



# Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Eighth Legislature, 2016  
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9:00 A.M.  
Conference Room 312  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A bill for an act  
**HB2184** RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY

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.

The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA) **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS House Bill 2184.**

We support the design and construct of food security facilities, but we would request clarification that the funding for such facilities be statewide to support growth on all islands, and not lean towards Oahu-centric growth. We request that instead of design and construct for an undesignated facility, it be changed to read, "planning, site selection, environmental document preparation, and preliminary design for food security facilities statewide."

We thank you for the opportunity to express our **SUPPORT WITH AMMENDMENTS** for **HB2184**. 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](mailto:eric@greenpointnursery.com).

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2184  
RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2184 that authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the design and construction of a food security facility for the inspection of produce and crops. Moneys unencumbered as of June 30, 2018 shall lapse on that date. The Department of Agriculture offers supports the intent of this bill provided that it does not impact the priorities established in the Department's executive budget and offers comments.

The Department of Agriculture supports increasing Hawaii's food security as a goal but is unsure what a food security facility is. Since the facility is for the inspection of produce and crops, the Department believes that the facility will be a food safety facility rather than a food security facility. The Department defers to the bill's introducer for clarification.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.



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