecting Hawaii must be a priority.

We respectfully request your strong support of this measure.

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

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