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TESTIMONY OF NELSON H. KOYANAGI, JR.  
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Thursday, February 20, 2014, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308

HOUSE BILL 1991, "RELATING TO PROCUREMENT"

Position: In SUPPORT

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Finance

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, City and County of Honolulu,  
**supports** House Bill No. 1991, Relating to Procurement.

Exempting the procurement of fresh meat, produce, animals and plants for  
government use will allow the City to operate more efficiently and effectively.

The City respectfully requests that this bill be passed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill. Should you have any questions  
or concerns, please feel free to contact the Department of Budget & Fiscal Services'  
Division of Purchasing at 808-768-5535 or [bfspurchasing@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfspurchasing@honolulu.gov).

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT**  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1991 HD1**  
**RELATING TO PROCUREMENT**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1991 HD1. This bill proposes to exempt the purchase of fresh meats and produce, and animals and plants by any governmental body from the Hawaii Public Procurement Code. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports this bill.

The Department strongly believes in the importance of buying locally grown agricultural commodities to promote the availability of fresh produce for our local communities and for the resulting economic benefits of supporting local agricultural businesses. This bill allows agencies to more efficiently purchase items such as fresh meat and produce that are highly perishable and vary in availability, quality, and quantity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





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February 20, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1991, HD1  
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Room 308  
11:00 AM

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB 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.

HFB provides the following comments and suggestions on HB 1991, HD1 which seeks to amend the Hawaii Procurement Code relative to agricultural products.

This measure will bring the Procurement Code back to where it was before HFB's requests to the Legislature modified the language, resulting in the current code. The changes were suggested because our farmers and ranchers were having a difficult time entering into state supply contracts. During our involvement with this process, it became clear that education at all levels, not just within our group of farmers and ranchers, but even within the procurement offices, was needed. Although HFB attempted to move everyone in this direction, the training was never accomplished.

Something needs to be done. We respectfully request that the proposed measure be amended to include clear metrics that can determine the success of the procurement code with the exemption.

**HFB respectfully requests your support with the suggested amendment so we can fulfill the State's vision for increased self sufficiency and sustainability by supporting local businesses.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**HB1991**

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Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice  
Supporting HB 1991 Relating to Procurement  
House Committee on Finance  
Scheduled for Hearing Thursday, February 20, 2014, 11:00 AM, Room 308

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*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) law firm created to advocate on behalf of low-income individuals and families in Hawai'i on civil legal issues of statewide importance. Our core mission is to help our clients gain access to the resources, services, and fair treatment that they need to realize their opportunities for self-achievement and economic security.*

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Thank you for an opportunity to testify in **support** of House Bill 1991, which would exempt fresh meats and produce from the state procurement code.

Increasing access to healthy foods is paramount to addressing food insecurity and hunger as well as obesity. State food procurement laws impact government workers, the general public, and populations for whom access to healthy foods is particularly important: students, hospital patients, and those living in institutions. Flexibility with food procurement policies will enable the state government to craft policies that will maximize the amount of fresh produce and meat served in its facilities.

Greater leeway in food procurement can also be used to support local farmers. Agencies can develop sound procurement policies that will promote the purchase of locally-grown produce and meat. We are particularly hopeful that the flexibility granted by this exemption will facilitate farm to school programs and increased purchasing of fresh produce to be served in public schools.

House Bill 1991 creates a more sensible procurement code that exempts fresh produce and meat, enabling the state to pursue a food policy that can improve our local economy, increase food self-sufficiency, and promote public health.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1991, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1  
RELATING TO  
PROCUREMENT

by  
Ted Sakai, Director  
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 20, 2014; 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** HB 1991, HD 1 to exempt the purchase of fresh meat and produce, animals, and plants, for use by a government body. This bill will allow government agencies to pursue more options for competitive pricing and provide agencies with opportunities to support the local economy, through the acquisition of highly perishable items from local business.

In the past, PSD's ability to compare prices through the previous procurement exemption allowed the purchase of cheaper and higher quality fresh produce and meats for meal consumption by the staff and incarcerated population in the state's adult correctional institutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 20, 2014 – 11:00 a.m. – Conference room 308 –  
Agenda #1

**RE: HB 1991 HD1 Relating to Procurement – In Strong Support**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am general partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Honolulu-based impact investment firm, which is working to improve the quality of life for Hawai'i residents by investing in projects that create more locally grown food, increase renewable energy and reduce/recycle waste. We are representing on behalf of the Local Food Coalition, which is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawai'i's food supply.

**The Local Food Coalition strongly supports HB 1991 HD1**, which exempts governmental bodies from the Procurement Code for fresh meat, produce, animals and plants. This will support locally grown foods and agriculture businesses and help put fresh, healthy produce into schools, hospitals, correctional facilities and other institutions. It also gives local suppliers the ability to scale up to meet the demands of government contracts without the burden of obligation to the government for preference.

As part of the Local Food Coalition, Ulupono is very pleased to support proposals designed to help grow more local food. Our group's members came together last year with one common goal: to promote the local production of food in a sustainable and economically sound manner to benefit Hawai'i's people through the revitalization and expansion of our state's agricultural sector. This year, the Coalition is continuing to pursue this comprehensive approach because it is the most effective way for Hawai'i to develop its resources for diversified food production, as well as lessen its dependence on importing that which can be grown, raised and processed locally.

Passage of HB 1991 HD1 will promote an economically strong homegrown agriculture industry. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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General Partner  
Ulupono Initiative

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