



P.O. Box 253, Kunia, Hawai'i 96759  
Phone: (808) 848-2074; Fax: (808) 848-1921  
e-mail [info@hfbf.org](mailto:info@hfbf.org); [www.hfbf.org](http://www.hfbf.org)

February 8, 2023

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**TESTIMONY ON SB 1268**  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports SB 1268**, which makes technical changes to the statutory definitions of "agricultural enterprise lands" and "non-agricultural park lands" for clarification and consistency purposes.

Act 221, Session 2022, established the Agricultural Enterprises program as Chapter 141D. This bill appears to establish the same program that Act 221 (HB 871, HD1, SD1, CD1) did last year.

This much-needed program can boost Hawai'i's agricultural production and success to the levels our state needs to become more self-sufficient. Our farmers need this assistance. Our communities need the results of this program.

With the Agricultural Enterprise Program, HDOA is better able to support and promote agriculture through increased management and control of the lands under its jurisdiction.

SB 1268 merely makes technical changes for clarification and consistency purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important measure.