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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**JANUARY 29, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2517
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2517. This bill provides vital resources to plan, design, and construct a livestock feed mill. The Department strongly supports this bill.

Livestock feed remains one of the highest production costs for local farmers and ranchers. Developing a local feed source would have a positive impact on the agricultural industry here in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Monday, January 29, 2018
1:15 p.m.

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Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”). The ADC strongly supports Senate Bill No. 2517 that authorizes GO bonds for the planning, designing, and purchasing of a livestock feed mill.

The ADC believes that the proposed livestock feed mill will help the State address two long-standing issues: the increasing amount of waste entering into the landfills and rising feed costs for the livestock sector. By establishing a feed mill that utilizes waste materials in its formulations and produces a competitively priced product, both the environment and livestock operations can benefit immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your consideration of this bill.



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TESTIMONY ON SB 2517
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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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.

HFB is in strong support of SB 2517, which authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for the planning, designing, and constructing of a livestock feed mill.

Hawaii's livestock industry faces numerous challenges. One of their biggest challenges is the rising cost of feed for livestock production. These costs have been a contributing factor to the decline of the state's livestock industry.

In 2007, there were 5 dairies and 6 egg farms in Hawaii. Since then, 3 of those dairies and 4 off those egg farms have gone out of business. The remaining egg farms and another dairy are currently threatened with closure, due to rising production costs, primarily the cost of feed.

The development of this feed mill will help contribute to waste-reduction and recycling by using waste materials, such as unusable macadamia nut fruit and shells, and converting the unusable parts and byproducts into aquaculture and livestock feed.

SB 2517 will help to keep fresh, locally produced milk, eggs, beef, pork, poultry, sheep, lamb, fish and crustaceans available to the residents of Hawaii and will help to revitalize our dwindling livestock industry. A decrease or absence of livestock production increases the State's reliance on the importation of food and threatens the State's food security.

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

SB-2517

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

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