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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

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

**MARCH 11, 2020
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2276, HD1
RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2276, HD1 relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund. The measure proposes to amend §142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the animal industry division to deposit revenues generated by the veterinary laboratory and animal disease control branch into the fund to assist with its operations.

The animal industry special fund was established to receive moneys from the use or rental of under-utilized animal industry division property to assist with division operation expenditures.

The state veterinary laboratory is within the animal industry division of the department of agriculture. The veterinary laboratory provides laboratory services, diagnostic support and disease surveillance projects in poultry, swine, dairy, other livestock and aquaculture industries. The state veterinary laboratory assists these industries, practicing veterinarians, the state animal quarantine branch and other governmental animal health agencies by providing a variety of testing services, including pathology, histopathology, parasitology, and serology. The division intends to continue expanding veterinary laboratory capabilities and services. With the additional funding from this measure the Department plans to expand services provided by the state veterinary laboratory, including conducting veterinary diagnostic services in-state

to reduce delays in obtaining results from veterinary laboratories located outside of Hawaii. We hope to eventually generate revenue to assist with other division-related operational needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole K Galase	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

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