

# LATE TESTIMONY



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**House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and  
Committee on Agriculture**

**Hearing Date: February 23, 2009, at 9:00 AM in CR 325**

**Testimony in Support of HB 1047: Relating to Important Agricultural Lands  
(IAL clarification)**

Honorable Chair Ken Ito, Vice Chair Sharon E. Har, and House Water Land and Ocean Resources Committee Members, and Honorable Chair Clift Tsuji, Vice-Chair Jessica Wooley, and House Agriculture Committee Members:

My name is Dave Arakawa, and I am the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF **supports** HB 1047, which amends section 205-45, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to ensure that all Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) to be designated or agricultural lands to be reclassified under subsection (b) shall be on the same island; and amends subsection (e) to add that the commission shall evaluate the suitability of the land for reclassification in accordance with sections 205-2 and 205-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that conditions imposed by the commission in the declaratory order shall run with the land.

HB 1047 includes "housekeeping" changes to the IAL designation and reclassification process in HRS section 205-45, which are consistent with the purposes and intent of the IAL law.

Based on the above, we respectfully request your **favorable consideration of HB 1047**.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **support for HB 1047**.

**Testimony for HB 865**

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The Honorable Representative Ken Ito, Chair, and Members  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
Hearing – Monday February 23, 2009 at 9:30am  
State House of Representatives, Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

**Subject: House Bill No. HB 865 Relating to Transportation**

My name is A. Joseph Fadrowsky, III, a participant in the 2007/2008 Interim Task Force on Smart Growth meetings chaired by Representative Sharon Har.

**I support House Bill No. 865.**

This bill enhances the decision making criteria of the State DOT by directing DOT to consider existing County plans in their deliberations. This kind of coordination is fundamental to a smart growth approach to transportation planning.

Attendees at the Interim Task Force on Smart Growth meetings represented a broad cross section of experienced and knowledgeable people from both the public and private sector. This bill represents a balanced effort to enhance State decision-making regarding transportation matters by more closely integrating State DOT transportation planning efforts with County land-use planning efforts.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

A. Joseph Fadrowsky, III  
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HB 1047  
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Committee Chairs and members;

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a statewide land and water use organization, supports HB 1047 that Amends section 205-45, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to ensure that all lands to be designated or reclassified under subsection (b) shall be on the same island; and amends subsection (e) to add that the commission shall evaluate the suitability of the land for reclassification in accordance with sections 205-2 and 205-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that conditions imposed by the commission in the declaratory order shall run with the land.

The provision in Act 233 allowing a petitioner to reclassify land on a different island makes no land use planning or agricultural protection sense but was an obvious concession to companies owning land on different islands within Maui County. HB 1047 corrects that mistake.

Requiring that conditions run with the land help ensure that large tracks of agricultural land will remain in tack, at least we hope that is the intent, and not be subdivided into smaller parcels thus negating the drive to protect Important Agricultural Land.

Hawaii's Thousand Friends supports HB 1047 and urges the committee to pass the bill out of committee.