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**TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2593**

February 11, 2016
9:00 A.M.

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR
HAWAII RENEWABLE RESOURCES, LLC**

House Bill No. 2593 authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) up to \$30,000,000 to provide financing to assist Hawaii Renewable Resources, LLC, with the development of facilities for food crop, animal feed, and renewable non-fossil fuel production on Oahu pursuant to Part V, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of SPRB issuance will require further discussion and satisfactory credit underwriting review of the financing components with respect to any proposed financing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

February 10, 2016

Letter in Support of Local Farming

HB 2593 and SB 2367 to Support Local Farm Production on Oahu

To Whom This May Concern:

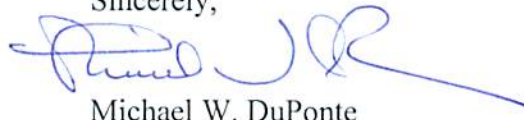
I support passage of HB 2593 and SB 2367. Passing these bills will assist in the growth of local farming on Oahu and throughout the State. These bills will assist local Hawaii farmers in reducing the high feed cost of port production.

These two bills will help finance the construction of a locally owned feed facility which will provide a feed that is nutritious and meets the federal requirements for animal feed.

I understand that the new feed facility will not only provide a much needed feed for local farmers but will also employ people in farming, manufacturing, and sustainable food and renewable energy products – this is truly a win – win for everyone.

I support passage of HB 2593 and SB 2367.

Sincerely,



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**In SUPPORT of HB 2593 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HAWAII RENEWABLE RESOURCES, LLC**

**Before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

Thursday, February 11, 2016 9:00 a.m.

Aloha, Chair Tsuji, Vice-Chair Onishi and members of the Committee.

My name is Erik Kvam. I am a Director of Renewable Energy Action Coalition of Hawaii (REACH). REACH is a trade association whose vision is a Hawaiian energy economy based 100% on renewable sources indigenous to Hawaii.

REACH SUPPORTS HB 2593.

Through the use of special purpose revenue bonds, Hawaii Renewable Resources, LLC will provide the public with energy security benefits and environmental preservation benefits of renewable energy and food crop and animal feed production from sources indigenous to Oahu, without investment or risk to the State or counties.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2016

Testimony for AGR on Feb 11, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Cabral	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:55 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Attn: Cliff Tsuji - "I Support HB 1597"

Dear Mr. Cliff Tsuji,

I fully support HB 1597.....our Ohia trees are sacred plants to our islands, funds must be directed to save our history and heritage of our dear Ohia. Auwe, should our lawmakers turn their heads upon this.

Sincerely,

Iris Arakawa
HHS Class of 72

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