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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Monday, April 1, 2013
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Conference Room 312

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 206
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE AN AGRICULTURAL
TOURISM TASK FORCE**

Chairperson Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 206. The resolution requests the Board of Agriculture to convene an Agricultural Tourism Task Force. The Department believes that a task force may already duplicate efforts and information currently available through the Hawaii Agritourism Association (HATA) that has been actively promoting agricultural tourism in Hawaii since 2009. HATA currently offers agriculture tours on Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu via their website www.hiagtourism.org. The HATA Board of Directors represent all counties and represent different crops and commodities and have wide experience in agricultural issues, including land use and county and state laws.

The Department recognizes the importance of agricultural tourism as a source of revenue to the farmers and the progress of the organization that represents their interests with regard to agricultural tourism and questions the need for a task force.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support any attempt to put hotels in our communities, and especially not on agricultural land.

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