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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

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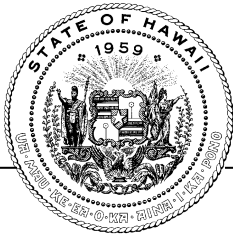
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90 SD1  
URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO UPDATE THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING  
ACT'S ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES FOR AGRICULTURE.**

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 90, SD1. This resolution requests the Office of Planning to work with the Department of Agriculture to realign the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural priorities in accordance with a long-term vision including consideration of sustainable agriculture and self-sufficiency in Hawaii and other potential vision elements. (page 2, lines 11-16). The resolution also requests the Office of Planning to submit to the 2018 Legislature, a long-term vision statement and an updated priority list of State economic objectives and policies for agriculture. The Department of Agriculture supports this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.





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in consideration of  
**SCR 90, SD1**  
**URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO UPDATE THE HAWAII STATE  
PLANNING ACT'S ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES FOR AGRICULTURE.**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of SCR 90, SD1 which urges OP to study and update the Hawaii State Planning Act with regard to economic objectives and policies for Agriculture by working with Department of Agriculture to realign the Act's agricultural priorities to reflect a long term vision of sustainable agriculture and self-sufficiency in Hawaii. OP acknowledges that Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries have declined and there is a need to evaluate the current economic priorities for the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.