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SENATE BILL NO. 327 SD 1 HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 327 SD1 HD1. This bill proposes to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes 226-7 to make a strong and clear policy statement to support the purchase and consumption of locally grown products. This bill provides the policy framework that complements HB 508 HD 2, passed by the House, which is the implementation of this policy.

There has been a growing disconnect between people and the understanding of where their food comes from that has resulted in an increase in health problems and a decline in food security. Moving towards increasing the purchase of locally grown agricultural products will have the effect of increasing access to fresh agricultural commodities and also supporting our local agricultural industry and ensure we are moving toward a more food secure way of living. The proposed amendments to the Hawaii State Planning Act reflect the desire of the Department of Agriculture to emphasize the importance of supporting local agriculture in the movement towards greater food safety, food security, and self-sustainability.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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