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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS & AGRICULTURE &
ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 8, 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 689
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

Chairpersons Nishihara and Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No.689 that authorizes the counties the "implicit right", after giving notice, to enter property to investigated exempted agricultural buildings for violations and compliance with Section 46-88. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure that promotes active monitoring and enforcement of these exempted structures. In particular, we would point out that exempt structures are required to be "...located on a commercial farm or ranch and are used for general agricultural or aquacultural purposes..." (Bill, page 2 lines 4-8). If this fundamental requirement does not exist, the exempt agricultural building should not be permitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.





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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
and
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON
SB 689: RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

Room 224
1:15 pm

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Riviere and Wakai, 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau **supports SB 689 which grants county agencies the implicit right to enter property to investigate agricultural buildings and structures for violations of and compliance with building code exemption qualifications.**

Although we assumed that the counties already have this authority, we support this effort to clarify the matter.

Thank you for your support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.