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**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018**

Friday, February 2, 2018

1:15 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2399 RELATING TO INVASIVE
SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

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 Senate Bill No. 2399, relating to the establishment of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2399 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2399, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it restructures the Hawaii invasive species council as the Hawaii invasive species authority, to be administratively attached to the department of agriculture, to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii interagency biosecurity plan and to improve coordination of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. . . .

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include the development of economy, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times.

We support adequate resources to address the various invasive species on this island beginning at the point of entry.

We promote solid waste policies that divert green waste and food scraps for making invasive species free compost and enhanced mulch available to our farmer, landscapers, and residents. (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-78, 82-86, 112-116 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2399 establishes the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, 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**

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