

# LATE TESTIMONY



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TESTIMONY ON SB 2785 HD2  
RELATING TO INTERISLAND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CABLE SYSTEMS

Room 325  
2:00 PM

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Yamane, 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 strongly supports SB 2785, HD2, establishing a regulatory structure for the installation of an interisland high voltage electric transmission cable system.

Reliable and affordable electricity is important to the long term viability of our farms and ranches. Refrigeration, and processing equipment are major energy users and the profitability of farms and ranches often hinge on energy costs.

We believe that this measure will go far to connect inexpensive sources of electricity across the state, stabilizing power prices as well as provide added protection during emergencies.

We respectfully request your support of this measure. Thank you.

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## Testimony for SB2785 on 3/19/2012 2:00:00 PM

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Testimony for CPC 3/19/2012 2:00:00 PM SB2785

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**Comments:**

In support of S.B. 2785 SD1, HD1 Interisland Electric Transmission Cable

This bill would provide the first step needed to facilitate guidelines, requirements for an electrical transmission line between the islands.

Respectively submitted by Anthony Borge