



LBD COFFEE, LLC

To: The Honorable Chris Lee and Roy M. Takumi, Chairs
and Members of the House Committees on Judiciary
and Consumer Protection & Commerce

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Time: 2:01 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Tai Erum, Trevyn Pless, Les Drent
for LBD Coffee, LLC

Re: SB 2975, SD1 (Relating to Agriculture)

Dear Representatives Lee and Takumi, and the House Committees on Judiciary and Consumer Protection & Commerce,

LBD Coffee, LLC **SUPPORTS** SB 2975 SD1.

It is our belief that farmers operating on land zoned for agricultural use should be exempt from the mandatory refusal section (51% majority) of HRS 281-59, and should have the right to process their crops into value added goods.

Please amend the HRS and empower the County Liquor Commissions to grant licenses to farmers seeking a liquor manufacturing permit if the majority of the agricultural commodities used in the manufacturing of the liquor are grown and produced in the State by the applicant. It certainly appears that this type of farming and economic activity is protected under HRS 165 and the right to farm in Hawaii when all other Federal, State, and County requirements have been satisfied.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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