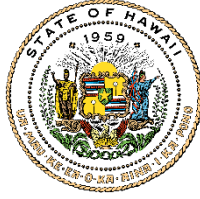


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Testimony of  
DAWN N. S. CHANG  
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on  
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

Friday, April 12, 2024  
10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and Via Videoconference

In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 152  
REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COLLABORATE  
WITH THE STATE TO EXPAND COMMUNITY GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR RESIDENTS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 152 requests the City and County of Honolulu to Collaborate with the State to expand community gardening opportunities for residents. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this resolution and offers the following comments.**

These resolutions are aligned with the mission of the Department's Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program. The Kaulunani Program builds capacity in our communities to plan for, establish, manage, and protect green infrastructure, including street trees, urban forests, green spaces, bioswales, and related natural areas where we live, work, and play. The Kaulunani program also supports community gardens and food production when they include trees and are not limited to non-woody greens/herbs/vegetables. The Department offers the following comments:

- Lands administered by the Department in urban spaces are few and may not be suitable; however unimproved and overgrown property owned by but not being maintained by the Department of Education may offer suitable space for community gardens.
- Funds are needed to cover support for installations, including irrigation, fencing, and additional personnel capacity as there is only one City and County of Honolulu garden coordinator at this time.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this resolution.



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Aloha Chair Gates, Vice-Chair Kahaloa, 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 SCR 152**, which requests the City and County of Honolulu to collaborate with the State to expand community gardening opportunities for residents.

By participating in community garden programs, our residents can gain an understanding and appreciation for agriculture, adopt healthier eating habits, and develop stronger support for Hawaii's agriculture industry. We still have a long way to go to educate our residents about agriculture, and community gardens are tools that will help in the education process. It is an investment to have well-informed farmers, consumers, and supporters of Hawaii's agricultural industry in the future.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

**SCR-152**

Submitted on: 4/10/2024 10:43:52 AM

Testimony for AGR on 4/12/2024 10:00:00 AM

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Comments:

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