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

**MARCH 22, 2017
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CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83/ HOUSE RESOLUTION 45
URGING THE FARM TO SCHOOL COORDINATOR TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
A TWO-YEAR SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution No. 83/ House Resolution No. 45 (HCR83/HR45). The purpose of this resolution is to urge Hawaii Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Coordinator to develop and implement a two-year school mentorship pilot program. The Department offers comments on this measure.

The current status of the Department of Agriculture Farm to School Program, which has not been formalized to date, does not allow for the expanded capacity to allow for running a mentoring project at this time. It is important to note that the original Farm to School legislation in 2015 called for a Farm to School position within the Department of Education (DOE). The work that this measure calls for regarding educational mentoring should be housed within the DOE.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: HCR 083 URGING THE FARM TO SCHOOL COORDINATOR TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A TWO-YEAR SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.

Purpose of Resolution:

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports the purpose of the farm to school coordinator to develop and implement a two year mentorship pilot program for middle and high school students who are interested in joining the agricultural workforce. The mentorship program will enable students to gain experience in the farming community to better support the future agriculture industries in Hawaii.

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michele matsuo	Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Chair Creagan and members of the Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support. My name is Michele Matsuo and I am the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus. One of the Education Caucus's priorities is teaching our Keiki to grow organic food. We request that this resolution be amended to also allow members of the Hawaii Organic Farming Association to be mentors, not just members of the Hawaii Farm Bureau. Thank you very much! Aloha Michele Matsuo

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