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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 21, 2016 - Conference Room 224
TESTIMONY ON HB 2501 – RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and Committee Members,

My Name is Lorie Farrell; I'm testifying today on behalf of Hawaii Farmers and Ranchers United. We strongly support HB 2501, this Bill affects all of Hawaii.

House Bill 2501 attempts to put in place temporary Legislative relief for all Revocable Permit holders who may be in jeopardy until DLNR can find a solution in that will benefit the public, farmers & ranchers.

There are 96,415 acres affected by these permits and 175 farmers/ranchers. If we're going to support agriculture sustainability, then they require access to land and water.

Over the year's farmers have tried to convert their permits to long term leases. Agriculture is committed to finding a long term solution as we cannot afford a long term legal battle over leases; farmers need to farm.

We cannot expect farmers to invest in their futures if the State is unwilling to provide long term leases and access to water. In order to find solutions we must work together, providing water rights and long term leases is just one piece of this puzzle that is required to feed and sustain Hawaii.

Do not leave our farmers & ranchers in legal limbo. Pass HB 2501 it provides stability for agriculture until DLNR can find a permanent solution to preserve farmer's futures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Lorie Farrell

Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water, Land, & Agriculture **Monday, March 21, 2016** **2:55 p.m.** **State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

RE: H.B. 2501 H.D. 2: Relating to Water Rights.

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA Hawaii is in strong support of H.B. 2501 H.D. 2, which would amend Chapter 171-58 HRS by allowing for a holdover permit to be issued to an applicant seeking to renew their water rights lease. The bill is necessary to allow for continuous, uninterrupted operations when an application has been made for a lease of a previously authorized disposition of water rights, for the operator to obtain a holdover permit, until such time as the pending application for the disposition of such water rights is finally resolved, even if such holdover period may exceed one year.

The proposed amendment would greatly assist in situations where the State is encouraging transitioning from one type of agriculture to another. The need for a supply of irrigation water is critical for any transition. Economically viable agriculture requires not only the availability of productive land but also water.

There is a need to understand that replacing planation agricultural with other forms of agriculture is not a simple task. New agribusinesses may require different amounts of water for its crops. Additionally, having multiple users and operators present further challenges as the transition from one plantation system which operated and maintained the infrastructure on the plantation, to a situation where there maybe multiple users with no overall plan on who or how the infrastructure will be operated and maintained.

The State's record of transitioning from plantation agriculture to other forms of agriculture has not been successful if you were to look at the amount of former sugar and pineapple lands are still vacant and unproductive. Rather than rush to dismantle the planation and stop stream diversions, there is a need pause and give some thought to how to insure a successful transition to other forms of agribusinesses, or we face the prospect of having more vacant and unproductive agricultural lands.

The disposition of public resources such as water has become a contentious and volatile process. There is a need to keep the process open and competitive while at the same time balancing the need to reduce risks and provide some certainty as the State encourage the growth of new agribusinesses.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our strong support for H.B. 2501 H.D. 2.

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| Sabrina White | Hawaii Cattlemen's Association | Support | No |

Comments: Farmers and ranchers work very hard every single day to produce food for every person throughout our State. Please help support them by passing HB 2501.

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Maui County

March 21, 2016

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 2501 HD2: RELATING TO WATER PERMITS

Room 224
2:55 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of Maui County Farm Bureau. We are a County Chapter of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, representing 200 farm families and organizations on the island. Our mission seeks to protect and increase the viability of farms and ranches while ensuring the social and environmental wellbeing of the island.

