

Water has no substitute...... Conserve it

February 23, 2010

Honorable Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Finance HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES State Capitol, Conference Room 308 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Rep. Oshiro, Rep. Lee and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Subject:

HB 2689, HD1, Relating to Agricultural Water Systems – <u>Hearing:</u> Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 1:30 p.m. Conference Room 308, State Capitol

I would like to request that the language of the bill be changed to allow the exemption of conveyance of agricultural water systems to the Board of Agriculture also be allowed for the County Boards of Water Supply. On Kaua'i there are places where the County would like to locate agricultural parks and for lack of water have not been developed.

The Kaua'i County Charter does not limit the Water Board attention to potable water systems and where the State is not interested in operating a specific system the Board may be willing to do it. The surface water systems are a valuable resource to the County for the future development of Agriculture and anything that can be done to reduce the cost of transferring these assets should be done.

If you need to contact me, please call (808) 245-5408, fax at (808) 246-8628 or email at dcraddick@kauaiwater.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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