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

**MARCH 1, 2017
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CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1544 HD1
RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1544 HD1 which adds “increasing the production of food intended for human consumption that is produced and sold in the State” to the duties of the Department of Agriculture. The Department offers comments on this measure.

The Department of Agriculture respectfully submits that the amendment is not necessary as it is captured in the immediately previous statement – “increase agricultural self-sufficiency”. Please note that the Agribusiness Development Corporation in its Hawaii Agribusiness Plan (Section 163D-5(a)(3)) is required to do an analysis “...of the potential for increasing local production to replace imported products in a manner that complements existing local producers and increases Hawaii’s agricultural self-sufficiency”. Also, the Hawaii State Plan has a State policy to “Promote economically competitive activities that increase Hawaii’s agricultural self-sufficiency, including the increased purchase and use of Hawaii-grown food and food products by residents, businesses, and governmental bodies as defined under Section 103D-104.” (Section 226-7(b)(13)).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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