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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**SENATE BILL NO. 1026 SD2
RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND**

Chairperson Hashem and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 1026 SD2, relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund. Senate Bill 1026 proposes to amend section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 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 relocation of OCCC to the animal quarantine station in Halawa will eliminate the original funding mechanism for the special fund.

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.

Senate Bill 1026 provides resources to support the state veterinary laboratory by providing stakeholders veterinary diagnostic services in-state, reducing delays in obtaining results from veterinary laboratories located outside of Hawaii, and may eventually generate revenue to fund the operations of the animal industry division.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-1026-SD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please support SB1026.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn