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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
9:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 870
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 870 which amends Section 46-88 (agricultural building and structures exempt from building permit and building code requirements) to include certain steel agricultural buildings, structures, and appurtenance as exempt from building permit and building code requirements. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure.

We note that exempt structures are required to be "...located on a commercial farm or ranch and are used for general agricultural or aquacultural purposes..." (Section 46-88 (c)(3)). If this fundamental relationship does not exist, the agricultural buildings are not qualified to be exempt from building permit requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON HB 870
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Room 325
9:30 AM

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 870 and offers comments. The bill proposes to include certain steel agricultural buildings, structures, and appurtenances among those already exempt from building permit and building code requirements.

The current law was enacted to ensure that farmers can build low risk non-residential agricultural structures without excessive costs and delays. Certain pre-engineered and manufactured steel buildings are already one of the exempted categories under the current law and we support this additional allowance.

We respectfully request that an additional material, reinforced concrete, also be added to this sentence on page 2, line 15,

(7) One-story masonry, steel, reinforced concrete, or wood-framed buildings or structures with a structural span of less than twenty-five feet and a total square footage of no more than one thousand square feet, including farm buildings used as:

Thank you for your support for Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.

HB-870

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:00:56 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Weidenbach	Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association testifies in strong support of this measure to add "steel" to (a) (7) as indicated, with one requested ammendment. **We would recommend that reinforced concrete also be added** to (a) (7), to read as follows: One-story masonry, **reinforced concrete, steel** or wood-framed ... Steel and reinforced concrete are both strong and widely used building materials used in agricultural building construction and their addition to this measure/statute would strengthen the building options available for non-residential agricultural building construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-870

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:41:50 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-870

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:12:26 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-870

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:59:36 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose HB 870, which would allow certain steel agricultural buildings, structures and appurtenances to be exempt from building permit and building code requirements.

Thank you for your time,

Andrea Quinn

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