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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 11, 2019
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

HOUSE BILL NO. 1365 HD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUDGET

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1365 HD1. This bill appropriates funds for operating budget for the Department of Agriculture Pesticides Branch. The Department supports this bill and offers comments.

There are concerns that the deletion of \$750,000 in general funds in this bill is also reflected in HB2 HD1. The deletion of these funds in both bills would result in the program having inadequate funds for general funded personnel and other costs.

The revolving fund item contained in the bill would appropriate two positions and funds to the Pesticides program to implement policies in Act 45, SLH 2018, including restricted use pesticides reporting and a ban on the pesticide Chlorpyrifos. Although the act included two positions, those positions are only valid for FY 19. Including these positions in the budget will facilitate the program's ability to continue the policies set forth in the act. We ask that the two (2) positions be general funded at \$97,896 per fiscal year to reflect the legislative intent of Act 45, SLH 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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.

Hawaii Farm Bureau **strongly supports HB 1365, HD1**, which appropriates funds for operating expenses of the department of agriculture (DOA) pesticides branch.

The success of the agriculture industry is dependent on the resources provided to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. The department provides resources to agriculture loans, grants, and certification programs, just the name a few. This bill would enable the department to continue its efforts in supporting and growing the agriculture industry.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important subject.

HB-1365-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: