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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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SENATE BILL NO. 3365, SD1
RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 3365, SD1 which requires the Department of Agriculture (Department) to certify treatments performed on soil, dirt, wood chips, compost, and filter socks; authorizes the Department to establish fees and places certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department.

The Department strongly supports this bill and recognizes that amendments offered in testimony on the previous draft of this bill have been incorporated into this version of the bill. This will provide the Department with another way to protect the State against invasive species.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

