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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2099, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

To the Honorable Sen. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Sen. Wakai, Vice Chair;

To the Honorable Sen. Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Sen. Riviere, Vice Chair;

and

Members of the Committee(s):

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2099 I am strongly in favor of House Bill No. 2099.

Hawaii needs to look for more innovative ways toward food production without forgetting about our long history of protecting agricultural workers from decisions that provide benefits in the short term only to heap cost on the future. I feel this bill moves in the right direction striking a balance between integrating technology while supporting current and future agricultural workers.

This bill also addresses the need for Hawai'i to protect its food production since the onset of Rat Lung Worm Disease and other outside influences which have the potential to damage the reputation of Hawaii produced goods as well as diminish our domestic food supply.

Furthermore, this bill will seek to bring in the youth to see working in agriculture as a viable career pathway for youth that would like to pursue careers that are CTE (Career Technical Education) oriented through the innovative ways of using technology toward agricultural development.

In closing one of the most powerful reason to support this bill is its potential to massively increase food production in urban Honolulu. This is right step toward building up our state's food reliance and, possibly grow an export market which highlight made in Hawaii goods in which a new industry can be created.

Mahalo,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carlos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the passage of this bill.