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

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

9:15 A.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 312

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2190
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE ENTERPRISES**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2190 relating to agricultural enterprises. This bill establishes a new agricultural enterprise program within the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (Department), establishes positions, and makes an appropriation. The Department strongly supports this measure.

This bill is intended to allow agricultural enterprises on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department. The Department's Ag Park program and the Non-Ag Park program focus on actual, physical farming activity on the land. Limited ancillary activity is allowed only under very narrow conditions and circumstances. Moreover, strict eligibility requirements as a bonafide farmer must be met to hold any long-term lease under both programs. However, the agricultural industry must adapt to rapid developments in technology and methodology in agriculture and aquaculture in order to attain the food sustainability goals of the State. The Department needs flexibility in its disposition of public lands to support those changing conditions by allowing and encouraging the use of innovative agricultural models to optimize productivity, supporting and promoting agriculture through farmers markets, food hubs and

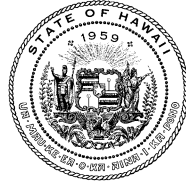


processing facilities, animal feed mills, etc., and enabling or providing agricultural educational training. The business of agriculture is far broader than simply the growing of an organism. This program recognizes that the business of agriculture is just as important to the growth of agriculture as the production of the crop itself.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To: The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair;
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair;
and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

From: Rona M. Suzuki, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 2190, Relating to Agricultural Enterprise

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Time: 9:15 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

The Department of Taxation (Department) provides the following comments on H.B. 2190. This measure, among other things, requires the lessee or permittee of agricultural enterprise lands and agricultural enterprises at the time of transfer to have fully paid their State taxes. The measure is effective on July 1, 2020.

The Department notes that it will be able to issue a tax clearance to the lessee or permittee of the agricultural enterprise lands and agricultural enterprises as an evidence of their compliance with State taxes. The Department's new tax system automated the tax clearance process and allows for the transmittal of tax clearance information easily from the Department to a requesting agency. To further leverage this technology, the Department requests that § -4(b)(1)(B) be amended to add: "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department of taxation may disclose tax information relevant to the lessee or permittee's state tax compliance to the agricultural enterprise program."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

HB-2190

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 12:49:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-2190

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:17:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-2190

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 5:33:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby Farias	Hawaii Meats LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support this Bill and what it will allow for the DOA to offer the tenant of agriculture. We need this bill so the DOA can in real time help the lease holder with needs of the farm business. The current ag business needs many improvements and build outs that currently the DOA can't help facilitate. The DOA is in most cases the best understanding of the lease holder needs and how the improvements or changes to the current lease or property will enhance the sustainability of the business. House bill 2190 will allow the opportunity for infrastructure build or modified to enhance the operation and help the tenant find profitability.



February 3, 2020

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in Support of HB 2190, Relating to Agricultural Enterprises (Authorizes the Department of Agriculture [DOA] to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the DOA, to support and promote agriculture; establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Program and the Agricultural Enterprise Special Fund.)

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 9:15 a.m., in Conference Room 312

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and utility companies. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 2190**, and to offer comments.

HB 2190. The purpose and intent of this bill is to authorize the DOA or a lessee to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish and remove infrastructure or improvements on any lands over which the DOA has jurisdiction, to support and promote agriculture, and to accept from the Department of Land and Natural Resources the transfer of any lands that will support an agricultural purpose and to operate or manage those resources. This measure is also intended to promote and support diversified agriculture and increase agricultural self-sufficiency by establishing an agricultural enterprise program within the DOA, for the purpose of complying with the requirements of Article XI, Section 3, of the State Constitution.

LURF's Position. LURF members include private property owners, farmers and ranchers who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider programs such as that proposed by this bill critical to the conduct of their operations and to help sustain their businesses. These landowners and agricultural stakeholders believe HB 2190 will greatly assist with the establishment of such a program and the costs which must be incurred in connection with agricultural enterprises, projects and activities.

The purpose of this bill is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in

Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, “to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.”

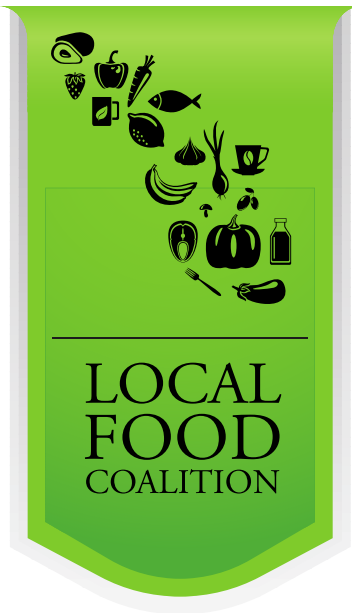
LURF therefore appreciates the objective of HB 2190, which is to support diversified agriculture and provide needed assistance to agriculture-related operations. Passage of the long-awaited IAL legislation would be meaningless without implementation of such measures.

