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TESTIMONY

HB 2291 RELATING TO MEASUREMENTS AND STANDARDS

Chair Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of our farmer and ranch families and organizations support HB 2291 establishing a special fund for weights and measures.

The industry has recognized the dire state of the State Budget. We believe that an evolution to a true fee for services structure will help ensure protection of public interests while continuing business in a timely manner. This measure provides a means to move in this direction.

HFBF strongly requests your support of this measure along with timely passage of rules and regulations so the measure can be implemented as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please contact Luella Costales at 848 2074. Thank you

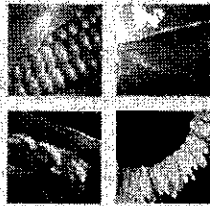
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Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii

Testimony By: Alicia Maluafti
HB 2291, Relating to Measurement Standards
The House Committee on Agriculture
Friday, January 29, 2010
Room 312, 9:00 am

Position: Support

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Wooley and members of the Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. HCIA is a nonprofit trade association representing the agricultural seed industry in Hawaii. Now the state's largest agricultural commodity, the seed industry contributes to the economic health and diversity of the islands by providing high quality jobs in rural communities, keeping important agricultural lands in agricultural use, and serving as responsible stewards of Hawaii's natural resources.

HCIA believes that HB 2291 is another important and necessary attempt to mitigate further cutbacks to the Dept. of Agriculture as a result of Hawaii's fiscal crisis and the department's reliance on the general fund to support department positions. We support any effort to restore the Dept. of Agriculture positions, minimize the adverse impact of the budget crisis on their department, and ensure the DOA's ability to support, promote and enhance Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture industries.

However, when considering any increase or imposition of fees to ensure the fiscal sustainability of the department, HCIA encourages a reasonable, balanced and equitable methodology that is inclusive of the broader agricultural industry.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

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January 29, 2009

**HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**TESTIMONY ON
HB 2291
RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS.**

Chair Tsuji and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto and I am the Community Affairs Manager for Monsanto.

We support HB 2291 which establishes the weights and measurement special funds.

As the economy continues to struggle, the agricultural industry is confronted by a substantial decrease in agricultural inspection services statewide. The ability to move products in and out of the state as well as interisland is critical to our industry and our economy. With the anticipation of reduced agricultural inspections services, we appreciate all that the legislature and the HDOA has done in seeking alternatives and solutions.

As part of the farming community, we want to support every effort to making the Hawaii Department of Agriculture capable of meeting the needs of all farmers and related organizations. We hope that by establishing a special fund specifically for the services rendered, the HDOA can provide the necessary services that are required to protect Hawaii's agricultural industry.

We know there is much more to be done and we want to help in facilitating the process by which we all can be a partner during these difficult times.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.