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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 173/ SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87
URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN WITH
BENCHMARKS TO DOUBLE LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION BY 2020**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. No. 173/ S.R. No. 87. This resolution proposes to develop a strategic plan that identifies benchmarks for increased food production in Hawaii and increased exports of food crops and value-added products from Hawaii. The Department supports the intent of this measure and offers comments.

The Department recognizes the importance of metrics in determining local food production in the State. Strategic planning will allow the State to identify attainable goals for the State as it moves into a diversified agricultural economy. The Department would also like to note that strategic planning is complex and often controversial, therefore the Department asks for resources to allow for planning as the Department lacks the expertise to do this work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