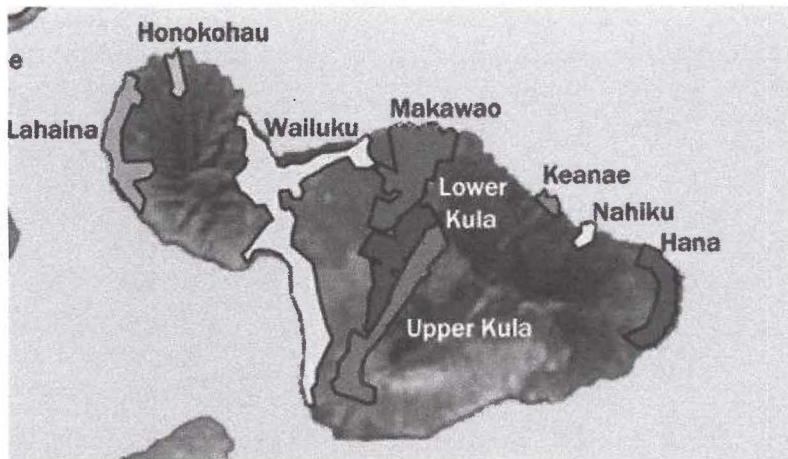
MCFB **strongly supports HB2501** authorizing holdover permits to be issued to an applicant seeking to renew their water rights lease. Over 500 of Maui's farmers and residents are joining me today via signatures as attached.

Maui's water infrastructure grew out of the sugar plantations. Among the islands, Maui is unique, in its' dependence on surface water sources. These water systems predated many of our laws. We agree that our laws should properly apply to these water systems, but we also think our laws should recognize the reliance of the island of Maui on these systems. The issue before this committee falls just into that category. We don't think the laws covering the state's disposition of water rights contemplated the lengthy processes that are a common part of laws today—contested case hearings, environmental impact statements—not to mention the proliferation of lawsuits. So, as existing water permits or leases expired, there is no clear provision on how to handle renewals in which a contested case was being considered. The BLNR did its' best in this situation by trying to maintain the status quo while recognizing the contested case, and so, held over the existing revocable permits. Not issuing some kind of legal authority to allow the water to continue to flow was not a viable option.

The East Maui watershed provides water for upcountry Maui (Kula, Pukalani, Makawao, Haiku) in addition to HC&S. It is the largest single surface watershed in the State, providing to the second largest service area on Maui. Stopping water collection in East Maui would have impacted entire communities and Maui's social and economic wellbeing. Especially impacted

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would be agriculture. This involves not just HC&S but farmers and ranchers in Upcountry Maui whose water is delivered to the County using the East Maui water collection and delivery system. The following image is extracted from the County's website, illustrating the sources of water for its' users. The dark blue, red and teal service areas are from East Maui, illustrating the many impacted communities.



This matter must be clarified as Hawaii is evolving. The required capacity of Maui County's system may evolve. The current scenario is just a spot in time. Laws need to encompass various situations in the future in which existing permits expire and timely issuance of new permits is not possible. **A stay will not address this need. The stay addresses a specific case that can be revoked or challenged at any time. The uncertainty remains.** BLNR utilized what they thought was the only mechanism they had at that time. If it needs to be changed, this measure proposes just such a solution. It does not seek to bypass requirements as it only applies to cases with preexisting permits. It is also limited only to a "holdover period until such time as the pending application for the disposition of such water rights is finally resolved." This means that **it is a stopgap measure until the current legal processes of IIFS and contested cases can be resolved.** We commend the DLNR for forming the task force and setting forth an aggressive schedule to resolve this issue. However, best laid plans can go awry and current holders of revocable permits should not be left in limbo due to a deficiency in the process.

There has been reference to the price of water. The permits only allow for the collection of water. The price we as consumers pay, includes the cost of delivery and treatment to our spigot. Is water used by HC&S delivered by the County? No. Is water used by HC&S of potable quality as delivered to our homes? No. So why would the cost be similar? It is not.

We have seen agriculture on Maui digress with the most dramatic being the HC&S announcement. Marketing, transportation and invasive species threats contributed to the downsizing. As HC&S's closure was announced, we are already seeing the impacts on the community, and it is just starting. Vendors that our farmers and ranchers rely on are downsizing, and we know the overhead costs will increase – workers beyond HC&S are **LOSING THEIR JOBS**. Even service industries such as hairdressers are finding less customers. The impact on the community is **REAL**.

