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Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

10:08 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2434 SD1 RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning. 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. 2845 SD1 relating to Seafood Sustainability.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No.2845 SD1 and supports its passage.

Senate Bill No.2845 SD1 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the department of agriculture, in coordination with the office of planning and department of land and natural resources, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

The DPH Platform states that "[a]griculture 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. We encourage the responsible development of ocean resources in order to achieve sustainability of our marine resources and ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

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 economic, 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. (Platform of the DPH, P.2, Lines 76-86 (2016)).

As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety. (Platform of the DPH, P.2, Lines 97-99 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No.2845 SD1 requires the department of agriculture, in coordination with the office of planning and department of land and natural resources, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**FEBRUARY 21, 2018
10:08 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2845 SD 1
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2845 SD1 that requires the Department of Agriculture in coordination with the Office of Planning and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source. There is an appropriation. The functional plan is to be submitted prior to the convening of the 2020 Legislature. From the committee report of the Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land committees, "the purpose of this measure is to assess the wild seafood situation, not to increase wild seafood production at this time." The Department of Agriculture offers comments and a recommendation.

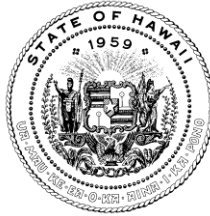
The Department of Agriculture supports the State's initiatives to increase food self-sufficiency. The Department recommends that the functional plan for seafood sustainability be focused on assessing Hawaii's wild seafood resources and less time on the process of developing a functional plan. Unlike net-pen aquaculture or other farm-raised fish, we have little control over the production of wild seafood, so yields and availability will not be like producing vegetables, fruits, and melons. Further, we



recommend that the three participating State agencies concentrate their efforts on the first four objectives – establishing objectives, policies, and actions; researching the impact that wild seafood has on food self-sufficiency in Hawaii; collecting wholesale and retail sales data on wild seafood; and classifying and regulating wild seafood as a food commodity in Hawaii (page 1, line 8 to page 2, line 4).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018
10:08 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2845, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY**

Senate Bill 2845, Senate Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Agriculture (DOA), in coordination with the Office of Planning and Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source, and makes an appropriation. **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

Fresh local seafood is an important component of life in Hawai'i. Having a functional plan for seafood sustainability that includes wild seafood will help to balance the goal of promoting fishing and seafood consumption with the need to sustainably manage the State's fisheries resources in the face of increasing threats to our marine environment. The Department notes that many wild seafood fisheries are unsustainable, and care must be taken in determining which seafood stocks should be looked to as viable food sources.

The Department's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is responsible for managing and administering the aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State. DAR does this through the establishment of Marine Managed Areas, bag and size limits, gear restrictions, and other fishery management tools. The Department stands ready to contribute its expertise to assist DOA in development of such a plan.

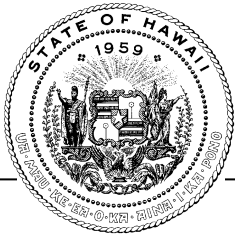
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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SENATE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
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State Capitol, Conference Room 221

in consideration of
SB 2845, SD 1
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning provides the following comments for SB 2845, SD 1. SB 2845, SD 1 requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

While understanding Hawaii's seafood sustainability is an important aspect to the planning of Hawaii's overall food sustainability; the Office of Planning recommends that the appropriate functional plan to review seafood sustainability is the Hawaii Agricultural Functional Plan, which was last updated in 1991 and would benefit from an update sought by this legislation.

The Office of Planning defers to the Department of Agriculture regarding the financing and implementation of updating the State Agricultural Functional Plan to include seafood sustainability and wild seafood as a viable food source.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

After we pass this bill today lets go FOODland and get a poke bowl! Not that frozen stuff though, make sure its fresh locally caught fish because I never get my hepatitis shot yet.