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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

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HCR 203 HD 1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROMOTE THE EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMERCE

Chairpersons Gabbard and Wakai and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 203 HD 1. This resolution requests the Department of Agriculture to promote expansion of agricultural commerce by actively engaging in consultation and discussions with the appropriate governmental entities and relevant stakeholder groups in order to facilitate the ability of farmers to construct "enclosed country stores" on lands zoned for agriculture. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this resolution and will encourage the counties to allow, pursuant to State law, "retail activities in an enclosed structure" that are accessory to agricultural production by the farmers of the properties on which the structures are to be built.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.



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Comments: HCR 203 Testimony To: Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair Date: April 15, 2016 Time: 2:45 PM Place: Conference Room 224 Re: Support of HCR 203 relating to the Department of Agriculture Aloha Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture and the Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology. My name is David Nakao and I am a resident of Hawaii from Mililani. I am currently a student of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am here to show my support for HCR 203 regarding the Department of Agriculture to promote the expansion of Agricultural commerce. In my time attending Mililani Graduation I was introduced and mentored through the process of constructing and to presenting a research project regarding Aquaculture and Aquaponics and the rearing methods of newborn Tilapia. It was in this time that I wanted to pursue my education into the field of agriculture. I believe that it is essential that we develop more agricultural commerce in our state because not only will it lead us toward a sustainable state, but also encourage more young people to pursue agricultural education. I believe that through development of an agricultural commerce it will be invaluable to encouraging a healthier, sustainable diet as well as instilling the value of agriculture in our communities. I thank you for hearing my testimony on HCR 203 because I believe that it will be invaluable to our state. Not only will it help bring a more sustainable source of food, but also introduce new sources of income for the communities surrounding it. I believe it will also encourage newer generations to sustainable living which is why I strongly support HCR 203. Respectfully Submitted, David Nakao davidnakao@yahoo.com

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