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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

February 10, 2015
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1225
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES**

Chairpersons Tsuji and Kawakami and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 1225. This bill authorizes and appropriates funds for the Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to work in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture 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 agricultural commodities. The Department supports this bill provided it does not adversely affect the priorities within the Administration's budget. The Department would also defer to DBEDT.

The Department knows that ports of entry into the State are key in controlling the spread of invasive species both interstate and interisland. The Department is open to partnering with other agencies who would have the economic analysis capability to flesh out the feasibility of an inspection facility on Hawaii Island.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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Statement of
Luis P. Salaveria, Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
**House Committees on
Agriculture
and
Economic Development & Business**
Tuesday, February, 10, 2015
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HB 1225
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.

Chairs Tsuji and Kawakami, Vice Chairs Onishi and Kong, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports the objective of 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, most notably in China and Canada, DBEDT estimates an appropriation of \$300,000 would be needed 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.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

TESTIMONY ON HB 1225
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES

Room 312
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the Committees:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB is in strong support of HB 1225, authorizing DBEDT to work with HDOA on moving forward with the studies and analysis relating to establishing facilities on the Island of Hawaii for quarantine inspection and treatment and handling of incoming and outgoing agricultural commodities.

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. Last year, SB2347 was heard, requiring treatment of all nursery stock that may contain invasive pests. This sounded 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bennette Misalucha	Hawaii Crop Improvement Association	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Vince Kana`i Dodge	`Ai Pohaku- The Stone Eaters	Support	No

Comments: Aloha all, full support for HB 1225 plz. We need to fully protect and secure our island environment and landscape. Inspection and quarantine is the 1st line of defense. Don't believe this is serious? Try encounter the little fire ant or coqui frogs, or remember the devastation of the wiliwili trees. Plz support HB1225 fully. aloha nui, Vince Kana`i Dodge

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Peter Sullenberger	Three Roads Farm	Support	No

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Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly support hb1225 because Hawaii Island needs a larger quarantine site. This eventual site will increase the production of Hawaii Island's diversified agricultural products. Hawaii Island has the worst problem with invasive species like coqui frogs and LFA. We need to stop the spread of these pest to our other islands. Also this quarantine site will hopefully also help prevent new invasive species from getting to Hawaii Island. Thank you for your continued service and consideration. Mahalo, Arianna

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Faith Ewbank	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need increased quarantines in place to prevent more invasive species from entering Hawaii and destroying our aina. Mahalo for your support!

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Lars Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Eva Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Kenneth A Likotu	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important bill! We must continue to quarantine and inspect incoming and outgoing agricultural commodities in HI to prevent additional invasive species from coming in and destroying our aina. Mahalo!

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Mercy Ritte	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Shaw	Individual	Support	No

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Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

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Kanoelani Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 1225 Agricultural quarantine center for Hawaii Island

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Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Barreca	Counter Culture Food + Ferments	Support	No

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John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A disinfestation facility needs to be set up on Hawaii island as well as all the other islands. Please make this happen.

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Nate Hayward	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Nate Hayward and I am vice president of the Kohala chapter of the Hawaii Farmers Union United as well as owning a small farm here on the Big Island. I am writing today in support of hb 1225, and the idea of a agricultural quarantine station here on island. We face a number of invasive species problems, such as Little Fire Ants, Coqui, etc, as well as ag pests like coffee berry borer, which could all potentially have been prevented had we had a functioning quarantine center. We need to be able to import and export agricultural products in a way that doesn't jeopardize our unique island ecosystem or increase the spread of pests. Please support this bill and add a layer of inspection and protection to ag commodities so we can avoid adding further to our invasive species problems and hopefully increase our export of clean ag products. Mahalo

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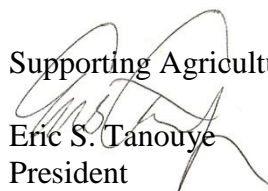
HB 1225 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.

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** HB1225 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
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