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

FEBRUARY 13, 2019
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 842
RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT

Chairperson Cullen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 842, which amends the Hawaii State Plan (Chapter 226) by deleting reference to achieving the viability of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries as an objective for the State's economy. The Department of Agriculture offers a comment and an amendment.

With the deletion of the reference to sugar and pineapple on page 15, line 19, there is no need for the word "diversified" in the following objective. "Diversified agriculture" was used to identify agricultural crops other than sugar and pineapple. We recommend the following amendment:

(Page 15, lines 15-21; Deletion is bracketed and struck through)

~~"§226-7 Objectives and policies for the economy--~~
agriculture. (a) Planning for the State's economy with regard
to agriculture shall be directed towards achievement of the
following objectives:

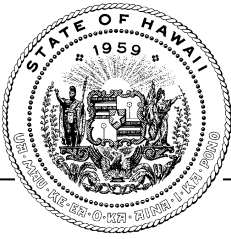


~~[(1) Viability of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries.]~~

~~+(2)]~~ (1) Growth and development of [~~diversified~~]
agriculture throughout the State.

~~+(3)]~~ (2) An agriculture industry that continues to
constitute a dynamic and essential component of Hawaii's
strategic, economic, and social well-being."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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in consideration of
HB 842
RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT.

Chair Cullen, Vice Chair Nakashima, and Members of the House Committee on Legislative Management.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports HB 842, which amends Chapter 225, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by removing the reference to achieving the viability of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries from the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural objectives.

OP agrees that this amendment would help to update the Hawaii State Planning Act refocus the goals, objectives, and policies of the State to reflect current cultural, economic, and societal goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.