On a bigger picture, access to water has played a major role. Farmers no longer count on summer crops as the threat of inadequate water is real and with extended stress, pest and disease pressures increase. Ranches have had to cull their herds due to lack of water. HC&S has faced major losses due to inadequate water and that is with a crop that normally can withstand significant periods of drought, much more than a field of lettuce. We know what the impacts of the loss of water are. Passage of this measure will provide a policy message that we cannot put agriculture at risk with continued uncertainty. There is recognition that without water there will be no agriculture.

The measure is also needed to provide a precedence for our farmers and ranchers with land leases for farms and pasture. They want long term leases. Their current annual revocable leases prevent them from getting loans to invest in their operations. This does not encourage sustained agricultural operations.

This measure merely seeks to address a gap in law. For this reason, we respectfully request your **support by passing this measure today**. Thank you for this opportunity to address this important measure.

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| Ronald Weidenbach | Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association | Support | No |

Comments: Water is essential for agriculture. Lease negotiation timelines are often beyond a tenants control. There are enough challenges to the modern-day farmer/rancher, especially to those on leaseholds, without having to worry about the loss or reduction of water allocations during lease negotiations which could render the operation commercially unfeasible.

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March 20, 2016

Testimony in Favor of HB 2501

Aloha Senator Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

My name is Jeffrey Melrose and I would like to testify in favor of HB 2501. I am a land planner with more than 30 years of experience of working with transitional agricultural lands and water resources in Hawaii and am the principle author of both the **Hawaii County Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline 2012** and the recently released **Statewide Agricultural Land Use Baseline 2015**. I am testifying as an individual with a broad base of understanding of both land and water issues around the state.

HB 2501 attempts to address a poorly conceived legal decision that determined that month to month licenses from the Board of Land and Natural Resources are somehow inappropriate, particularly as they relate to those that have been granted to East Maui Irrigation Company . **This issue is not about the long history of Hawaii water use and the current popular perception that condemns the use for stream water for commercial sugar production. It is also not about A&B's greedy desire to somehow control water use rights on short term agreements as a way to accomplish corporate profits as some will assert. Please don't be swayed by these arguments.**

Month to month licenses have become an important management tool for the BLNR to use to enable reasonably beneficial ongoing resource use as larger legal issues get resolved. They are particularly important in cases where complex issues are being worked out in the midst of a never ending barrage of legal filings and procedural disputed that have come to define our modern natural resource management efforts in Hawaii. **Month to month RP's are not optimal outcomes for anyone and clearly not a preferable long term solution, but they are a necessary and important tool in the BLNR tool box nonetheless.** The Legislature should not act to limit their use prompted mainly by the political momentum of a single issue in East Maui.

At a more immediate and practical level, the closure of HC&S and the fallowing of over 36,000 acres of good ag land (and remarkable view plains) amounts to the largest and most profound transition in land use that the State has faced in its history. **The sheer scale of the recovery task and the visual prominence of these lands for the Maui community, and its visitor oriented economy, is unprecedented. To legislatively deny the use of ongoing water flows at this point will in effect shorten the possibility that Maui's central plain will remain green and productive in the future.** Why this committee might consider closing an important, temporary option for ongoing water use is in my view unconscionable.

I believe that a long term solution to the continued use of East Maui's stream water is not far off. There is a long body of work defining the allocations for various groups of contesting users as well as actions that are pending with the Commission on Water Resource Management that will bring some concrete solutions to this very complex set of issues.

The court decision that prompted the need for legislative clarity contained in HB 2501 was ill-advised and unfortunately requires sound legislative remedy. I ask you please to move HB2501 forward and to support all efforts to do the right thing to protect long term use rights of native taro growers and to simultaneously insure that the Central Plain of Maui can remain green and productive long into the future. These are difficult issues that are not served by simplifying complex issues into go-no-go solutions as was decreed by the Court in this circumstance. I hope for a display of legislative wisdom and patience on this issue. **Please vote to approve HB2501 and stay tuned for more important and lasting opportunities to insure sound water and land use on Maui in the wake of HC&S's shutdown.**

Thank you for the chance to submit testimony.

