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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1532
RELATING TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Wooley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1532, relating to food and agriculture. The Department appreciates the interest of the legislature in food and agriculture issues but would caution against changing the name of the Department.

The Department of Agriculture is an advocate of all agriculture in Hawaii, including the growing of non-food commodities like our nursery industry and the cut-flower industry. We are continually striving to find solutions that benefit all of our farmers and ranchers.

Food security and food safety are two important issues that the Department deals with on a daily basis. However, these two issues do not solely fall under the purview of the Department of Agriculture and solutions will require collaboration with our sister agencies, particularly the Department of Health as they will be the state lead on the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

The Department would also point out that changing the name of the Department would result in significant costs in resources, funding and staff time to change the name on all seals, logos, signage, letterhead, documentation, and other items that currently identify the Department as the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Comments: I agree the department of Agriculture should be renamed as it's first priority should be about helping to grow, promote and financially support food that is grown in Hawaii. thank you

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Comments: I have spent time over the past two years at the Department of Agriculture's Food Innovation Center in Portland. There they help the farmers develop ideas for products, test products and help creating marketing tools. Oregon has a Farm to School Program and pilot schools testing Oregon Products in their menu cycles. The development of a community food system, food hubs, is where we need to be headed. This is a good idea whose time has come. Development of local food systems includes education and economics. Our Department should reflect the direction we wish to go.

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