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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE **JANUARY 28, 2011** 11:00 A.M. **CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

HOUSE BILL NO. 325 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 325. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of the bill to appropriate funds to establish a refrigerated food storage facility at the Hilo International Airport.

The Department appreciates your committee's interest in establishing the facility to support our local agricultural producers. However, facilities sited on lands under the primary jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation (DOT) require concurrence and are typically constructed by DOT. Thus, the Department would defer to the comments of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.