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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD**  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 312 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 423**  
**RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS**

Chairperson Todd and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 423. This measure exempts commercial measuring devices utilized in taxicabs from the requirement that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) Measurement Standards Branch inspect and test all measuring devices. HDOA appreciates the intent of this measure and offers comments.

HDOA's Measurement Standards Branch has been checking taxi meter devices since the program was moved from the County/City responsibility to the State level on January 1, 1966. All other responsibilities for regulation and enforcement remain with the individual counties for taxis and drivers. Measurement Standards Branch conducts the testing and licensing of the taxi meter only. This device is one of the many devices tested for accuracy and licensed by the Measurement Standards Branch. The bill as it is written does not provide a suitable replacement for testing if the branch no longer checks this device. The bill does not provide a reason why removing the testing of the taxi meters is needed or would benefit the businesses providing the service, or how it would impact consumer protection concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

