

HB2468

Testimony

Authorizes DBEDT, in collaboration with DOA, to perform studies and analysis relating to establishing facilities on the Island of Hawaii for quarantine inspection and treatment and handling incoming and outgoing commodities. Appropriation.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor



SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

KEN H. KAKESAKO
Deputy to the Chairperson

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
1428 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512
Phone: (808) 973-9600 FAX: (808) 973-9613

**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014
2:00 PM
ROOM 229**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2468
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES**

Chairpersons Nishihara and Dela Cruz and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 2468 relating to agricultural facilities. This bill will appropriate funds to perform studies and analysis relating to establishing facilities on the Island of Hawaii for quarantine inspection and treatment and handling of incoming and outgoing commodities. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports this measure, but defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism with regard to the preparation of the report.

The Island of Hawaii has a strong orientation towards diversified agriculture: producing and exporting coffee, papaya, macadamia nuts, tropical flowers and foliage. A central marketing facility is needed to facilitate the movement of agricultural commodities in, out, and throughout the State.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

RICHARD C. LIM
DIRECTOR

MARY ALICE EVANS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Web site: www.hawaii.gov/dbedt

Telephone: (808) 586-2355
Fax: (808) 586-2377

Statement of
Richard C. Lim, Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
**Senate Committees on
AGRICULTURE
AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**
Thursday, March 13, 2014
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
HB 2468 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.

Chairs Nishihara and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Kouchi and Slom, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports this bill to study and analyze the potential for growth and diversity of Hawaii's economy through the development of infrastructure and available resources in order to facilitate the processing of agriculture and other commercial products from Hawaii Island, especially with respect to those commodities slated for export.

DBEDT is pleased to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture to perform planning, feasibility studies, and marketing and economic analysis for one or more facilities on the island of Hawaii to be used for quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment, deconsolidation, and consolidation of incoming and outgoing agricultural commodities. Due to the seriousness of the invasive species problem and seeing signs of improvement in export markets, especially in China and Canada, DBEDT estimates an appropriation of \$300,000 is necessary to carry out the purposes of this measure. Of this amount, \$210,000 would be allocated to perform planning and feasibility studies for one or more quarantine inspection and quarantine treatment, deconsolidation, and consolidation facilities; and \$90,000 to perform marketing and economic impact analysis for one or more facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.



P.O. Box 253, Kunia, Hawai'i 96759
Phone: (808) 848-2074; Fax: (808) 848-1921
e-mail info@hfbf.org; www.hfbf.org

March 13, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

TESTIMONY ON HB 2468
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES

Room 229
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Kouchi, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committees:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,832 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.

Hawaii Farm Bureau **strongly supports HB 2468**, authorizing DBEDT to work with HDOA on moving forward with the requirements of a inspection, treatment and handling facility for incoming and outgoing cargo.

Many bills have been introduced this year addressing problems surrounding invasive species. They all address invasives but are not part of a comprehensive effort to manage the core problem. Several years ago the Legislature created the mechanism of a comprehensive plan and significant progress was made in implementing the key measures. We seem to be drifting away from that effort. This measure, however, addresses a key component of the comprehensive Biosecurity Plan and should be given priority by DBEDT along with the Department of Transportation. Earlier today, SB2347 was heard, requiring treatment of all nursery stock that may contain invasive pests. This sounds like a very logical step, however, if associated programs to reduce pest infestations on lands adjacent to farms, and at ports and harbors along with appropriate treatment facilities are not available, this will be a cost prohibitive program for farmers.

The Big Island has coqui frog, little fire ant and coffee berry borer but also has a huge potential to expand agricultural production. This facility is vital to controlling the spread of harmful and invasive pests as Hawaii Island's production capacity and markets expand. We urge the legislature become familiar with the Hawaii Biosecurity Plan and to support its timely and complete implementation.

We thank you for your strong support of this measure.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 2468 Relating to Agricultural Facilities
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Thursday, March 13, 2014, 2:00PM, Room 229

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 2468 to authorize and provide funding for DBEDT and DOA to assess the potential for establishing cargo quarantine, treatment and handling facilities on Hawai'i island.

Invasive weeds, insects, diseases, snakes, and other pests are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, agriculture, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. Evidence from Hawai'i and around the world shows that preventing new pest establishment is exponentially more economical than eradicating a pest or, even worse, controlling it indefinitely once it becomes established. Having properly designed and controlled facilities for consolidation, inspection and, if necessary, treatment of cargo is essential to an effective biosecurity strategy, as well as to the efficient movement of goods into and out of the islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alan H. Arizumi Christopher J. Benjamin Anne S. Carter Richard A. Cooke III Peter H. Ehrman Kenton T. Eldridge
Thomas M. Gottlieb James J.C. Haynes III Mark L. Johnson Dr. Kenneth Y. Kaneshiro Eiichiro Kuwana
Duncan MacNaughton Wayne K. Minami A. Catherine Ngo James C. Polk H. Monty Richards Chet A. Richardson
Jean E. Rolles Scott C. Rolles Crystal K. Rose Dustin E. Sellers Dustin M. Shindo Nathan E. Smith James Wei Eric K. Yeaman

Chair: Kenton T. Eldridge *Chair Emeriti:* Samuel A. Cooke (co-founder; chair 1980-1991), Herbert C. Cornuelle (co-founder),
Bill D. Mills (1991-1995), Jeffrey N. Watanabe (1995-2004), David C. Cole (2004-2008), Duncan MacNaughton (2008-2011)



Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, 2014
State of Hawaii

Thursday March 13, 2014 2:00PM
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE **COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A bill for an act
HB 2468 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.

Support HB 2468

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 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.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

Eric S. Tanouye
President
Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Cc: lynhowe1946@yahoo.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB2468 on Mar 13, 2014 14:00PM*
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 4:39:56 PM

HB2468

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for AGL/EGH on Mar 13, 2014 14:00PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov