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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2020  
12:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

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

Chairperson Luke 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 section 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.



It is hoped with the additional funding from this measure, that the state veterinary laboratory will be capable of providing expanded veterinary diagnostic services in-state to reduce delays in obtaining results from veterinary laboratories located outside of Hawaii and eventually generate revenue to also fund other division-related operational needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**HB-2276-HD-1**

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Comments: