



# We Grow 93% of Hawaii Island Agriculture Crops

~ 625,000 acres of land in production ~ \$194 Million in Revenue ~

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

### HB 1389, HD1 - Relating to Livestock Harvesting Facilities

March 15, 2017, 1:15 PM. - Conference Room 224

March 14, 2017

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### **RE: HB 1389, HD1, RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVESTING FACILITIES (SUPPORT)**

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the AEN  
Committee:

On behalf of Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United we collectively represent 97% of all agricultural revenue on Hawaii Island; \$194 Million out of a total of \$202 total agricultural revenue, and almost 3,000 farmers and ranchers working on 630,000 acres of land.

HFRU Strongly supports HB 1389, HD1, which makes an appropriation for the planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities to be expended by HDOA.

This bill is designed to provide not only needed capacity but also allow a new plant to incorporate new technologies to enhance energy and waste management, food safety and animal welfare. This also provides the potential for new certifications required by retailers and for export certification, which would open foreign markets for Hawaii beef.

By Supporting this bill, Hawaii Legislators show their Support to grow Hawaii Agriculture and create a more food secure Hawaii.

We respectfully ask that you Support HB 1389, HD1 and we appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Mahalo,  
Lorie Farrell

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**HB1389**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorie Farrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If you do not invest in agriculture facilities now, than there is no need to ask Hawaii food producers to increase crop production.

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