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HB1264 Testimony

Taro Security and Purity Task Force
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**House Bill HB1264 HD2
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS**

House Bill HB1264 HD2 expands the Department of Agriculture Agricultural Loan Program to provide loans for infrastructure, infrastructure improvements, the implementation of new farming techniques, and biosecurity projects.

The Taro Security and Purity Task Force is a legislative body, created in 2008 by Act 211 and 196, dedicated in part to encouraging through various means the economic viability of current and upcoming taro farmers in Hawai'i. HB1264 HD2 will provide much needed additional financial support to current and upcoming taro farmers to manage their farms and continue to meet the growing local demand for taro.

The Taro Security and Purity Task Force strongly supports this measure and the role it will play in supporting the local farming community. We also suggest an additional amendment to the bill be made to include a "T" classification to match that of HB734 and HB484, in anticipation for their passage this legislative session updating HRS171 to include a "T" land use classification designating taro lands as important agricultural lands.

Respectfully,



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