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April 4, 2014

Honorable David Ige, Chair
Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 1932 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO BIOSECURITY – SUPPORT THE INTENT
Conference Room 211 – 10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii* (ACH), which is made up of 21 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State Airport System appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony supporting the intent of HB 1932 HD1 SD1.

This measure appropriates funds for the planning, design and construction of biosecurity facilities at harbors and airports throughout the state. Biosecurity is fundamental to the protection of the economy, environment, and health of our community, and the ACH supports policy and standards that seek to minimize the impact of pests and invasive plants and animals.

Questions have been raised regarding the biosecurity facilities at airports. The ACH believes a multi-facility approach to biosecurity is necessary in order to decrease exposure to the elements and increase operational efficiency. We would appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato
ACH Co-chair

Matthew Shelby
ACH Co-chair

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Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, 2014
State of Hawaii

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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10:00 A.M.

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State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

A bill for an act

HB1932 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

We support HB1932 and ask you to consider allocating funding to HDOA for the Biosecurity program, to further prevent the spread and establishment of invasive pests in Hawaii. It is important that there be facilities and PQ inspectors available statewide for the movement of product.

We also would like to lend our support to the ideas put forth in the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) testimony for today. We feel that these are the correct concerns that we should be addressing.

We ask you to consider funding the Biosecurity program to better help all of Hawaii's Agriculture and our communities. If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

Eric S. Tanouye
President

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