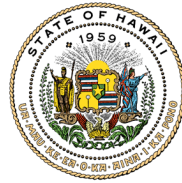


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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026  
2:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2319, SD1, HD1  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2319, SD1, HD1 that appropriates funds for the grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and makes the position permanent. The Department strongly supports the bill and offers comments.

Federal grants are a key resource for support of Hawaii agriculture and fills agricultural need gaps without having to rely solely on state funding or loan borrowings which need to be repaid. Federal grants have been used to purchase processing equipment which has allowed increased agricultural production and resulted in new value-added products or refrigeration units that increase self-life of agricultural products and maintain cold chains.

The grant writer position was converted to a permanent position by Act 250, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, however for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, general funds were not provided and adequate funding for the position remains uncertain. This position has brought in \$8.89 million in federal grants this year even though many grant opportunities were being lost. The position is also available to work with divisions within the department in applying for grants that provide direct program support. The position is a good investment for the state and should be properly funded through the use of general funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Chris Todd, Chair  
Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair**

**Thursday, April 2, 2026 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street**

**RE: SB2319 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY.**

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 350 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS Senate Bill 2319 SD1 HD1** which appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and converts the position from temporary to permanent.

There has been an increased need for grants, resulting from a decrease in direct Federal appropriations for agriculture. Our growers and producers of small and mid-sized farmers need help to remain a viable business option for our future generations. We currently have an “aging farmer” problem and we need to start embracing options that will help new growers and farmers enter agriculture.

A grant specialist position within the Department of Agriculture will help the Agriculture industry to access more opportunities and funding. A skilled and trained grant writer assisting farmers and ranchers will allow those who are hesitant, to try and apply for helpful and often needed programs.

We ask that you support our industry and agriculture, so that we may continue to bring the beauty of Hawaii to others through flowers and ornamentals.



If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 2627, cell 960-1433 and email [eric@greenpointnursery.com](mailto:eric@greenpointnursery.com).

  
Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

Eric S. Tanouye

President

Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association



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April 2, 2026

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2319, SD1, HD1**  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY

Conference Room 308 & Videoconference  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Takenouchi, 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 2319, SD1, HD1**, which appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and converts the position from temporary to permanent.

As direct federal appropriations for agriculture continue to decline, state agencies and agricultural stakeholders have become increasingly reliant on competitive federal and private grant programs. Successfully accessing these funds requires specialized expertise, long-term continuity, and the ability to manage complex application and compliance requirements.

We supported similar legislation last year to establish grant specialist capacity within DAB. SB 2319, SD1, HD1 builds on that effort by recognizing that grant development and management are ongoing functions that require permanent staffing, rather than temporary or ad hoc contracting. Maintaining a permanent grant writer position improves institutional knowledge, continuity, and long-term competitiveness for federal funding.

Improved grant capacity at DAB benefits farmers and ranchers statewide by increasing the State's ability to secure resources that support agricultural production, biosecurity, food security initiatives, and related infrastructure. These grants often help expand capacity, create new business opportunities, and support workforce development within the agricultural sector.

SB 2319, SD1, HD1 represents a practical and cost-effective investment that strengthens DAB's ability to leverage external funding and better serve Hawai'i's agricultural community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Finance Committee,

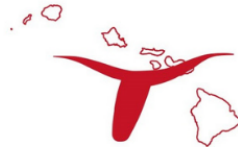
The Hawai'i Farmers Union is a 501(c)(5) agricultural advocacy nonprofit representing a network of over 2,500 family farmers and their supporters across the Hawaiian Islands. **HFU supports SB2319.**

SB2319 is crucial for enhancing the capacity of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to secure necessary funding through grants. By appropriating funds for a full-time grant writer position and converting this role from temporary to permanent, the bill ensures that the department can consistently pursue and manage grant opportunities.

