Testimony to the 2017 29th Legislature, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment In support of Senate Bill 1288

Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

My name is Ernest Tottori, Chairman of the Board of HPC Foods also known as Taro Brand. My Company produces poi and sprouts and also processes cut fruits and vegetables. We have been in business for over 70 years. In this timeframe, we have seen many of the agriculture related businesses end their life cycle.

Our current facilities sit on 11 separate property parcels in the Kalihi Kai area, makai of Nimitz Highway, next to the Young Brothers holding yard. While we enjoy the convenient location we would eventually like to relocate to a location where our operations can be consolidated.

We appreciate the consideration for assistance in relocation efforts. HPC Foods and I support Senate Bill 1288.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ernest Tottori Chairman of the Board HPC Foods, Ltd.