By recognizing the significance of, and need to assist the local agriculture industry, and implement incentives and measures which help to support the growth and maintenance of agriculture in the State, this bill significantly helps to promote economically viable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

As this Committee may already be aware, the unsustainable costs cast upon land owners and agricultural stakeholders by various safety and security standards, programs and regulations are another serious concern, as the enactment of onerous regulations relating to maintenance and operation of water systems, infrastructure, as well as growing and processing machinery and facilities are proving to be potentially counterproductive to the long-term objective of sustainable agriculture.

As potential issues relating to and food safety and security continue to be a significant concern, LURF and its members appreciate this measure being taken to assist agricultural stakeholders.

For the reasons stated above, LURF is in **support of HB 2190**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of this bill.



Hawai'i Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council
Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation
Hawai'i Farmers' Union United
Hawai'i Food Industry Association
Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association
Kohala Center
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i
Maui Farm to School Network (Maui F2SN)
Ulupono Initiative
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources - University of Hawai'i at Manoa

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
February 5, 2020 – 9:15 AM - Room 312

RE: HB 2190 - Relating to Agricultural Enterprises – In Support

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **supports** HB 2190, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture.

Smaller scale farming operations, particularly those in diversified agriculture, often do not have ready access to processing, packing, storage and distribution facilities, and usually do not have the financial resources to construct these facilities. The agricultural enterprise program would allow HDOA or a lessee to "plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove facilities" on designated lands; would allow transfer of suitable land from DLNR to HDOA; and would provide funding and personnel to implement the program.

Hawaii's agriculture industry needs assistance in becoming modernized. These types of operations are extremely costly and not within the budgets for new or expanding small and medium sized farms. Outside investment or partnerships could work for our farmers but current HDOA rules significantly limit these opportunities.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

We respectfully request your support of Hawaii's efforts to retain and grow its agricultural industry. We urge you to pass HB 2190.

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February 3, 2020

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee,

The East O'ahu County Farm Bureau, which represents approximately 420 farmers and supporters of agriculture from Waimanalo to Kahuku, **strongly supports HB 2190**, "Relating to Agricultural Enterprises," which would establish an agricultural enterprise program under HDOA.

Modern agriculture often requires infrastructure such as greenhouses, shade houses, drip irrigation lines, aquaculture tanks, and processing, packing, and storage facilities. Farmers need to satisfy increased food safety requirements, to conserve water, to reduce fertilizer input, and to protect their crops from pests and diseases while minimizing pesticide use – all while maintaining or increasing yield and quality in order to compete in the marketplace. Farmers, especially new farmers or small-to-medium-size operations, often cannot afford to pay for all the needed facilities. Compounding the problem, current HDOA rules restrict the percentage ownership that outside investors can hold in a farm leasing HDOA lands, making it difficult for farmers to raise funds to build and improve their farms.

HB 2190 would establish an agricultural enterprise program allowing HDOA and/or its lessees to build and maintain agricultural infrastructure on designated lands. Under this program, HDOA could enhance its lands' productive capacity by installing needed facilities, including processing, packing, storage, and distribution facilities that can serve many farms. In addition, the enterprise leases would be subject to different rules than current HDOA leases, allowing for greater private investment in the farms themselves. The enterprise program would strongly encourage the development of new farms and improvements to existing farms on the subject lands. We therefore respectfully urge your committee to support passage of HB 2190.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Mencher
for Grant Hamachi, President
East O'ahu County Farm Bureau



February 3, 2020

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB2190 Relating to Agricultural Enterprises

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Committee Members

The Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association (HAAA), with statewide membership, **strongly supports the intent of HB2190** which would establish an agricultural enterprise program under the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

This measure will help the HDOA or a lessee to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure or improvements on any lands over which the department has jurisdiction, to support and promote agriculture, and to accept from the Department of Land and Natural Resources the transfer of any lands that will support an agricultural purpose and to operate or manage those resources.

An emerging trend in modern agriculture and aquaculture is controlled environment production, as well as on-site processing, cold storage, and value-added processing, to address environmental sustainability and consumer demands, and to maximize the production and revenue potential of small and mid-size farm operations. However, new and expanding small and mid-size farms typically do not have the financial means to pay for such facilities without entering outside partnerships or receiving outside investment. Current HDOA rules significantly limit such partnerships, investment, and controlled environment production and support infrastructure.

The HAAA respectfully requests your support of this important measure to help expand opportunities for farmers to obtain important investment capital and partnerships for their operations, and to allow farmers to construct and operate such agriculture-related infrastructure on HDOA-leased lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB2190.

Sincerely,

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HAAA President



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February 5, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 2190
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

Room 312
9:15 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 2190, which would establish an enterprise program under the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

This is a much-needed program that would boost Hawaii's agricultural production and success to the levels our state needs to become more self-sufficient. Our farmers need this assistance. Our communities need the results of this program.

With the passage of this bill, HDOA will be better able to support and promote agriculture through increased management and control of the lands under its jurisdiction. The bill will also support the management of agricultural lands mandated by this body to be transferred from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to HDOA.

Hawaii's agriculture needs assistance in becoming modernized. Controlled environment production, on-site processing, cold storage, and value-added processing will promote environmental sustainability and meet consumer demands. These types of operations are extremely costly and not within the budgets for new or expanding small and medium size farms. Outside investment or partnerships could work for our farmers but current HDOA rules significantly limit these opportunities.

Please support Hawaii's efforts to retain and grow its agricultural industry in order to provide our communities with the food and other products they need.

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

HB-2190

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:31:09 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:



Meadow Gold Dairies



Written Testimony By: Glenn Muranaka
HB 2190, Relating to Agricultural Enterprises
House Agriculture Hearing – 9:15am
Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Position: Support

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Hse AGR Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—122 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 305 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

We support this measure that will authorize the Department of Agriculture to support and promote the growth of agriculture through increased management and control of lands under its jurisdiction. This expanded authority would include planning, designing, constructing, operating, managing, maintaining, repairing, demolishing, and removing infrastructure or improvements for its farmer lessees. The Department is the best entity to work with farm lessees on public lands.

We also support the transfer of agricultural lands currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture for land management that will support the growth of agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.

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From: Joe Munechika <joe.munechika@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:03 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support HB2190

Dear Chairman Creagan,

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I support HB2190, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture and establish an agriculture enterprise program.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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HB-2190

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:36:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Passage of this bill is critical in order for our local farmers to remain viable and provide for our communities.

HB-2190

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:12:49 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I offer comments on HB2190. There should be a clause to include environmental remediation of any oils, lubricants, and/or pesticides to meet Department of Health air, water and soil standards before the land is transferred to the agricultural enterprise program. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

HB2190 Testifier List

1. Alan Gottlieb
2. Alan Tada
3. Alike Napier
4. Alvin Tsuruda
5. Annette Nles
6. Carolyn Lum
7. Christine Brammer
8. Dawn Bicoy-Stephenson
9. Greg Askew
10. Helena Miguel
11. Jill Coombs
12. John Gordines
13. Justin Cadizles
14. leslie tados
15. LUANA BECK
16. MARIO GAGGERO
17. Mark Phillipson
18. Patricia E Iwamoto
19. Randy Cabral
20. Robert Paull
21. Roy Asao
22. Sarah Styan
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24. Susan Cabral
25. Tiffani Hull

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From: Alan Gottlieb <alan@prloffice.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support HB2190

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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: Alika Napier <aliks1011@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:07 AM
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: Alvin Tsuruda <waihale@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:42 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:01 PM
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Subject: Please support HB2190 - I do! We need your help to improve agriculture!

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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To: AGRtestimony
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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From: MARIO GAGGERO <mariorgaggero@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Mark Phillipson <reelrelaxed@gmail.com>
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From: Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com>
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From: James Gomes <jag@urmaui.com>
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From: Kurt Bosshard <kboss@aloha.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:07 AM
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 — 9:15 a.m. — Room 312

Ulupono Initiative supports HB 2190, Relating to the Agricultural Enterprises.

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 2190, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture.

Ulupono supports the DOA's Enterprise Program, which provides additional infrastructure and services directly supporting local producers' post-harvest opportunities. Agricultural infrastructure such as the Kalaeloa harvesting facility, Honalo Marshalling yard, and the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant are extremely important in providing crucial markets to agriculturalists statewide. The DOA's management of such a program is important to support the State's goals on 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: Stephanie whalen <whaleinn1944@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:24 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In Support of HB2190 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

House Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, 02-05-20 9:15AM
House conference room 312

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

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is in support of HB2190, which would establish a new Agricultural Enterprise Program with the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish and remove infrastructure on any land under the jurisdiction of the Department, to support and promote agriculture; establishes the agricultural enterprise program; establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Special Fund.

The success of small farmers is integral to meeting the state's food sustainability goals. As it is, small farmers often don't have access to processing, packing, storage and distribution, nor do they have the financial resources to construct these facilities. The proposed Agricultural Enterprise Program will go a long way toward helping small farmers optimize productivity, supporting and promoting agriculture through farmers markets, food hubs and processing facilities and enabling agricultural educational training.

Please support HB2190 to make agriculture more sustainable for local farmers. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Emmanuel Zibakalam
Program Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

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From: John Giblin <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:42 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Dear Chairman Creagan,

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

I support HB2190, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture and establish an agriculture enterprise program.

This bill supports small-scale farming operations, particularly those in diversified agriculture, who often do not have ready access to processing, packing, storage, and distribution facilities, and usually do not have the financial resources to construct these facilities. The agricultural enterprise program would allow HDOA or a lessee to "plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove facilities" on designated lands; would allow the transfer of suitable land from DLNR to HDOA, and would provide funding and personnel to implement the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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