Investing in this position demonstrates a commitment to the long-term resilience and prosperity of Hawaii agriculture. This is essential for advancing biosecurity measures, supporting local farmers, and promoting agricultural sustainability. The stability of a permanent position allows for the development of long-term strategies and partnerships, increasing the department's effectiveness in safeguarding Hawaii's unique ecosystems and agricultural interests.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Hunter Heavilin  
Advocacy Director  
Hawai'i Farmers Union



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Chris Todd, Chair  
Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

**SB2319 SD1 HD1**  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY.

April 2, 2026, 2:00 PM  
Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB2319 SD1 HD1** which appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and converts the position from temporary to permanent.

Grant writing is often time-consuming and requires thorough knowledge of the process to be successful. While grant funds are available, this difficulty can be a deterrent to farmers and ranchers from applying for such grants. Grant specialists in the Department of Agriculture help our local farmers and ranchers gain access to federal funding that may be available to help them increase capacity and help the state reach its goal of increasing local food production and reducing our reliance on imports. The current grant writer has been instrumental in seeking out potential funding for agricultural industries, gathering data from producers, and has already secured funding for the Department. This is a position that will provide a large return on investment for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Ranchers produce a high-quality protein and are the stewards of almost 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or nearly 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

Nicole Galase  
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council  
Managing Director





HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Representative Chris Todd, Chair  
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 2:00 PM  
Conference Room 308 or via Videoconference

**SB 2319 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

**SUPPORT**

Hawai'i Aquaculture &  
Aquaponics Association  
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council  
Hawai'i Farm Bureau  
Federation  
Hawai'i Farmers' Union  
United  
Hawai'i Food Industry  
Association  
Hawai'i Food  
Manufacturers Association  
Kohala Center  
Land Use Research  
Foundation of Hawai'i  
Maui Farm to School  
Network (Maui F2SN)  
Ulupono Initiative

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the  
Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **supports** SB 2319 SD1 HD1, which  
appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer  
position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and  
converts the position from temporary to permanent.

Access to competitive grants, particularly federal agricultural funding  
opportunities, represents one of the most effective ways the State  
can leverage external resources to strengthen Hawaii's agricultural  
sector. However, the process of identifying, writing, and managing  
grants is often complex and time-intensive.

By establishing a permanent, dedicated grant writer, the Department  
will be better equipped to assist local farmers, ranchers, and  
producers in accessing competitive federal, state, county, and private  
funding sources. This position will also provide continuity,  
institutional knowledge, and consistent outreach across multiple  
grant cycles—benefits that are difficult to sustain with temporary or  
contract-based staffing.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprised of farmers,  
ranchers, livestock producers, investors, and other stakeholders  
united by a shared commitment to building a robust and self-  
sufficient food system for Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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TO: Committee on Finance  
FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: April 2, 2026  
TIME: 2pm

RE: SB2319 SD1 HD1 Relating to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity  
Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, manufacturers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure to appropriate funds for the existing temporary grant writer position within the department of agriculture and biosecurity and to make the position permanent. Grant writers serve a vital role in securing funds for Hawaii's agricultural sector. As we've seen with the recent awards, there can be a tremendous return on investment when the State ensures there is a dedicated individual in this role.

We encourage the Committee to pass this measure and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Email: [communications@ulupono.com](mailto:communications@ulupono.com)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Thursday, April 2, 2026 — 2:00 p.m.

**Ulupono Initiative strongly supports SB 2319 SD1 HD1, Relating to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.**

Dear Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Vice President of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

**Ulupono strongly supports SB 2319 SD1 HD1**, which appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (DAB) and converts the position from temporary to permanent.

Ulupono supports the State's efforts to actively pursue grant opportunities that help local agriculturalists. Many federal programs are dedicated to aiding departments or agencies across the states that can apply for funding to support local initiatives. General funding the existing DAB grant writer position at \$100,000 is extremely timely, not only to secure new funding for local farmers and ranchers, but also to preserve existing grant funding amid current uncertainties at the federal level.