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| Keith Unger McCandless Ranch | McCandless Ranch | Support | No |

Comments: McCandless Ranch strongly supports HB 2501 HD2. This bill provides the Board of Land and Natural Resources the ability to provide longer term holdover permits for the use of water, while longer term permit applications are being considered. McCandless Ranch holds a revocable permit for a land lease. We are concerned that unless a short term solution is developed for both water and land Revocable Permits, McCandless Ranch as well as many other farmers and ranchers will suffer a devastating setback.

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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR

SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2016

TIME: 2:55 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224

HB 2501, HD2 – RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS

March 21, 2016

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

My Name is Bob Farias of Farias Cattle Co. also the President of the Kauai Cattlemen's Association. We strongly supports HB 2501,HD2 as this will provide great lands and resources to the Ranching and Farming community that struges to keep alive the idea of Hawaii as a food secure State.

This bill provides the Board of Land and Natural Resources the ability to provide longer-term holdover permits, over one year, for the use of water, when longer term permit applications are being considered, and in some cases litigated. Without this water many farming and Ranching operations will fail. We can't afford and more failed attempts at agriculture.

The Ranching and Farming community is concerned that the current approach will leave them with out the necessary water needed to continue the operations.

Please Vote YES for HB 2501 and help secure Farming and Ranching in Hawaii and show the agriculture community the State Support to due so.

Thank You

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Syngenta is pleased to add our support to HB 2501 allowing for a holdover disposition of water rights previously authorized pursuant to a lease during the pendency of an application for a lease renewal. We endorse the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association's (HCIA) testimony submitted on 3/20/2016, and kindly refer you to their comments.

Syngenta thanks the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture for the opportunity to testify on this bill and humbly asks the Committee for its favorable consideration of this measure.

For questions or further background, please do not hesitate to contact Angus Kelly, Syngenta Hawaii, at angus.kelly@syngenta.com.

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HB 2501, HD2 – RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS.

*Allows for a holdover disposition of water rights previously authorized pursuant to a lease during the pendency of an application for a lease renewal.

Position: Support

To Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

DuPont Pioneer is a seed company with farming operations in three locations in Hawaii. We conduct plant breeding and develop new hybrids and varieties that are more productive for farmers in the US and around the world. DuPont Pioneer employs approximately 250 people in a wide range of job types on Oahu and Kaua'i.

DuPont Pioneer **strongly supports** HB 2501, as this bill provides the Board of Land and Natural Resources the ability to provide hold over permits on a long-term basis while the permitting process (including litigation, in some cases) is in process.

We believe HB 2501 will continue to provide water to agricultural producers and residents alike. The current absence of an intermediary hold-over permitting or licensing process creates an unnecessary risk for water users in the majority of Hawaiian counties. HB2501 provides the DLNR with a tool to issue permits in a limited manner that preserves water to users as a whole.

Attorney General Chin has stated, in his opinion, that this bill may eventually help other water permit holders. While this measure is viewed by some as affecting only one agricultural entity, we believe the impact has far greater ramifications. AG Chin's opinion goes on to state the failure of this bill to pass would impact large agricultural users, small farms, ranches as well as hospitals, schools and residents.

This measure is a manner by which the Legislature can affirm its long standing support of Agriculture in the state. The agricultural community has a strong history of positively manage water resources which is a benefit to farmers and residential neighbors. We respectfully ask the committee to **pass HB 2501**. DuPont Pioneer appreciates the committee's support of this impactful and important piece of legislation and an opportunity to submit testimony in support.

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| Harry von Holt | Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd | Support | No |

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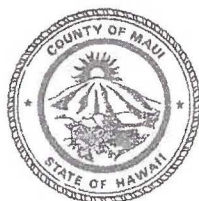
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| Christopher English | PRL English, LLC | Support | No |

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TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 21, 2016

2:55 p.m.

