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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, AND JUDICIARY AND LABOR
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2:50 P.M.
Room 229

HOUSE BILL NO. 748, HOUSE DRAFT 2
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST
AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

Chairpersons Nishihara and Hee and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No.748, House Draft 2 that proposes to amend Article VII, Section12 of the Hawaii State Constitution for the purpose to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises on any type of agricultural land in production or processing of crops, vegetables, fruits, livestock, and poultry. The Department of Agriculture supports efforts to allow farmers the opportunity to access funds to produce and process local agricultural products. However, we defer to the Department of Budget and Finance on this measure.

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

