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

**FEBRUARY 16, 2018
3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1969 HD1
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY**

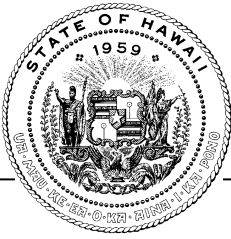
Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1969 HD1 that requires the Department, in coordination with the Office of Planning, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent and offers comments.

The Department of Agriculture supports the State's initiatives to increase food self-sufficiency. We note that the plan for seafood sustainability is to be incorporated into the Agriculture Functional Plan. This suggests that the Agriculture Functional Plan itself may have to be amended. We are aware of and concerned about the substantial resources required by the Functional Plan process identified in Sections 226-55 to -57 (Functional Plans; preparation and update, form and submittal, implementation). Furthermore, the thirteen existing functional plans cover very broad areas - Agriculture, Conservation Lands, Education, Employment, Energy, Health, Higher Education, Historic Preservation, Housing, Human Services, Recreation, Tourism, and Transportation. The Department requests resources to fund this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.





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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 16, 2018
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 1969, HD 1
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning provides the following comments for HB 1969, HD 1.

HB 1969, HD 1 requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

While understanding Hawaii's seafood sustainability is an important aspect to the planning of Hawaii's overall food sustainability, the Office of Planning recommends that the most appropriate functional plan to integrate wild seafood sustainability is the State Agricultural Functional Plan. Hawaii's Agricultural Functional Plan was last updated in 1991 and would benefit from an update sought by this legislation.

The Office of Planning defers to the Department of Agriculture regarding the financing and implementation of updating the State Agricultural Functional Plan to include seafood sustainability and wild seafood as a viable food source.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-1969-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 16, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 1969 HD1 RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 1969 HD1 relating to seafood sustainability.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 1969 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No.1969 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e encourage the responsible development of ocean resources in order to achieve sustainability of our marine resources, and ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

Recognizing the importance of the ocean as a life-sustaining resource, we must protect its ecological balance while promoting the cultivation of ocean resources as a step toward greater self-sufficiency.

As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 78-80, 90-91, 97-99, (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 1969 HD1 requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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