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Comments Submitted To The  
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By

J. Kenneth Grace

SB 2039      MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I  
COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of SB 2039, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i, CTAHR, for its cooperative extension service to improve education regarding agricultural science and food safety. I strongly support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

My name is J. Kenneth Grace, and I am the Interim Associate Dean and Associate Director for Research in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am making personal comments today on SB 2039.

The University of Hawaii submitted testimony in strong support of SB 2039 in earlier committee hearings. The recommendations made in the committee report SSCR2093 appear to strengthen the bill and provide appropriate guidance, and I would recommend their adoption.

I believe that the support provided by SB 2039, as defined in SSCR2093, will strengthen the ability of the Cooperative Extension Service in CTAHR to address food self-sufficiency in every county in Hawaii, including such key issues as increased assistance to livestock producers in Maui County, and support for new farmers in central Oahu.

Thank you for your support for agriculture in every county through SB 2039.