Conference Room 224

HB 2501, HD2, RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS

Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land & Agriculture

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT of HB 2501, HD2**, which proposes to amend Section 171-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public lands. I support this bill for the following reasons:

1. Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co. recently announced that it will be shutting our state's last sugar plantation and transitioning to diversified agriculture. If, as I hope, agriculture is to continue on Maui, it is vital that adequate water be available.
2. If water were to become unavailable, we risk thousands of acres of prime agricultural land being converted to commercial and urban use, or being left with a large dust-bowl.
3. If water were to become unavailable while waiting for legal proceedings to be resolved, thousands of Maui's Upcountry residents and farmers who rely upon this water would be severely impacted.
4. This provision, if passed, would apply in limited situations and on a temporary basis:
 - Where applications for a lease *to continue previously authorized* disposition of water rights are challenged; and,
 - *Then only for a period of time* so that pending applications for the disposition of water rights can be resolved.

For these reasons I **support HB 2501, HD2**.

The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2016

THE SENATE

Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224

Monday, March 21, 2016; 2:55 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2501, HD2
RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 2501, HD2, which allows a holdover of a previously authorized disposition of water rights until such time as a pending application for a disposition of water rights is resolved. The Act would sunset in five years.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company (HC&S) plans to complete its final harvest of sugar cane by the end of 2016. The company announced on January 6 that sugar operations would cease by year's end. H.B. 2501, HD2 will ensure that water will continue to be available to complete the final harvest and to support the company's proposal for diversified agricultural operations beyond sugar. Without water, the final harvest may come to a halt and the company may need to shut down even sooner, resulting in the immediate loss of hundreds of jobs, affecting thousands of lives and Maui's economy.

HC&S is not the only operation affected by H.B. 2501, HD2. Small farmers and Kula residents also rely on water provided through East Maui Irrigation. These farmers cultivate vegetables and fruits which help Hawaii meet food security and sustainability goals. Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa himself said in his State of the County address that more farmers must be recruited to grow vegetables to feed Maui's residents and visitors. But in addition to farmers, water is needed to grow the crops.

This bill only allows a holdover of previously authorized water use so there is no premature disruption of ongoing uses while an application for a disposition is resolved.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2501, HD2. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Individual.

March 21,2016

Chairperson, Representative, Water,

Land and agriculture committee

Re: Subject: H.B. 2501—

HD1, HD2. Applicant to renew, new lease for water.

Full SUPPORT.H.B.2501-S.B.3001

Dear Chairperson, and Representative:

Maui county infrastructure is plantation, was and still is depending on surface water sources. The lands encompassed by the Maui community plan has historically and significantly been a populated and agriculture area.

My name is Thomas Pascual. I am an independent, conventional, truck farmer, who does traditional farming. I did an exchange of my 28 years old Amfac Lahaina home provided by Pioneer Mill that Closed in 1999. Started my Small business, privately own family farm out in Waihe`e, with renew and new permit on water. Now my only second job of 17 years with H.C.&S. will be closing. I am a plantation worker of 46 years but I have always been a community Ag. Producer doing my best to keep up with today laws.

D.M.L. Plants & Produce L.L.C. FULL SUPPORT H.B.2501---S.B.3001.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank You for letting me testify.



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Lukas Kambic

Hilo, HI

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Kylie Matsuda-Lum

Kahuku, HI

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HB2501

Submitted on: 3/20/2016

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| Joanne Kealoha | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: My name is Wesley Bissen. I am asking my union, ILWU Local 142, to submit these comments for me, but I plan to attend the hearing tomorrow and want to testify in person. I am a machinist for HC&S. I have worked for the company 35 years. The last few years have been hard because so many people have wanted to shut down the company. That will happen this year and it will be sad. I worry for me and my co-workers who need to find new jobs, but I also worry about what will happen to the land if there is no water to grow crops. As a Native Hawaiian, I know that water is precious. But I also believe that the water can be shared. The company needs water to finish up this last harvest. It also needs water to start up diversified agriculture that will help them keep their lands in agriculture. For these reasons, please pass H.B. 2501. Thank you.

