



# Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, 2014  
State of Hawaii

**Tuesday March 25, 2014 9:00AM**  
**Conference Room 211**  
**State Capitol**  
**415 South Beretania Street**

## **COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

A bill for an act

**HB 2468 SD 1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.**

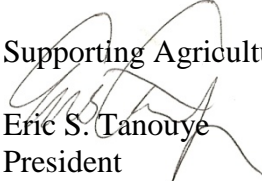
### **Support HB 2468 SD1**

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** HB2468 Relating to Agricultural Facilities as originally written but feel that the amended SD1 distracts from the original intent of the bill, which is to provide treatment and other facilities for exporting commodities out of the Big Island. As Farmers and Nurserymen we take pride in the products we grow and it is important that we be able to have our products reach the consumer. These facilities can help to support agricultural growth. It is important that we have the proper facilities to import and export products in a safe and efficient manner. These facilities, next to harbors and airports, will help contain pests and provide quarantines that will allow us to move our product in a timely manner. The county of Hawaii has agreed with us that that these facilities can help multiple agricultural products such as papaya, flowers, and tropical fruits allowing these industries to grow. I ask that you consider the good that these facilities could accomplish on behalf of agriculture for Hawaii.

We **SUPPORT** this bill and ask you to consider how we can better help all of Hawaii's Agriculture. 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](mailto:eric@greenpointnursery.com).

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

  
Eric S. Tanouye  
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