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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014
8:30 A.M.
Room 325**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1533, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Evans and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1533, House Draft 1. This measure amends Section 141-10, the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund, by establishing as a priority the growth and development of agricultural produce for human consumption for spending the moneys in the Fund. The Department of Agriculture believes this bill is not necessary.

The enabling legislation of the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund clearly states that the fund was meant to increase agricultural production or processing that may lead to the reduced importation of food, fodder, and feed from outside of the State. Programmatic initiatives and positions funded by the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund are already focused on moving our state towards increased agricultural production and away from our reliance on imports.

The Department would also like to point out that the language in the bill focuses on the development of agricultural produce only, excluding the development of local feed which is essential to creating a robust agricultural sector that can provide local beef, eggs, and milk.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Comments: I love the definition of FOOD as stuff for HUMAN consumption, not for cattle or for biofuels. And I don't want to eat GMO seed crops.

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

TESTIMONY ON **HB 1533 HD1**
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE
Room 325
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

Hawaii Farm Bureau opposes this measure. We have grave concerns that HB 1533 HD1 will unfairly disadvantage farmers and their ability to use lands for agricultural production. We agree that increased local food production should be encouraged; however, agriculture includes all types of farming. Growers need to adapt rapidly to changing conditions and markets. Not all lands are suitable for food production and constantly changing conditions require farmers to be flexible in what they grow. Whether it's livestock for breeding purposes (not food), forests, hemp and cotton for fibre, bamboo for building materials, flowers and foliage, nursery products, biofuels crops, cover crops and tillage crops, non-food rotational crops all have a place in the agricultural landscape. Certain crops are ideal for breaking up hard impacted soil without plowing prior to planting a food crop, or for nitrogen fixing or carbon sequestration. All of the above would be prohibited if this bill were to pass. We all support food production, but this measure has a shortsighted and narrow focus in terms of tools that are available to growers. We therefore oppose it. **Please support farmers, don't regulate them out of existence!**

Hawaii benefits from the diversification of agriculture and we should not discriminate against any type of agricultural production. Our State policies promote this interconnected and mutually beneficial diversity and we should support our local farmers to determine for themselves what to grow, how and when.

Thank you for the opportunity testify on this measure.