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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2017  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 775 HD 1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 775 HD 1, which proposes to repeal the requirement that the department must grant permission prior to the removal of eggs from any dock or landing, and the requirement of issuing a certificate by the department attesting that the eggs in a shipment are properly marked before the eggs are offered for sale. The department strongly supports this bill.

The department recognizes the importance of the requirement that imported eggs being individually marked as to origin to differentiate it from locally produced eggs in order to protect our fragile local egg industry. Currently, the department issues over 150 certificates each month for shipments of imported eggs. The proposed amendments will not affect the department's authority and ability to enforce mislabeled or unmarked imported eggs as to origin.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





February 9, 2017

TO: Chair Creagan and Members of the House Agriculture Committee

FM: Chad Buck, CEO, Hawaii Foodservice Alliance LLC

RE: WRITTEN TESTIMONY - HOUSE BILL NO. 775 HOUSE DRAFT 1

I am writing in SUPPORT of House Bill 775, Draft 1.

We are a distributor of local and mainland eggs to the grocers, retailers and clubs located on Oahu, Maui, the Big Island, and Kauai.

To ensure quality, grading standards and that each individual egg is stamped according to Hawaii law with a "US" for Origin Designation, all of the eggs that we distribute from the mainland are USDA Certified. Our administrative staff AND the Mainland Egg Suppliers are required to submit the appropriate paperwork and certificates to the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture for ALL incoming mainland eggs.

The current requirement for the Department of Agriculture to issue another, separate certification before these eggs can be sold, once received in Hawaii, is a duplication of work.

We believe that the Department of Agriculture could better protect Hawaii's agriculture by using their time and resources on inspections and tasks that are not a duplication of work.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify on this bill.

Hawaii Foodservice Alliance LLC - 2720 Waiwai Loop, Honolulu, HI 96819

# *Eggs Hawaii, Inc.*

## TESTIMONY

### HOUSE BILL NO. 775 HOUSE DRAFT 1

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

I am writing to you in support of House Bill 775 Draft 1.

My name is Debra Shimabukuro and I am the President of Eggs Hawaii Inc. We are a subsidiary of the Hawaiian Egg Company (dba: Mikilua Poultry Farm) which is the largest local egg producer in the State. Eggs Hawaii Inc is a USDA processing plant and also a wholesale distributor for locally produced and mainland eggs.

To ensure quality, condition and that the individual eggs are properly stamped with "US" for origin designation, all of the mainland eggs that our company distributes is USDA certified. Our administrative staff and the mainland egg supplier must submit the appropriate paperwork and certificates to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture for all incoming mainland eggs. Requiring the Department to issue certificates before these eggs can be sold or offered for sale is redundant.

It is vital that we protect our locally produced eggs from individuals who would attempt to pass off the unmarked mainland eggs as "Island". We strongly believe that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture will still be able to enforce and protect our local egg industry without the issuance of certificates. This bill would also make available more of the Departments resources which could then be channeled out to increase the monitoring of the egg industry within the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**HB775**

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