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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**APRIL 5, 2018
10:15 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1474 HD1 Proposed SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1474 HD1 Proposed SD1, which provides funding to the Department of Agriculture to host the 2020 State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Legislative (SARL) Agriculture Chairs Summit. The Department supports this bill provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

Hawaii's evolving agricultural footprint from a plantation era into diversified agriculture will provide a distinct perspective to legislative leaders around the country. From issues around land use and water resources to diversified farming and local food production, Hawaii's agricultural industry has a rich history that lawmakers can learn from. By hosting the SARL summit, Hawaii has an opportunity not only to accommodate distinguished legislative members from around the country, but also to showcase the unique, local agricultural environment of the islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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April 5, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 1474, HD1, PROPOSED SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 211
10:15 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 1474, HD1, Proposed SD1, which appropriates funds to Department of Agriculture to host the 2020 State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit.

The 2020 State Agriculture and Rural Leaders- Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit is expected to attract more than 100 attendees. The conference will be an ideal venue to showcase Hawaii's advantages to an interested audience which will include national agriculture leaders. The funding in the HB 1474, Proposed SD1, will support efforts to bring together the Hawaii agriculture industry to promote Hawaii as a strong candidate for increased agriculture investment. If successful, these efforts will result in greater investment, increased food self-sufficiency, and more "green" jobs for Hawaii. We therefore encourage your Committee to support the funding proposed by HB 1474, Proposed SD1.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our input on this measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
Thursday, April 5, 2018 — 10:15 a.m. — Room 211

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 1474 HD 1, Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better management of waste and fresh water. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports HB 1474 HD 1, which appropriates fund for hosting the 2020 State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

It is important that our agriculture leaders be able to hear and interact with other legislative agriculture leaders about the issues and solutions occurring in other states. This could provide new ideas to solve Hawai'i's agricultural challenges. This conference will also showcase our local agriculture to other states, which can help further position Hawai'i as an agricultural leader in the nation.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that by collaborating, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Thursday, April 5, 2018, 10:15 AM, Conference Room 211
House Bill 1474, Proposed SD 1, Relating to Agriculture

TESTIMONY

Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

If the Senate passes HB 1474, Proposed SD 1, the subject of the Proposed SD 1 will not have had 3 readings or a public hearing in the State House. Under Article III, Section 15 of the Hawaii Constitution, the Legislature is not authorized to enact a bill whose subject has not had three separate readings in the State House and three separate readings in the State Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

HB-1474-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2018 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB1474 HD1 SD1** relating to the 2020 State Agricultural and Rural Leaders Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **HB1474 HD1 SD1** and supports its passage.

HB1474 HD1 SD1, is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), as it makes an appropriation for the department of agriculture to host the 2020 state agriculture and rural leaders legislative agriculture chairs summit.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "[w]e support sufficient public funding for the arts, individual artists, arts and cultural organizations, and educational enterprises. Such activities provide a definite public good for all of our citizens and for our community as a whole that is not available through private efforts alone." (Platform of DPH, P. 8, Lines 401-404 (2016)).

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. We encourage the responsible development of ocean resources in order to achieve sustainability of our marine resources, and ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also

include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times. (Platform of DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-86 (2016)).

Given that **HB1474 HD1 SD1** makes an appropriation for the department of agriculture to host the 2020 state agriculture and rural leaders legislative agriculture chairs summit, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure as the Summit is an educational enterprise in sustainability.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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