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# SB2347

Measure Title:	RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES.
Report Title:	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles; Restrictions on Use; Violation of Privacy
Description:	Establishes restrictions on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Amends the offenses of violation of privacy in the first and second degrees to specifically address the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in the commission of these offenses.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	PSM/CPH, JDL
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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
TESTIMONY ON SB2347 Relating to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Room 229  
8:30 am

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, and Members of the Committees:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB **strongly supports SB2347**, seeking to address privacy issues associated with unmanned aerial vehicles by amending the offenses of violation of privacy to first and second degrees.

Technology is outpacing law. Trespass traditionally has encompassed the physical presence of a person where they were not authorized. Technology has advanced to levels in which photographs and video are taken by persons far away from the actual sites. Farmers have complained that neighbors fly over their farms without notice. While it is often said a picture is a 1000 words, without understand the story behind the picture, it can also be misrepresented. Today, farmers and ranchers find ourselves in a society that does not understand agriculture but leap to conclusions about our practices without understanding.

UAVs provide an important tool for our farmers and ranchers whether it be to inventory their herds, check for diseases, water stress and insect outbreaks. The uses are endless and we are excited about the opportunity. Yet we see this same technology abused. We appreciate the legislature taking a proactive step to address this concern.

HFB **respectfully requests your support** of this important matter.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.