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

**MARCH 22, 2017
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1288 SD2
RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HPC FOODS, LTD.**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1288 SD2, relating to the issuance of special purpose revenue bond to assist HPC Foods, Ltd. The department supports this bill.

HPC Foods, Ltd. is one of Hawaii's largest produce processors and distributors, manufacturing fresh cut vegetables and fruits, and is well known for their poi, mung bean, clover, soy, and radish sprouts. They earned Global Food Safety Initiative certification, which is a business-driven initiative for the continuous improvement of food safety management systems and considered the highest tier of food safety audits.

The department believes that bond financing will help HPC Foods Ltd. with their plans for a multi-project capital improvement program and the construction of new facilities which are food safety compliant.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1288, S.D. 2

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RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HPC FOODS, LTD.

Senate Bill No. 1288, S.D. 2, authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) to assist the HPC Foods, LLC, to fund multi-project capital improvement programs and the construction of facilities pursuant to Part IV, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance and conduit loan will require further review of the financing proposal to ensure compliance with all federal, state and credit underwriting requirements. For additional information, please consult our FAQ located at the following link:

<http://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/SPRB-FAQ.pdf>.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Randy Cabral	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments:

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 1288 SD2 RELATING TO
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HPC FOODS, LTD.**

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

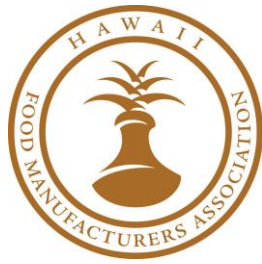
The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 1288 SD2, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist HPC Foods, Ltd., to fund multi-project capital improvement programs, the construction of facilities, and other processing activities.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

HPC Foods, Ltd. is one of Hawaii's largest produce processors and distributors, and the world's largest manufacturer of poi products, under their signature Taro Brand name. HPC seeks to implement multi-project capital improvement programs and to engage in construction of facilities for business expansion purposes.

The funds authorized would provide much-needed financial support for these projects and help HPC Foods take the next leap forward in expanding their business.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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REVENUE BONDS FOR HPC FOODS, LTD.**

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association ("HFMA") **supports** SB 1288 SD2, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist HPC Foods, Ltd., to fund multi-project capital improvement programs, the construction of facilities, and other processing activities.

HFMA is a non-profit organization that serves as a conduit for resources, tools and expertise to benefit existing and start-up companies in the state's \$900 million food manufacturing industry. Established in 1977, HFMA is the only statewide food manufacturing association in the United States, representing approximately 130 companies and industry stakeholders. HFMA advocates on behalf of the local manufacturing community and works to increase public awareness of Hawaii's unique, locally made food and beverage products.

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