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Randall Figueroa

Kalaheo, HI

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Chuck Furr

Kailua, HI

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Stanley Zajac

Lahaina, HI

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Iris Iwami

Honolulu, HI

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Allen Teshima

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Jeanette Baysa

Mountain View, HI

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Gordean Bailey

Kula, HI

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| Ted Yamamura | Individual | Support | No |

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Shay Sunderland

Mililani, HI

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Jill Mattos

Honokaa, HI

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Blake Rabe

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Neal Fujiwara

Wailuku, HI

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Mark Kennett

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Wilfredo Adella

Eleele, HI

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Robin Hammerquist

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Antonio Pope

Waimea, HI

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stan cypriano

honokaa, HI

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Larry Keaton

Mililani, HI

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Rhonda Russell

HONOKAA, HI

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Michael Glidden

Waipahu, HI

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE and COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION and

TESTIMONY ON HB 1997 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Aloha Senator Gabbard and Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair(s) Vice Chairs Senator Clarence Nishihara and Senator Breene Harimoto and Committee Members.

I support HB 1997, which implements the recommendation of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

Hawaii's commercial farmers' average age is over 60 years. To maintain and expand production levels, it's clear that we need a new generation of farmers and ranchers equipped to assume the task of growing crops and livestock. This is critical to achieving Hawaii's goal of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Additionally, farmers and ranchers endure numerous regulatory requirements. Among them, labor laws are among the most problematic; with significant differences between Federal and State requirements. Training to meet these and other requirements is vital.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Mark Ruiz

Hanapepe, HI

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Wayne Hashimoto

Kaumakani, HI

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Judith Thomson

Kula, HI

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masao nakamura

Hilo, HI

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Lesley Hill

Honolulu, HI

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Hilo, HI

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Mountain View, HI

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Earl Tanaka

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Kahului, HI

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Lyle Wong

Honolulu, HI

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Alicia Wills

Hakalau, HI

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HB2501

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| Joanne Kealoha | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: My name is Zenaida Andaya. I am asking my union, the ILWU Local 142, to submit this testimony on my behalf. I work as a crew chief for Maui Brand, which sells raw sugar produced by HC&S. I have worked for HC&S for 37 years. My son is a hauler driver for HC&S. I support H.B. 2501 because I think it will help my company with water needed for the final harvest. That will help my co-workers with a few more months of work before they have to leave HC&S and find new jobs. Some of my co-workers were already laid off on March 7. Many of them, especially the older ones, are worried that they will not be able to find new jobs and will not have medical coverage. The company's decision to close has been hard for many of us, but it will be even harder if we cannot finish our final harvest. I hope your committee will pass H.B. 2501 and let the water continue flowing to HC&S. Thank you.

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| Joanne Kealoha | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: My name is Koa Martin. I am having my union, ILWU Local 142, submit this testimony for me. I plan to attend the hearing tomorrow and wish to speak on the importance of H.B. 2501 to HC&S workers. I have worked for HC&S for 20 years. I am a Journeyman Millwright and learned my trade through the Trades Progression Program offered by the company. Like everyone else on the plantation, I am worried about what will happen when I am laid off, but I have a trade and, hopefully, can qualify for another job with the skills and knowledge I have. Others may not be so lucky, but there are many programs available to help us. I hope all my co-workers will be able to land on their feet. My reason for supporting H.B. 2501 is that I believe water represents job growth in the islands. When HC&S stops sugar production, there will still be thousands of acres of agricultural land on Maui. If it is not cultivated, it will become a dust bowl and not very appealing to visitors. Agriculture cannot be sustained without water. And without agriculture, there will no longer be green fields and open spaces on Maui. There is much potential for the agricultural lands on Maui, but water will be the key. Please pass H.B. 2501. Thank you.

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Donald Gerbig

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Walter Parada

Kaunakakai, HI

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Raymond Foster

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