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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 1, 2016
1:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 2800 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2800 SD1 which establishes a grant program within Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Senate Draft 1 inserts language that the Agribusiness Development Corporation prioritize grants relating to food production and requires an annual report. The Department supports this administration bill.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation serves as the development arm of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and their ability to provide grants will enhance capabilities to expand Hawaii's agricultural economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.





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TESTIMONY ON SB 2800, SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

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Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, 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 supports SB 2800, SD1 establishes an Agribusiness Development Corporation grant program.

ADC was initiated by the agricultural industry as the closure of plantations escalated and there was a need to identify mechanisms that could quickly place farmers on lands that were destined to be idle.

HFB believes that ADC has a tremendous amount of power and has a responsibility in continuing to assist Hawaii's transition from plantation agriculture to smaller diversified agricultural operations.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are finding it difficult to secure the financial support necessary to build capacity. Access to ADC grants can result in increased capacity, new business opportunities, increase employment opportunities and address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS SB 2800,SD1, Relating to Agriculture, which establishes a grant program within chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide financial support for agriculture-related improvements to existing and emerging farms and agribusiness operations with priority given to grants related to food production; requires the Agricultural Development corporation to submit an annual report to the legislature on the grant program. LURF respectfully urges favorable consideration of SB 2800, SD1, by this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.

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