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Testimony on
SB 1718
(SPRB BlueEarth)

Chair Oshiro and committee members:

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports the intent of SB 1718, which authorizes an SPRB for BlueEarth Maui Biodiesel for the planning, design, and construction of a biodiesel refinery on Maui.

Interest in renewable energy has brought forth a number of interests advocating the use of renewable resources for energy production. We are in discussions with BlueEarth Maui Biodiesel on the use of locally grown feedstock for their operations. We are encouraged by their willingness to work with us and the local agricultural industry to promote and utilize biofuel crops grown in Hawaii. While much work still needs to be explored and competitive pricing for local farmers need to be finalized, BlueEarth has stated that their intent is to work with the local growers to feed their operations..

We are impressed with BlueEarth's project proposal and willingness to support Hawaii's agricultural industry. Thank you.