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**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**SB 482, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**March 25, 2013  
3:00 p.m.**

- 1 **Department's Position:** The department supports this bill with suggestions.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill has no significant fiscal implications for the department.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill will allow the sale of home-produced honey directly to the  
4 consumer as well as wholesaling the product to other licensed food establishments and amends  
5 HRS §328-79 **Home-based agricultural producer of honey; exemption.** The department would  
6 support this bill with the following changes: §328-79 (3) (E) should be amended to: **“This product is**  
7 **home-produced and processed and has not been inspected by the Department of Health.”;**  
8 **(F) The producer must attend a Department of Health approved food safety workshop and**  
9 **pass the food safety certification exam; and**  
10 **(G) The producer must keep honey production volume, and honey product distribution**  
11 **records for a period of not less than two years, and must be made available to the**  
12 **department.**
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 25, 2013

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TESTIMONY ON SB 482, SD1, HD1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 312  
9:00 AM

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

I am Dean Okimoto, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,950 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 supports the intent of SB 482, SD1, HD1 which proposes to exempt certain producers of agricultural products from processing the product in a certified honey house or food-processing establishment, or obtaining a permit from the department of health.

HFBF recognizes that honey bees play a critical role in Hawaii agriculture. Honey bee problems are problems for all of us since many local crops are pollinated by bees. Hawaii produces some of the finest quality honey and there is a growing demand for artisan Hawaiian honeys.

HFBF supports the continued viability of honey bee stocks and the growth of Hawaii's honey industry. With regards to the amendments to §328-79, which increases the exempted amount of honey that a home-based honey producers can sell, allows the home-based honey producers to sell directly to retail outlets, and provides safeguards for food safety, HFBF defers to DOA and DOH to determine the appropriate actions needed to address potential risks and food safety concerns if the amendments are adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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### **SB482**

Submitted on: 3/23/2013

Testimony for CPC on Mar 25, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cary Dizon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Senators, Department of Health amendments to this bill have been added but not the amendments recommended by the beekeeping community and other agriculture interests. I urge you to amend this bill to require that the honey sold under this bill be honey produced in Hawaii, indeed all honey sold as Hawaiian honey is produced in Hawaii and not blends of honey produced elsewhere. The intent of the bill to help small producers to remain in business will not be met otherwise. Thank for your consideration, Cary Dizon Kurtistown (808) 966-7421

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