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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 25, 2019  
2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 1562 HD1  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OPERATING BUDGET

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1562 HD1. This bill appropriates funds for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture. The Department supports this bill.

The budget items contained in the bill represent the Department's needs that are above the current budget base. These additions address matters such as the implementation of the biosecurity program, supplementing the agricultural loan revolving fund, providing funds for food safety grants, and addressing the repair and maintenance backlog.

We realize the budget will undergo further iterations before reaching its final form and look forward to working with the committees to craft a budget that is amenable to all of those involved. We ask the Committee to consider the amounts listed in the HB1562 original draft.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1562, HD1**  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Room 308  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, 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 1562, HD1**, which appropriates funds for operating expenses of the department of agriculture.

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 their efforts in supporting and growing the agriculture industry.

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