In 2025, the DAB grant writer secured nearly \$9 million in federal grants—a massive return on the State's investment. In addition to managing \$1.5 million in recurring grants, DAB has identified more than \$54 million in new federal opportunities to support diverse agricultural initiatives, including innovative solutions, water infrastructure improvements, and expanding local processing capacity and market access. DAB is well positioned to secure significant federal resources, but only if equipped with sufficient staff capacity to pursue these opportunities, as many of these grants require complex applications with detailed project budgets, measurable outcomes, and coordination across agencies and stakeholders. Without this capacity, Hawai'i risks leaving millions in federal dollars on the table that could otherwise support critical investments in agricultural infrastructure, food security, and more.

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*



To further illustrate the substantial return on investment from agricultural grant writing, we offer an example from the private nonprofit sector: Over the past 11 years, Ulupono invested \$1.4 million in grant writers through organizations such as The Kohala Center, the O’ahu Agriculture and Conservation Association, and the Hawai’i Farm Bureau. These efforts secured approximately \$140 million for local agriculture—a 100x return on investment. This included unprecedented funding from USDA programs such as \$40 million from the Climate-Smart Commodities program, \$30 million from the Regional Food Business Centers program, and \$3.2 million from the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program.

General funding DAB’s grant writer will similarly prove well worth the investment and result in millions of dollars in federal funding to further support the State’s agricultural efforts.

We appreciate this committee’s effort to hear important measures that look to establish long-term support for our local farmers and ranchers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Vice President of Government Affairs

Attachment

# STRENGTHENING DAB'S ABILITY TO ACCESS FEDERAL FUNDING

Funding the existing Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (DAB) grant writer is a valuable investment that can yield a high return and long-term benefits for the state. This role is essential not only for pursuing new funding but also for maintaining existing federal grants amidst uncertainties in the funding landscape. Strengthening this capacity immediately is critical for the department's efforts.

## Budget Request

### General fund the existing DAB grant position at \$100,000.

- In 2025, the DAB grant writer collaborated across multiple state agencies and key agricultural stakeholders to apply for more than \$17 million in federal grants, which resulted in nearly \$8.9 million in federal funding awards for Hawai'i's agriculture industry. In addition to managing nearly \$1.5 million in recurring grants, DAB has identified more than \$54 million in new federal opportunities to support diverse agricultural initiatives, including innovative solutions, water infrastructure improvements, and expanding local processing capacity and market access.

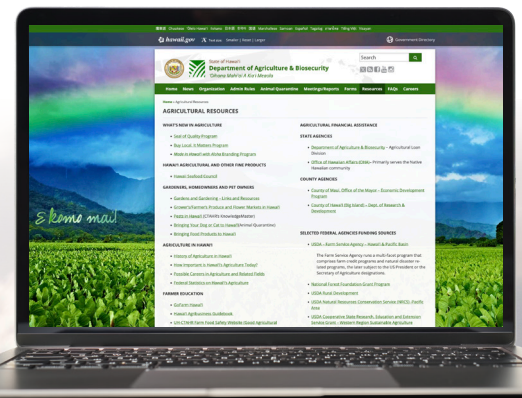
## Why Grant Writers?

### Skilled grant writers will help the State to:

- Access federal funds by preparing competitive and compelling grant proposals that align with local farmer needs
- Identify and pursue grants that supplement and leverage existing State resources, maximizing the impact of DAB's programs

### Federal grants will provide:

- Additional means to support important projects and services without solely relying on State funds, especially in times of natural disasters and economic hardship
- A diversified source of long-term funding for DAB, offering stability and flexibility to address emerging challenges or capitalize on new opportunities



