JOSH GREEN Lt. Governor



PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

> MORRIS M. ATTA Deputy to the Chairperson

State of Hawaii DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1428 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512 Phone: (808) 973-9600 FAX: (808) 973-9613

TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER

CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 2:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 325 & VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68 RELATING TO URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND PARTNERS TO UTILIZE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 45-230 KULAULI STREET, KANEOHE, HAWAII, FOR AQUACULTURE PURPOSES THAT WILL NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULAR USE OF THE PROPERTY

Chairperson Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution 75 and House Resolution 68. These resolutions urge the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services to partner with the University of Hawaii, Pacific American Foundation, and other organizations to utilize the property located at 45-230 Kulauli Street, Kaneohe, Hawaii, for aquaculture purposes that will not unreasonably interfere with the Department of Environmental Services' regular use of the property. The Department supports the intent of these resolutions; however, we defer to the City and County of Honolulu with respect to the alternative community uses being considered for the approximately 16-acre site.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

