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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 157

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEVELOP A
SUSTAINABLE FOOD SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND PREPARE AN ANNUAL
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 157 that requests the Department of Agriculture to develop a sustainable food security strategic plan and prepare an annual report. The Department of Agriculture offers comments.

The Department is being tasked by this Legislature in SB 375 with developing and implementing a strategic plan to double local fresh food production and increasing food exports by the year 2030. Encouraging agricultural businesses to consider sustainable agricultural practices will likely be part of this strategic plan. We believe the strategic plan for doubling local fresh food production could be the foundation for future work on addressing the goals proposed in SCR 157.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.



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