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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

Friday, February 1, 2019  
10:10 am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of  
**HB1511**  
**RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY  
COUNCIL.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **offers comments** on HB1511, which directs the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council to retain and oversee professional research and analysis services for the evaluation of the means or barriers for private for-profit start-up agricultural businesses to acquire funds for agriculture infrastructure projects.

DBEDT offers the following comments:

1. This measure requires the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) council to oversee the selection of a contractor to conduct a study for private for-profit start-up agricultural businesses to finance infrastructure projects, evaluate the results of the study, and determine the content of its report, and so forth. The Council (in open meetings) would have to give its approval at each step by a vote of the council, resulting in a cumbersome process.
2. DBEDT and the CBED council does not have the expertise to assess and evaluate a specialized and comprehensive agricultural financing and infrastructure project as specified in this measure.

3. This bill may adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify



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HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 309  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019 AT 10:10 A.M.**

To The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair;  
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business;

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1511 RELATING TO  
THE COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. I am writing to share our support of HB 1511.

Agriculture is very important to our community and we appreciate the opportunity to look at how we as a state and county can best help and support agriculture. Therefore, we support the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council looking at the opportunities and barriers for agricultural businesses and seeing if there are other ways to sustain and support the industry.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will support this bill.

Sincerely,

*Pamela Tumpap*

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President