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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER**  
**CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**  
**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**MARCH 29, 2019**  
**2:00 P.M.**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**SENATE BILL NO. 754 SD1 HD1**  
**RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 754 SD1 HD1, which enacts produce safety rules in accordance with the federal Food and Drug Administration Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption. The Department supports this bill.

The Department has been in discussions with the Department of Health, who partners with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inquiring on their interest of performing the FSMA audits on behalf of the FDA. The Department of Health expressed no interest on performing on-farm audits and has no objections to having the Department of Agriculture conducting the audits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