# STRENGTHENING DAB'S ABILITY TO ACCESS FEDERAL FUNDING

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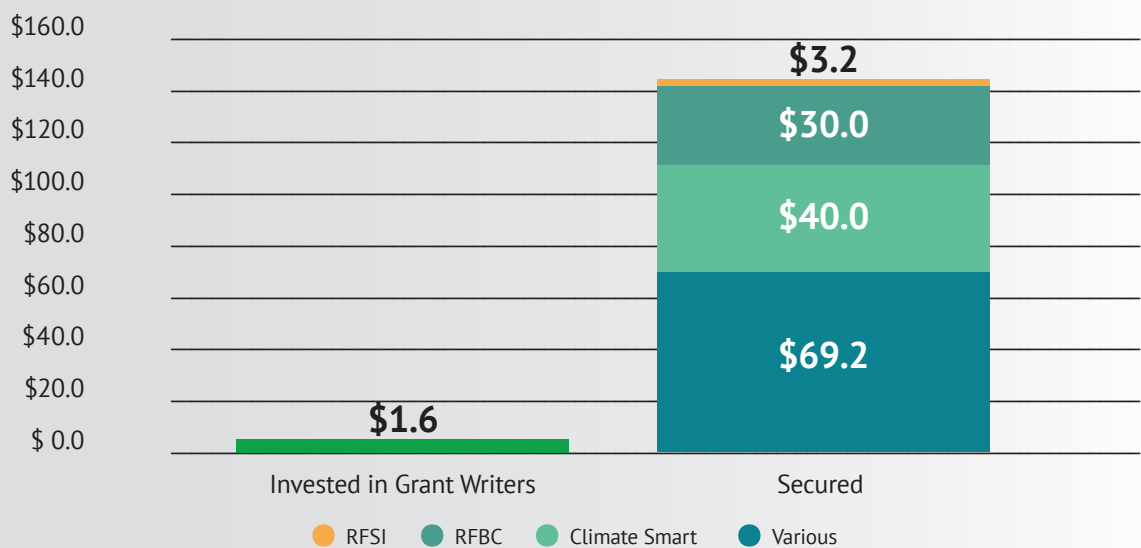


## Other Benefits for the State

**By having grant writers on DAB's staff, the State will benefit from:**

- Grant writing is a specialized skill, and having dedicated grant writers allows other DAB staff to focus on their core responsibilities leading to better use of resources and expertise.
- Aligned grant-seeking efforts with the DAB's strategic goals and priorities ensures that all federal funding opportunities will support the agency's long-term objectives.
- Stronger partnership with Hawai'i's congressional delegation to better communicate the agricultural industry's needs.

**Funding Invested vs. Secured (\$s in Millions)**



## Return on Investment

**Grant writers provide a significant return on investment.**

Investing in grant-writing capacity not only pays for itself but also brings in funds several times the initial investment.

- Ulupono Initiative invested \$1.6 million in grant writers over the past 11 years through organizations such as The Kohala Center, O'ahu Agriculture & Conservation Association, and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.
- Secured ~\$140 million for local agriculture (100x return on investment).
- This included unprecedented funding from the USDA.
  - \$3.2 million from the newly created USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) program.
  - \$40 million from the Climate-Smart Commodities program to help farmers fund climate-smart farming practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program is currently paused and being renamed. Future funding availability is anticipated.
  - \$30 million from the Regional Food Business Centers (RFBC) program to establish regional centers, which provide farmers with grants and connect them with federal programs. The program has been removed by the current federal administration despite being awarded to Hawai'i.



April 1, 2026

Representative Chis Todd, Chair  
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

**Support for SB 2319, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY. (Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity [DAB] and converts the position from temporary to permanent. Effective 7/1/3000. [HD1])**

**Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308, & VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private research and trade organization originally founded in 1979, whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers, real estate investment trusts, utility companies, and land use professionals. LURF's mission is to research, educate, and advocate for reasonable, rational, and equitable land use planning, laws, and regulations that encourage well-planned and sustainable economic growth, agriculture, housing, renewable energy, commercial and industrial uses, health care, and tourism, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural, environmental, historic, and cultural resources, public health, and safety.

LURF is in **support of SB 2319, SD1, HD1**, which would fund one DAB grant writer.

Many of Hawai'i's agricultural landowners, farmers, ranchers, and agricultural operations (Agricultural Stakeholders) have difficulties securing the financial support necessary to build production and marketing capacity. These Agricultural Stakeholders could benefit by obtaining USDA, state, county, and other grants, because increasing financial capacity can create new business and increased employment opportunities and acquisition of equipment and supplies. However, the grant writing usually involves a very complex and difficult application process that can deter Agricultural Stakeholders from applying for grants. The funding for a skilled grant writer within DAB could assist the Agricultural Stakeholders in obtaining USDA and other grants to increase efficient agricultural production and facilitate Hawai'i's goals of increased self-sufficiency, sustainability, and food security.

