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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025
1:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34 / SENATE RESOLUTION 20

**REQUESTING HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PETITION THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF
PARITY BETWEEN HAWAI'I AND OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES
PERTAINING TO THE EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS.**

Chairs Gabbard and Wakai, Vice Chairs Richards and Chang, and Members of the
Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR34 / SR 20 which
requests the Hawai'i congressional delegation to petition the United States Department
of Agriculture (USDA) to address the lack of parity between Hawai'i and other states
and territories regarding the export of agricultural goods.

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture acknowledges the concerns expressed in
these resolutions and recognizes the importance of collaborating with the USDA to
address the discrepancies in phyto-sanitation requirements facing Hawai'i. Our ultimate
goal is to ensure parity with all other states in the union. We value Hawai'i's cut flowers,
fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops as essential niche exports to the
Continental U.S. and will continue to support their fair and equitable trade.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.



SR-20

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Definitely support. Hawaii should be given priority over foreign commodities....America First! If there was also a way to reduce shipping cost for agricultural goods from Hawaii to other states and vice versa, that would also be good to help our farmers and to reduce the costs to Hawaii consumers, respectively.