

SB 2646

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Comments:

Hawaii Farmers Unio is in strong support of giving the Agricultre lands exemption.

We caution that SMALL farmers should NOT be exclude by minimum lot size or dollar amount of income.

Over and over bills become law that marginlize tha small farmer participating in the benefit of the bill or law. Most offer the limitation is minimum acreage, taxable income requirements that exceed the average income of families in Hawaii, or number of animals (350 cows, 100 hogs, 400 chickens) etc. thus the legislation only benefits the few large farms. USDA states taht 70 percent of Hawaii farmers have less then 9 acres. To marginlize the majority of small farmers is simply bad government.

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Comments:

Support with amendments: Remove the 2 acre limitation. Qualification for being an actual farmer being Excise tax for farm commercial activity. Existence of Ag water meter or obvious agriculture activity consistent with being a variable farm enterprise. AG Two land is for lots less than 2 acres that are allowed farm activity.

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Testimony of
Melvin Matsuda
President
Matsuda-Fukuyama Farms, Inc
on
S.B. 2646
Relating to Building Permits

Senate Committee on Agriculture
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
2:50 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Matsuda-Fukuyama Farms fully supports SB 2646. This would allow farmers and ranchers to build much needed storage facilities that house and protect farm equipment and supplies. The current building codes and regulations require us to have an approved building permit to construct storage facilities such as a barn or shed which are necessary and important accessories to our farm operation.

The passage of SB 2646 will enable us to construct buildings that will accommodate our needs to protect our valuable farm equipment from the harsh weather environment without the long and tedious building permitting process. Such storage facilities would be used to house: tractors, plows, sprayers, disc-harrows, fertilizers, irrigation supplies, generators, water pumps, trailers, fuel cells, wooden pallets etc.

I respectfully ask that you pass SB 2646 which will enable us to expand and extend our current structures that store and secure our farm equipment and supplies.

Thank you for allowing me to present my testimony.



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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2012
TIME: 2:50 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 2646 RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS

Day2 Resources, a small family-owned aquaculture company on the Big Island, strongly supports HB 1949 as written. This bill would exempt nonresidential agricultural buildings and structures on commercial farms and ranches from building permit requirements. This would remove totally unnecessary regulations that impede the construction of essential agricultural buildings.

We need all the help we can get in trying to stay profitable. Passing this bill would remove onerous, and some would say, ridiculous, regulations that stand in the way of economic viability.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Kevin Hopkins
Manager