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## **2019 Hawaii Farm Bureau Legislative Priorities** **(In Priority Order)**

1. **Relating to a Statewide Water Resource Development and Infrastructure ([HB 594](#) / [SB 1542](#))**

Description: Appropriates funds (\$1,000,000) to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR141) for the design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for diversified agriculture.

2. **Relating to Agriculture Disaster Funds ([HB 450](#) / [HB 938](#) / [SB 1148](#))**

### [HB 450](#)

Description: Specifies the conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, consistent with chapter 127A, HRS. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency and establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund

### [HB 938](#) / [SB 1148](#)

Description: Appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

3. **Relating to Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts ([HB 451](#) / [SB 751](#))**

Description: Makes an appropriation (\$500,000) from the special land and development fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

4. **Relating to Aquaculture. ([HB 771](#) / [SB 753](#))**

Description: Appropriates funds for operational expenses for revitalizing the aquaculture development program within the department of agriculture.

5. **Relating to the Feral Pigs ([HB 1095](#) / [SB 1150](#))**

Description: Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control. The funds will be used to provide grants for fencing and corral traps.

6. **Relating to the Department of Agriculture – Honalo Processing and Marshalling Facility ([HB 770](#) / [SB 750](#))**

Description: The Hawaii Ulu Producers Cooperative and other farm members depend on the Hawaii Department of Agriculture – Honalo Processing and Marshalling Facility. The currently the facility is lacking in infrastructure to support the projected volume of ulu (10,000 lbs. per day) and co-crops. This bill appropriates funds (\$1,100,000) for a capital improvement project, which would be used to purchase equipment and for facility upgrades.

7. **Relating to Agriculture – Ornamental Ginger ([HB 833](#) / [SB 752](#))**

Description: Makes an appropriation (\$200,000) to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for research and prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens.

8. **Relating to Agriculture – Foreign Agriculture Small Equipment ([HB 782](#) / [SB 1149](#))**

Description: Appropriates funds to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program to identify efficient agriculture equipment and retrofit engines to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards.