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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2018  
2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2105 HD1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 2105 HD1. This bill establishes the agriculture grant program to support local food production in the State and provides an appropriation. The Department supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget and offers comments.

This bill seeks to provide farmers and ranchers with a subsidized grant program to increase local food production in the State of Hawaii. The Department supports these efforts, but suggests deleting reference to the grant program in the measure and making an appropriation to support local food production projects.

The committee should note that the Department strongly supports agricultural and aqua-cultural industry expansion and preservation through its agricultural loan program. This program is extremely important in moving the State toward increased food production. The Department's Executive Budget request provides for a cash infusion for this program and SB 2396 provides similar funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 9:29:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jean Brokish	Oahu Resource Conservation & Development Council	Support	No

Comments:

Establishing a grant program that provides funding directly to farmers is an effective way to increase production of local food. The RC&Ds across the state used to manage a program like this with funds from Senator Inouye's office and it was successful on a variety of levels. We highly encourage the passage of this bill and serious investment in this initiative.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Friday, February 16, 2018 — 2:00 p.m. — Room 308

### **Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 2105 HD 1, Relating to Agriculture**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better management of waste and fresh water. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**Ulupono strongly supports HB 2105 HD 1**, which establishes a grant program administered by the Department of Agriculture to finance agriculture related improvements, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

Agriculture is one of Hawai'i's most important and yet most challenging industries. A critical challenge for our local farmers and ranchers is to obtain adequate funding. The grant funding in this bill will stimulate and increase new investment in Hawai'i's agricultural industry.

Farming and ranching require a number of costly expenditures to succeed. Some of these costs include rent, water infrastructure, farming equipment, labor expenses, production inputs like seeds, fertilizer, and feed, processing facilities, and marketing development.

With agricultural statistics showing a pronounced decrease in local farming and ranching, there will be an increasing need to find new investment to support a diversified agricultural base and to find meaningful employment for the many farm workers.

This bill would provide our local farmers and ranchers with necessary funding streams to stimulate and grow new investment in Hawai'i's agricultural industry. Ultimately, this will lead to more local food on our plates.

As investors, Ulupono looks for and is more likely to invest our private capital on farmers and ranchers with demonstrated funding streams from other sources.

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As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that by collaborating, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta  
General Partner



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February 16, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2105, HD1**  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 308  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau is in strong support of HB 2105, HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State

A major impediment for agriculture in Hawaii is the lack of technology. Many of our operations continue to be done as during our parents' generation despite technology advancing by leaps and bounds. A good example is Food Safety. Our farms are small. Food Safety requires recordkeeping and traceability. Due to the size of our farms, traceability recordkeeping has turned to be a major issue and consultants say they don't know how to make it work for our farmers. We know RFID technology is advanced and used in all places. For example, when you return your car rental, the agent scans the barcode to get your data. It seems these technologies could be adapted to our farms. We need entrepreneurs such as those in the SBIR program to help us address these issues.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are finding it difficult to secure the financial support necessary to build capacity. Access to grants can result in increased capacity, new business opportunities, increase employment opportunities and address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

**HB-2105-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ken Love	Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers is in full support of HB2105 HD1.

its extremely import to state and small farm sustainability that growers and producers statewide have the increased ability to increase quantity and quality of their production.

**HB-2105-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Bronfman	Haiku Aina Permaculture Initiative	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii needs to plan for a sustainable food future. This is a vital and necessary 1st step.

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 7:53:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Yes

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  
2:00 p.m.**

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2105 HD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

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.2105 HD1 relating to agriculture Grant Program.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No 2105 HD1 and supports its passage.



House Bill No.2105 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State.

The DPH Platform states that "[a]s 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 97-99 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No2105 HD1 appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State., it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

**/s/ Melodie Aduja**

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 3:27:14 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homestead Act are excited about the opportunity to obtain “subsistent Agriculture “ lots from DHHL. As such, any financial assistance that we could receive to aide our States’ goals of doubling food production would be greatly appreciated.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that this committee acknowledges DHHL Commissioner Mike Kahikina, our very own Kupuna from NĀ• nĀ• kuli Homestead, who has been steadfast in reminding the commission & beneficiaries that pursuant to section 5(f) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, native Hawaiians fall into two(2) of the categories of recipients for revenues from the 5(f) ceded lands, which mandates that those revenues benefit native Hawaiians, “as defined by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act”, as well as for the “general public”.

Therefore, passing this bill, would be of benefit to native Hawaiians.

