

# **SB2691**

## **Late Testimony**



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2691  
RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Room 229  
2:45 PM

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele 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 support the intent of SB 2961 which would allow ex officio members of the Board of Agriculture to designate a representative for board meetings. HFBF appreciates the intent of this measure is to help achieve quorum at meetings, however, we encourage that all designated representatives have proper agricultural experience and background and are knowledgeable about agricultural issues.

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