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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
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ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 2291  
RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2291 relating to the establishment of a measurement standards special fund. The Department of Agriculture has some concerns.

The Quality Assurance Division recently raised all licensing fees in order to begin to generate sufficient revenues to pay for the operation and maintenance costs of implementing chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and central services and departmental administrative expense assessments of section 36-27 and section 36-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes. At the time, it was anticipated that the branch would still receive general funds but that in 2013, fees would be raised sufficiently to meet costs and a special fund would be established. At this time, the branch will fall short if special funded by about \$125,000.

In addition, since this would be a new special fund with no balance, it would need to be seeded to start the first year.