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

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2020  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2181  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2181. This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program and requires a report to the Legislature. The Department supports the intent of this measure, however, respectfully requests that the responsible agency be changed to the University of Hawaii, Community Colleges or the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Department of Agriculture (HDOA) unfortunately does not have the human resources or expertise to implement this program. We would have to research the equipment to purchase, identify and acquire land to house the equipment, hire on site staff, develop a lending and tracking program, develop a repair and maintenance program, training program (including train the trainer for department staff), and collect information as to the usefulness and utility of the item. Then we would have to compile and analyze the data and draft a report, all within six months. Most likely, this would not give the farmer adequate time to effectively learn to use the item and report meaningful data.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Friday, February 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

By  
Nicholas Comerford, Dean  
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
And  
Michael Bruno, PhD  
Provost  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 2181 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of HB 2181 that establishes a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot project.

The idea behind the bill is worthy in that given the prevalence of small farms in the state, and the need to improve the technology used on those farms, and that typical farm equipment is not of the right size to be effective on small farms. The need for equipment of appropriate size is clear.

Based on the objective of this bill, we suggest an amendment where the task is given to a community college that has the proper shops to do the required retrofitting. This would also give students a useful educational experience that may be of benefit in their future endeavors.

We support the intent of HB 2181 with the suggested amendment.

**HB-2181**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:15:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/7/2020 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2181**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:35:51 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2181**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 6:42:03 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/7/2020 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole K Galase	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:



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February 7, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2181**  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 312  
8:30 AM

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 1,800 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 2181**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program.

As the demand for agriculture labor continues to increase, while the availability of labor decreases, farmers and ranchers continue to look for alternative means to operate their farms through technology, like small equipment tractors. A limited number of weed management solutions and the increase in labor cost have made weed management a major challenge for many small farmers in Hawaii. Many small farmers also have a need for smaller harvesting and field prep equipment that is not readily available in Hawaii. These growers include vegetable crops, wetland crops, and livestock forage crops. There is a need to identify high technology small equipment and evaluate its applicability for Hawaii's diverse agriculture systems.

Countries such as Japan have small equipment that is suitable for Hawaii's small farmers, however, the engines that are attached to small equipment from foreign countries like Japan are not in compliance with EPA standard regulations. This pilot program would help identify desired small equipment as well as finding solutions that would allow Hawaii farmers to import foreign equipment that complies with EPA standards.

We recommend that the pilot project include, among other things, the following:

- Establish contact with manufacturers of small equipment in Japan and other countries.
- Work with EPA to identify EPA standard and compliance requirements for small foreign ag equipment.
- Collaborate with Agriculture and Ag Professionals from foreign countries on management practices.
- Bring harvesting, weed management, and field prep machinery into the State of Hawaii for evaluation.
- Conduct on-farm trials to evaluate the efficacy and applicability to multiple growing systems (wetland, conventional, organic, forage crops, etc.) statewide.
- Conduct education and training workshops statewide to update agriculture producers on available technology.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Friday, February 7, 2020 — 8:30 a.m. — Room 312

**Ulupono Initiative supports HB 2181, Relating to Agriculture.**

Dear Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amy Hennessey, and I am the Senior Vice President of Communications & External Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve our community's quality of life by creating more locally produced food; increasing affordable clean renewable energy and transportation options; and better managing waste and fresh water resources.

**Ulupono supports HB 2181**, which establishes a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program within the Department of Agriculture.

According to the 2017 USDA NASS Census of Agriculture, 66% of Hawai'i's 7,328 farms statewide, or 4,868 farms, are between 1–9 acres. In addition, 78%, or 5,701 farms, produce less than \$25,000 in sales. Since the average farmer in Hawai'i is a small farmer with limited land, it is critical for local growers to identify smaller farming equipment suitable for Hawai'i. Right-sized equipment can better help smaller farms develop into future medium and large-sized farms that can grow more local food.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become increasingly complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Amy Hennessey, APR  
Senior Vice President, Communications & External Affairs

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*



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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Mulkern <susan@mulkernlandscaping.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**HB-2181**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:29:19 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/7/2020 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Gerrit Takasaki <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Hiromichi Nago <emhawaii001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:16 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jeffrey McCall <mccalljeffreyw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 8:22 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalolo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** William Lydgate <wlydgate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!  
Will Lydgate

Sincerely,

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**From:** Brad Seymour <brad@seymourresourceshawaii.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:44 AM  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalolo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalolo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** County Farm Bureau <jerrysfarmkauai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Frederick Mencher <frederickmencher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** GLENN TOYAMA <gtoyama67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kylie Matsuda-Lum <kylie@kahukufarms.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:17 AM  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** LUANA BECK <holuanaranch@yahoo.om>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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**From:** Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sandi Kato-Klutke <skatoklutke@gmail.com>  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalolo!

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**HB-2181**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 8:06:24 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/7/2020 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**From:** Joni Kamiya <jonikamiya@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2181



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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Michelle Gorham <michelle.gorham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 7:25 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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