

**SCR 90**

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor



SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
Deputy to the Chairperson

State of Hawaii  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
1428 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512  
Phone: (808) 973-9600 FAX: (808) 973-9613

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

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

**MARCH 24, 2017  
1:20 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

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

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. No. 90. This resolution requests the Office of Planning to work with the Department of Agriculture to realign the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural priorities to reflect a long-term vision of sustainable agriculture and self-sufficiency in Hawaii. (page 2, lines 10-14). The Department of Agriculture offers comments and a proposed amendment.

We support possible updates to Section 226-7, "objectives and policies for the economy – agriculture", that are related to the cessation of sugarcane cultivation and the decline of pineapple cultivation across the State. We are concerned about being given the elements of the long-term vision, sustainable agriculture and self-sufficiency, from which we are to realign and update the objectives and policies for agriculture. We recommend that the Office of Planning and the Department of Agriculture be also tasked to consider appropriate elements of a long-term vision.

(page 2, lines 10-20)

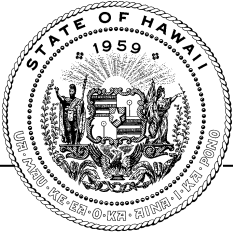
"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is requested to work with the Department of Agriculture to realign



the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural priorities [~~to~~  
~~reflect~~] in accordance with a long term vision that includes  
consideration of sustainable agriculture and self-sufficiency in  
Hawaii and other potential vision elements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is  
requested to submit a long-term vision statement and an updated  
priority list of state economic objectives and policies for  
agriculture to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and"

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.



**OFFICE OF PLANNING  
STATE OF HAWAII**

235 South Beretania Street, 6th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Telephone: (808) 587-2846  
Fax: (808) 587-2824  
Web: <http://planning.hawaii.gov/>

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
GOVERNOR

**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF PLANNING

Statement of  
**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
Director, Office of Planning  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Friday, March 24, 2017  
1:20 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on  
Agriculture and Environment.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of SCR 90 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.