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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 15, 2021
1:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

HOUSE BILL NO. 770 HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 770 HD1. This measure establishes a task force to review and recommend specific actions to ensure that Hawaii's food imports are sourced, transported, stored, and distributed in compliance with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act; and to ensure that all foods and brands imported into Hawaii do not mislead or confuse the public through packaging or advertising that imply imported food's origin is from Hawaii or has the same freshness or qualities as food that is locally grown or produced. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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HB 770 HD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the intent of HB 770 HD1 relating to health.

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is involved in food safety in a number of ways. Our Cooperative Extension program trains farmers in food safety, Gap Analysis and Food Safety Modernization Act regulations. Our Food Science program produces undergraduate degrees in this area and has a research program that has made significant strides in reducing obesity in children throughout the Pacific Basin. We do have the expertise among our faculty to participate in such a task force.

Therefore, we support the intent of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Life is getting so much more complicated and tenuous with climate change and diseases. We must be extra vigilant and start preparing for the future. Good time to ensure we are growing the majority of our food as well.