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

**MARCH 21, 2018
8:45 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 229/HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 199
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO
EVALUATE THE AMOUNT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE THAT IS SOLELY
USED FOR SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 229/HR 199 that requests the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study to evaluate the amount of agriculture in the State that is solely used for subsistence agriculture. The resolutions also request a report and any proposed legislation be submitted prior to the 2019 Legislature. The Department offers comments.

Neither the Department of Agriculture nor the Hawaii Field Office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service has current or historic information on the amount of agricultural production meant solely for subsistence purposes. Doing a study will likely require considerable resources in developing and carrying out a statewide survey.

The Department encourages all types of agricultural production. We caution against promoting one form of agricultural practice against other practices. We are particularly concerned about the regulatory implications of equating "subsistence farming" with commercial farming which is the level of agricultural production referenced in Chapter 205.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.



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Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Ka Ohana O Na Pua robustly supports this idea. Currently we have no idea how much food is being produced in the informal food system and how that food is impacting families health and monthly budgets. My family produces about 60-70% of our daily food and I would like to work on this future study. This could be a very significant portion of the states food security plan, Also, school gardens fall into this category. How much food are they producing, No one knows yet. Interesting idea.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: