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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

FEBRUARY 23, 2018 11:00 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 2573 RELATING TO NUTRIENT CYCLING

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2573, which requests a \$2 million appropriation for a nutrient cycling center pilot project on Maui and requires the Department to report on the efficacy of the pilot project to the 2020 Legislature. The Department supports the intent of the bill provided that it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

The Department lacks the scientific capability for implementing waste stream capture, composting process, undertaking and prioritizing research, and operationalizing the findings. This could be a project that a partnership between the Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources could collaborate on with agricultural stakeholder groups such as the Hawaii Farmers Union United or the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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