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Statement of  
**SCOTT GLENN, Director**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Monday, January 30, 2023, 1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**SB 86**  
**RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.**

Chair Gabbard, Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Richards, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports the intent of and offers comments on SB 86, which requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA), in coordination with the OPSD, to prepare and periodically update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates, including seafood sustainability, that expand the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

The intent of SB 86 is to expand the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source through an update of the State Agriculture Functional Plan will benefit non-commercial fishers and Hawaii's families.

Section 2(b), page 2, line 14 through page 3, line 13, outlines an extensive research program to collect data and research the economic impacts and actions needed to increase food security and food self-sufficiency by ensuring that the wild seafood system can reach its full potential. To comply with sections 226-55 and -56, HRS, DOA will need to convene an advisory committee and work in close cooperation with the officials and people of each county. OPSD is happy to provide guidelines.

Given the extensive scope of the work program outlined in SB 86, OPSD defers to DOA on the impact on the department's staff and programmatic resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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**TESTIMONY ON SB 86**  
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Richards, 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 SB 115**, which requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to prepare and periodically update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates, including seafood sustainability, that expand the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source and requires the governor to submit the plan to the legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025.

The State's Agricultural Functional Plan was last updated in 1991. Since it was last updated, Hawai'i's agricultural industry has transitioned from plantation agriculture to a more diversified agriculture sector. Diversified agriculture in Hawaii includes flowers and nursery products, vegetables and melons, macadamia nuts, cattle, milk, fruits poultry, eggs, forest products, hogs, coffee, taro, ulu, cacao, other livestock, and aquaculture.

Hawai's aquaculture industry continues to be one of the fastest-growing segments of Hawaii agriculture and has become an important source of food and other products for local sale and export. Hawaii residents consume seafood at twice the national average, with around 51% of seafood available to consumers derived from local sources.

Supporting wild seafood as a viable food source can help the State move toward greater food sustainability as there is significant growth potential for the aquaculture industry in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

**SB-86**

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