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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 25, 2024
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CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19 / SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE THE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Resolution No. 19 & Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29. The resolutions urge the Department of Agriculture to support efforts to improve the Aquaculture Development Strategic Plan. The Department supports the resolutions.

Based on company and industry forecasts, the 2034 value of Hawaii's aquaculture industry is estimated to reach \$600M – increasing from the 2022 value of \$89.6M. The Improving the Aquaculture Development Program (ADP) Strategic Plan document identifies key areas for improvement in the existing ADP framework that are needed to reach that goal. The plan's recommendations are already being integrated into immediate tactical plans.

As such, the Department supports the resolutions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SCR-29

Submitted on: 3/25/2024 11:10:36 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/25/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynette Cruz	Testifying for Malama Makua	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Malama Makua strongly supports this bill.

SCR-29

Submitted on: 3/22/2024 8:00:17 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/25/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT!

AQUACULTURE IS IMPORTANT FOR HAWAII'S FOOD SUSTAINABILITY AND JOBS!

MAHALO!

SCR-29

Submitted on: 3/22/2024 11:01:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/25/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Yes to; URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO
SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE AQUACULTURE
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN.

SCR-29

Submitted on: 3/25/2024 10:48:21 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/25/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Ha'upu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in Support of SCR29. Aquaculture is vital and a community need and for the future of this community.

SCR-29

Submitted on: 3/25/2024 11:54:55 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/25/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Yoro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in strong support of SCR29 and urge the passage of this resolution in order to improve the Aquaculture Development Program strategic plan and carry our recommendations made by Hatch Innovation Services.

SCR-29

Submitted on: 3/25/2024 12:19:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/25/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Rodrigues	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our OHANA completely supports this program. Please advance and support full adoption.