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

**FEBRUARY 9, 2022  
10:00 A.M.  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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

Chairperson Hashem and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2061, relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund. House Bill 2061 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 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.

**HB-2061**

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 10:33:01 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
isaac maeda	Hawaii Department of Agriculture	Comments	Yes

Comments:

Available for questions



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February 9, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee:

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

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 2061**, 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 Hawaii'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. Hawaii's \$74,000,00 aquaculture industry is also supported with 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 Hawaii's farming community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**HB-2061**

Submitted on: 2/4/2022 8:39:59 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

More Crooked Shit that we realy do not need!