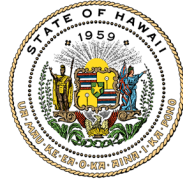


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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99
URGING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE
OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL-ZONED LANDS TO EXECUTE AND RECORD
DECLARATIONS THAT ACKNOWLEDGE STATE AND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
LAND USE REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES FOR
NONCOMPLIANCE.

Chair Kahaloa, Vice Chair Kusch and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 and House Resolution 99. These resolutions urge the counties to amend local zoning ordinances to require owners of agricultural-zoned lands to execute and record declarations that acknowledge State and county agricultural land use regulations and requirements and penalties for noncompliance. The counties are also encouraged to promote agricultural activities by providing information on farm apprenticeships and mentoring programs to agricultural landowners. The Department appreciates the intent of these resolutions to cause owners of agricultural land to acknowledge State and county agricultural land use laws, otherwise we defer to the counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

