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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**APRIL 5, 2019
10:20 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1365 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUDGET**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1365 HD1 SD1. This bill appropriates funds for operating budget for the Department of Agriculture Pesticides Branch. The Department supports this bill.

The positions in this bill will facilitate the Department's Pesticide Program's ability to continue the policies set forth in Act 45, SLH 2018, including restricted use pesticides reporting and a ban on the pesticide Chlorpyrifos.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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TESTIMONY ON HB 1365, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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, SD1**, 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.