Based on the reasons stated above, LURF is in support of **SB 2319, SD1, HD1**, and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.



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April 1, 2026

Aloha e Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

**Re: Testimony in Support of SB2319 SD1 HD1**

On behalf of Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i, we strongly support SB2319 SD1 HD1, which appropriates funds to create a permanent, full-time grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (DAB).

Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the viability and sustainability of Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers through technical assistance, resource coordination, business education, and policy support. We work closely with farmers and ranchers across the state to access capital through **our Farmer Funding Helpdesk** and are administrators of **the Hawai'i Agricultural Finance Network**.

**This grant writer position is already proving essential:** the current grant writer was instrumental in securing Hawai'i's largest federal grant to date—~\$8 million from the USDA—which will provide unprecedented support to farmers statewide. Converting this position from temporary to permanent will ensure that DAB can continue to pursue and manage critical funding opportunities efficiently, maintain institutional knowledge, and proactively respond to federal, state, and private grant opportunities.

A permanent grant writer strengthens the Department's capacity to support farmers, expand access to resources, and advance local food production. In a time when federal programs are increasingly limited, this position is key to sustaining and growing Hawai'i agriculture.

We respectfully urge your support for SB2319 SD1 HD1 to ensure DAB has the staffing capacity to secure vital funding for our farmers and the state's food system.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shaw".

Dr. Amanda Shaw, PhD, Statewide Food Systems Coordinator  
Email: [amanda@agstewardshiphawaii.org](mailto:amanda@agstewardshiphawaii.org), Tel: 808 429 5310



## *Restore the Commons*

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 2:00 pm

House Committee on Finance

SENATE BILLS 2319, 2800, 2407, 2805, 2599, and 2401

Position: Support

Me ke Aloha, Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Mahalo for continuing the legislative process, pending further considerations, for these following bills.

**SB2319** – Relating to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity: This provides 1 FTE for a grant writer, to facilitate better access to funds receivable or available for the department. A better interface is needed with the communities working toward food security and biosecurity to address current problems and meet future challenges.

**SB2800** – Relating to Irrigation Systems: This appropriates funds to DLNR, DoA, and ADC to acquire, repair, and maintain irrigation systems. Unfortunately, these responsibilities have not been promptly nor diligently maintained, and need better support.

**SB2407** – Relating to Agriculture Land: This provides 1 FTE for an ADC property manager on Hawaii Island. Hands-on access and responsibility is needed for such a Big Island.

**SB2153** – Relating to Agriculture: This requires DoA to convene a Bona Fide Farmer Group to define “bona fide farmers” and “bona fide agriculture activity”. This has been a troublesome pair of identities for decades, and a hands-on group might be able to resolve these in the public interest.

**SB2599** – Relating to Development: This redesignates the Stadium Development District the Halawa Community Development District, amends the composition and the duties and powers of HCDA as relates to this development district, clarifies its permitting and consultation powers, appropriates planning funds, and requires plans to address requirements for a complete community in all its quality of life aspects. We are overdue to have a proper focus on this large area and its potential for full and complete community development; we do not need another “Entertainment District” when local community needs are losing ground. Time to serve the local community.

**SB2401** – Relating to regional shoreline mitigation: This requires OPSD to coordinate shoreline adaption pathways, working with DLNR, county and federal agencies, and the affected communities. Climate change impacts will mount more quickly and with greater devastation than most are willing to acknowledge. Every effort must proceed with intelligence and urgency.

Mahalo for the opportunity to address these issues,

/s/ Charley Ice, Hoa'āina, Waimalu, O'ahu;

retired Hydrologist, Commission on Water Resource Management (25 years) and Planner at DHHL (10 years); former OEQC Executive Secretary; House legislative staffer; intern at DoH and DPED; participant with Soil & Water Conservation Districts (10 years).  
former Chair of O'ahu Democratic Party Region 5 ('Aiea-Pearl City);

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**SB-2319-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

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Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT!!! MAHALO!