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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023  
ROOM 224  
1:01 P.M.**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 189 AND  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173  
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO UPDATE ITS MISSION  
STATEMENT TO INCLUDE LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION TO SUPPLY LOCAL  
COMMUNITY CONSUMPTION, AND TO FEATURE THE MISSION STATEMENT**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 189 and Senate Resolution No. 173. These resolutions urge the Department of Agriculture (Department) to update its mission statement to include local food production to supply local community consumption, and to feature the mission statement more prominently on its website and appropriate publications. The Department offers comments.

The resolutions propose the following as the Department's mission statement: "To serve Hawaii citizens by promoting and enhancing all agriculture; protecting a safe, healthy food supply for local consumption; and expanding local and global agricultural trade. This will be accomplished through efficient management, innovation, resource access, infrastructure development, and sound science for all agriculture with a balanced commitment to the needs of agribusiness, environmental, and cultural stewardship."



Department staff reviewed the mission statements of the western continental states and found that the proposed Department mission statement resembles that of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The Department appreciates this effort to upgrade our mission statement and will take into consideration your proposed amendments the next time we revise our Act 100 annual report to the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.