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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 1, 2016  
1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 2582 HD1  
RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2582 HD1. This bill proposes to create an agricultural food safety certification program to develop and implement a certification system that will comply with the requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The department supports the intent of this bill provided that it does not impact the department's priorities submitted in the executive budget.

If the intent of the bill is to have the department have capacity to address the FDA's Produce Safety Rule and Preventive Control Rule in the FSMA, it may be too premature, for the FDA has not yet defined how to implement compliance with FSMA.

There are various private companies who offer audit services for good agricultural practices (GAP). Each company has their own different audit schemes and requirements. Currently, under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the department conducts annual GAP audits utilizing USDA's audit matrix. The USDA is working with the FDA to receive recognition of the USDA GAP audits to meet FSMA requirements.

The department requests that funding be directed to continue our outreach and education efforts for farmers to meet the requirements of the FSMA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 2582, HD1  
RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY

Room 308  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, 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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFB strongly supports HB 2582, HD1**, requiring the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and authorizes funds as needed.

HFB appreciates the support by the legislature in our past efforts to help Hawaii's farmers achieve compliance with the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act. As the actual rule has been rolled out by FDA the immensity of the task is becoming evident. The final details are still not clear as the agency themselves have finished articulating the details of the measure but training sessions have been delayed. However, basic requirements about water treatment and refrigeration are clear. This will mean changes on many of our farms. Cooperative efforts will be important to ensure affordability. The Department will play a key role in not only facilitating training with the University and other partners but also identifying implementation measures needed. The Department and Counties all have ag parks so their responsibility also extends to their roles as managers of agricultural operations.

HFB respectfully requests your support in moving this measure forward to ensure that our farmers are able to meet compliance deadlines and remain competitive in the marketplace.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

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Kevin Kelly	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, James Bruch, support SB2582. Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HB 2582, HD1, Relating to Food Safety, which requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that concurrently complies with the Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers; and authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff. LURF respectfully urges favorable consideration of HB 2582, HD1, by this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.

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