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

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**APRIL 5, 2022  
10:15 A.M.  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2061 HD1  
RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of House Bill 2061, HD 1 relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund. House Bill 2061, HD1 proposes to amend section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the animal industry division to deposit fees from work 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 conducts 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.

House Bill 2061, HD1 will provide some 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.



**Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

**HB2061 HD1**

Relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 10:15 a.m.  
Room 211 & VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supports HB2061 HD1 which adds new sources of revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch that can be deposited into the animal Industry Special Fund. We understand the importance of ensuring there is revenue to continue providing services by the animal industry division veterinary laboratory and animal disease control branch. A user fee system such as the one proposed in this bill is common in other states, and is a way to bring funding in for the state veterinary laboratory. This branch should be adequately funded to properly carry out their duties.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this issue.

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April 5, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2061, HD1**  
RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference  
10:15 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports HB 2061, HD1**, which adds new sources of revenues generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch as sources for the Animal Industry Special Fund.

HDOA's Animal Industry Division has a wide range of responsibilities in support of Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers. They are charged with safeguarding the State's livestock and poultry industries by controlling and preventing the entry and spread of pests and diseases, operating the rabies quarantine program and the airport holding facility, conducting investigations into violations of animal quarantine/importation statutes, and providing veterinary laboratory support for diagnosing animal diseases. Hawai'i's \$74,000,000 aquaculture industry is also supported by planning and coordination, business counseling, and information dissemination efforts through the Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services, a branch of the Animal Industry Division.

HFB believes that the HDOA needs to be adequately funded so that the Animal Industry Division can effectively carry out the many responsibilities they are charged with. The new sources of revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch will improve the Animal Industry Division's operational capacity in support of Hawai'i's farming community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**HB-2061-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

I support this measure.