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

FEBRUARY 13, 2019
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1508
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1508. This bill appropriates funds for capital improvement projects of the Department of Agriculture. The Department strongly supports this bill.

The projects contained in the bill address various needs of the Department including the repair of irrigation systems and other infrastructure, repair of kennels animal quarantine station and major repairs and improvements to departmental facilities.

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.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 1508**, which appropriates funds for capital improvement projects of the department of agriculture DOA.

The success of the agriculture industry is dependent on the resources provided to the Department of Agriculture. The department is an important resource for farmers and ranchers statewide. Funding to the department for capital improvement projects assist farmers like members of the Hawaii Ulu Co-operative that utilize the DOA Hanolo Processing and Marshaling Facility to produce value added items for local consumption across the state.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of this measure.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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William W. Steiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Pacific Agricultural Land Management Systems supports a capital improvement program for the HDOA. Modern facilities are necessary to good husbandry and oversight of agricultural projects in Hawaii.