

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM** 

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Agriculture February 3, 2010 at 8:30am by James R. Gaines Vice President for Research, University of Hawai'i

HB 2775 - Relating to Agriculture

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Wooley and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

HB 2775 establishes fees for the processing of permits and other requests for the importation or possession of incoming plants, animals, and microorganisms into the State.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of the bill and is willing to pay a reasonable fee only if it leads to faster processing and issuance of importation permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.