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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
BUSINESS

FEBRUARY 15, 2017  
9:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 309

HOUSE BILL NO.1475, HD1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Chairperson Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1475, HD1, which amends Section 205-2(d)(15) to allow farmers' markets and food hubs as "agricultural-based commercial operations" on all State Agricultural District lands. Definitions of both activities are provided. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure and offers an amendment.

Establishing "farmers' markets" and "food hubs" as permissible uses throughout the Agricultural District will, in concept, allow further marketing opportunities for farmer to sell the products they grow. At the same time, it should be clear that the products sold be limited to agricultural products grown by Hawaii farmers. The Department of Agriculture offers the following amendment regarding farmers' markets:

(page 7, line 9-13; new language underscored and bold)

"As used in this paragraph:



"Farmers' market" means an outdoor market where **limited to** farmers ~~sell~~ **selling** agricultural products grown in Hawaii and value-added products that were produced using agricultural products grown in Hawaii."

The counties are already experiencing difficulty in developing regulatory language to allow the other uses permitted in Section 205-2(d)(15) such as "retail activities in an enclosed structure" and "retail food establishments". The counties need to carefully balance these uses and the additional activities proposed in this measure with their responsibility to protect and promote their agriculturally-zoned lands for agricultural production.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

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Before the  
**House Committee on Economic Development and Business**  
Wednesday February 15, 2017  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of  
**HB 1475 HD1**  
**RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business:

The Land Use Commission (LUC) has the following comments on this measure, which seeks to amend section 205-2(d)(15), Hawai`i Revised Statutes (HRS) to add farmers markets and food hubs on State Agricultural District lands under the umbrella of “agricultural-based commercial operations” as a permissible use.

We believe the language in sections 205-2(d)(7) and (15); and 205-4.5(a)(9) and (10), HRS, already allows for the types of uses associated with food stands and food hubs. Farmers markets can vary in size, location, duration, and the scope of impacts they may create. Farmers markets can be allowed under a State Special Permit processed by the counties (for uses on 15 acres or less) and by the LUC (for uses over 15 acres). The Special Permit process allows the potential impacts of the proposed activity to be adequately assessed and addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1475, HD1**  
RELATING TO RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Room 309  
9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB supports the intent of HB 1475, HD1, which would broaden the allowable uses of lands in agricultural districts under Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes to include farmers' markets and food hubs.

Food hubs, farm stands, and other retail sales opportunities can be significant revenue enhancing opportunities for our farmers and ranchers and thereby increase the viability of their businesses. We support those opportunities while also realizing that there may be more potential for abuse if the amended language is not sufficiently clear.

HFB respectfully requests continuing dialogue on this measure to resolve any concerns and to provide Hawaii's growers with broader opportunities to ensure their long-term success.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measure.