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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD**  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 209**  
**RELATING TO TOURISM**

Chairperson Gates and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 209 relating to Tourism. This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to add a declaration to respect all laws protecting public monuments and structures, including but not limited to Native Hawaiian cultural sites, burial grounds, and places of worship. The Department agrees with the intent of the bill and offers comments.

The Department understands that the declaration form is often the first opportunity to impress upon visitors of the need to protect Hawaii's unique environments, resources, agricultural industries, and overall way of life, which includes Native Hawaiian cultural sites, burial grounds, and places of worship. The Department suggests that if enacted, this section be placed within section 150A-5(3), HRS, for more consistency with existing declaration form requirements.

The Department agrees with the importance of the measure and requests that it does not adversely impact the Department's responsibilities to protect Hawaii from invasive species. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**HB-209**

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