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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**FEBURARY 3, 2020  
1:15 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2716  
RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND**

Chairperson Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2716, relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund. Senate Bill 2716 proposes to amend section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is to allow the animal industry division to deposit fees generated by the veterinary laboratory and animal disease control into the fund to assist with its operations.

The animal industry special fund was established to receive moneys from the use or rental of under-utilized animal industry division property to assist with division operation expenditures.

The state veterinary laboratory is in the animal industry division of the department of agriculture. The veterinary laboratory provides laboratory services, diagnostic support and disease surveillance projects in poultry, swine, dairy, other livestock and aquaculture industries. The state veterinary laboratory assists these industries, practicing veterinarians, the state animal quarantine branch and other governmental animal health agencies by providing a variety of testing services, including pathology, histopathology, parasitology, and serology. The division intends to



continue expanding veterinary laboratory capabilities and services.

It is hoped with SB 2716 that the state veterinary laboratory will be capable of providing some veterinary diagnostics in-state to reduce delays in obtaining results from veterinary laboratories located outside of Hawaii and eventually generate revenue to fund some operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Nicole K Galase	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

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