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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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SENATE BILL NO. 2679
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KAMUELA
VACUUM COOLING PLANT

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2679. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for capital improvements for the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill and respectfully recommends the following changes.

We respectfully request that \$1,300,000 be inserted into line four on page two of the bill and "construction" be added to page two, line seven. \$300,000 of these funds will be used to plan and design structural and equipment improvements and assess the feasibility of installing a photovoltaic solar array on the roof of the cooling facilities. If photovoltaic is feasible, then the balance of the funds will be used to design the photovoltaic system as well as necessary structural improvements. \$1,000,000 of the funds will be used to supplement the estimated construction costs to improve the floor of the plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

