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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014
8:30 A.M.
Room 325
HOUSE BILL NO. 1919
RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATIONAL RETREATS**

Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1919 that seeks to create a new permit at the county level to establish educational retreats focusing on ecology and related topics, and other programs and facilities supportive of education, employment, energy, the economy, recreation, services, supplies, safety, and agricultural food production. The location of educational retreat sites are remote rural farms. These retreat sites allow for accommodations of up to eight persons per acre and a maximum habitable site of 500 acres. The Department of Agriculture supports efforts to increase food production and promote agricultural education, however we believe the land uses and activities proposed in this measure may best be considered via the existing special permit process (Section 205-6, HRS).

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.