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 2:21:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maureen Datta	Kona Chapter Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 4:00:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sylvia Cenzano	Malamalama Farm and Center	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 4:51:06 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lehn Huff	Maui School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 3:40:53 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nancy Redfeather	Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

Ka Ohana O Na Pua is a non-profit based on Hawai'i Island and has been working directly with agricultural education programs on Hawai'i island since 1991. Our Board realizes that the Farm to School Grant program (HB2105) centered in the Department of Agriculture is an essential piece that will help build Farm to School Programs in Schools K-12 and increase food production in the agricultural landscape for institutional purchasing. Building the farm sector, is something that HDOA can do more effectively and efficiently. Vibrant educational programs in schools will lead to increased career interest in all related areas of agriculture and food production, and reconnect our keiki and youth with healthy foods. HDOA has stepped up and made a commitment to increasing the agricultural markets and economy by supporting Farm to School. The Legislature needs to also support this young and growing program until it can stand on it's own feet, just like you did with sugar and pineapple. If we want Food Security Programs for Hawai'i we need to invest in the most effective ones, like HB2105. Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
irene plunkett	HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2105, Thank You Kindly

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Submitted on: 2/14/2018 5:44:44 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Dobovan	Kulahaven Farms LLC	Support	No

Comments:



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	HFUU	Support	No

Comments:



Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

(TIRCD)

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*The MISSION of Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development is to protect, preserve, develop and serve island communities with a focus on Maui County through the implementation, management and fiscal sponsorship of agricultural, civic, cultural, economic and environmental projects.*

*Our VISION is of a community where partnerships address problems, needs, opportunities and solutions that enrich the lives of all its members.*

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED FOR HB2105 HD 1

(A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture)

Aloha kakou,

We are in support of this bill for the establishment and administration of an Agricultural Grant Program by the State Department of Agriculture (DOA). This program will crucially assist in the achieving of the State's goal of doubling local food production by 2020. TIRCD is committed and capacitated to assist the DOA in its governmental role in achieving this goal. Together with its partners in the Agricultural sector, both public and private, TIRCD is eager to take up its role in this effort, which can only be seen as an innovative and solution-oriented collaboration and partnership. We urge the passage of this bill.

Mahalo

Executive Director

cc: Board  
Staff  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We need to invest in local agriculture - growing food in Hawaii - both for food security and for a healthy economy.

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 4:12:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:



**HB-2105-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 7:08:47 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We need this bill if we want to feed ourselves without becoming indebted to mainland big ag

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 7:26:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 8:48:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We need more farmers for Hawaii to produce more of its own food! Keep the food dollars in Hawaii. Do not send them to the mainland.

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 7:43:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Hawaii needs support to grow more local food!

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 9:50:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the Agricultur Grant Program.



**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 9:58:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Another step toward Hawaiian food self-sufficiency

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 11:18:23 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 12:14:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Having more sustainable food grown on our islands is so important to our survival and healthier for our families. Please support!

Mahalo,

Miranda Camp

**From:** [Annette Lee](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:25:21 PM

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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of HB 2105, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are finding it difficult to secure the financial support necessary to build capacity. Access to agriculture grants can result in increased capacity, new business opportunities, increase employment opportunities and address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

Mahalo!

**From:** [David Rietow](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:03:42 PM

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**From:** [Barry Kim](#)  
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**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
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**From:** [Alvin Tsuruda](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
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Mahalo!

**From:** [Ken Miranda](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
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**From:** [Laila Jayyousi](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:55:25 PM

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**From:** [Jason T Okuhama](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:51:51 PM

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**From:** [Roy Oyama](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:51:29 PM

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**From:** [Robert Paull](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:35:46 PM

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Mahalo!

**From:** [David Schell](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:35:31 PM

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**From:** [Diane Chuensanguansat](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:09:16 PM

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**From:** [Jay Bost](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:20:56 PM

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

Comments:



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**HB-2105-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Meleana Judd-Cox	Waihuena Farm	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**HB-2105-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 5:56:52 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments:



**From:** [James Tavares](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:29:18 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Randy Yokoyama](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:57:45 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Barry Brennan](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:48:46 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Michelle Galimba](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:48:32 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Melvin Matsuda](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:41:54 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Wayne Katayama](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:22:34 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Sandy Kasman](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:52:02 PM

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**From:** [Joseph Silva](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:56:34 PM

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**From:** [Lynn Tsuruda](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 5:53:38 PM

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**From:** [Loreto Obra](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 5:48:58 PM

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**LATE**

**From:** [Cabral Cabral](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:10:36 PM

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**From:** [William Uemura](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:31:04 PM

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**From:** [Tom Mendes](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:51:12 PM

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**From:** [Helene Lileikis](#)  
**To:** [FINTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:33:31 PM

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

Comments:



**From:** Yarrow Flower <Yarrow621@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 8:20 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT HB 2105 HD 1

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**LATE**

**From:** ka'ohi Mokuhal'i <Kaohi@kmfarmandranch.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:46 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

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Noa Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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