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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT AND
JUDICIARY

FEBRUARY 8, 2019
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

Acting Chairperson
SENATE BILL NO. 754
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Gabbard and Rhoads and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 754, 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 the intent of 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. We are still awaiting the FDA to offer an agreement/contract and funding with the Department of Agriculture.

The department is requesting the following amendment to section 2, page 18, line 8 to 10:

“§145-I Rulemaking authority. The board of agriculture [~~shall~~] may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SB-754

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Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: