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## TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

MARCH 22, 2017 9:30 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 312

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91 REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE MANGO TREE-PLANTING MOVEMENT CALLED "MANGO MANIA".

Chairpersons Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Resolution No. 91 that requests the Departments of Land and Natural Resources and Agriculture establish a statewide mango tree-planting movement called "mango mania". The Department of Agriculture (HDOA) supports the intent of the resolution and offers comments.

The "mango mania" movement would be well-served by the establishment of a commodity organization advocating for mangoes and the increased planting of mango trees. The organization could consider overcoming the current barriers to planting mango trees such as the rules of community associations that prohibit the planting of mango trees, attractive nuisance doctrines, and the current post-harvest treatment protocols that govern the export of mangoes.

The HDOA supports the resolution's assertion that this movement supports the goal to double food production by 2020. HDOA adds that Hawaii-grown mangoes are among the best-tasting in the world and would compete favorably in global markets.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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#### In consideration of HOUSE RESOLUTION 91 REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE MANGO TREE-PLANTING MOVEMENT CALLED "MANGO MANIA"

House Resolution 91 proposes to establish a statewide "Mango Mania" tree-planting tree movement. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this resolution and offers the following comments.

Planting of agroforestry trees such as mango can provide a number of benefits to the public including increased urban tree canopy, watershed health, carbon sequestration, and providing of food sources. The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife has several programs that provide tree-planting support such as the Forest Stewardship Program and Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program. The Department believes that through these existing programs, the goals for this resolution can be supported. Participating through these programs ensures that best management practices are utilized when selecting where to plant trees. Selecting the right tree for the right location is essential and seeking advice from local professionals before planting in urban and forested areas is recommended. Additionally, the Department supports establishment of proper long-term maintenance plans to ensure proper tree care and continued heath of these important resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.