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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 229

SENATE BILL NO. 2293 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2293. This bill would provide funds to reimburse qualified producers of milk, pork, eggs, poultry, beef, lamb, goats, and seafood for a percentage of each farm's feed expenses and provide funding for the administrative costs for the program.

The Department supports this bill with the realization that a feed subsidy is only a short term solution. We are working towards the longer term solution of growing our own feed to reduce our reliance on imported feed and ultimately reduce costs to our livestock producers. To that end, we are continuing our partnership with the Oceanic Institute to build a livestock feed mill on Hawaii Island that will move us closer to realizing the goal of a locally sourced livestock feed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB2293.



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Juanita Kawamoto Brown	Environmental Caucus of the DPH	Support	No

Comments: Good agricultural subsidy for local farmers and supports local feed mill development.

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