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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Riviere, Vice Chair English and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB 2563, which establishes a K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative in DLIR to conduct training for students, teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

Hawaii's commercial farmers' average age is over 60 years. To maintain and expand production levels, it is clear that we need a new generation of farmers and ranchers equipped to assume the task of growing crops and livestock. This measure is critical to achieving Hawaii's goal of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

We ask for your support to continue funding the operations of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

**SB-2563**

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