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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 90/SENATE RESOLUTION 73

REQUESTING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND
REPAIR OF THE KOHALA DITCH.

Chairs DeCoite, Vice Chairs Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of the intent of Senate Concurrent Resolution 90 & Senate Resolution 73, requesting the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to assume responsibility for the routine maintenance and repair of the Kohala ditch. The Kohala ranchers and farmers depend on water from this system. Investing in the region's aging plantation era infrastructure is of critical importance not only because of the impact on the production of livestock and crops, but also because of the economic impact on the community. Making these investments will ensure the infrastructure can support agriculture production for centuries to come.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.