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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 4, 2015
1:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

**HOUSE BILL NO. 822, HOUSE DRAFT 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 822, HD 1. This bill appropriates funds to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) to assist with its staffing and operating costs. The Department of Agriculture supports this bill as long as it doesn't affect the Administration's budget priorities, but ultimately defers to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Proper conservation practices are essential to a farmer's success, and conservation plans are an important tool for farmers to use in order to maximize soil retention by implementing erosion and sediment control best management practices. HACD can provide farmers with the technical expertise needed to create their own conservation plans. With an approved conservation plan, farmers will be able to attain necessary permissions prior to clearing and grading their land to prepare it for planting and to put new lands into production.

The Department of Agriculture (DOA) is currently funding HACD's operations for the 2014 fiscal year by taking money away from other agriculture initiatives. The DOA is



only able to fund HACD to maintain current levels of service. This bill's appropriation amount of \$350,000 a year to DLNR is more than the DOA is able to provide, and would allow HACD to expand and provide more services to farmers.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015
1:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 822, HOUSE DRAFT 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

House Bill 822, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate \$350,000 of general revenues in Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 for operating expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget request.**

The purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Program is to educate, construct, maintain, and assist in the development of conservation plans to protect soil and water resources. Each SWCD is operated by a five-member volunteer board. HACD is an umbrella organization formed by the 16 SWCDs under Chapters 180 and 180C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administratively attached to the Department. In FY 2014-2015, HACD and the SWCDs will receive a total of \$68,400 in general funds and \$210,000 in interdepartmental transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture for their operations through the LNR 141 Program. Other required funds for their operation, staffing and implementation of projects must be sought in the form of grants from other agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

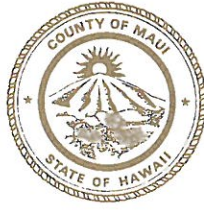
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Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
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HB 822 (HD1) RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in **support of HB 822**, which requests an appropriation for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to assist with staffing and operating costs while providing time for the districts to develop sustainable funding mechanisms.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts ("SWCD") are mandated by Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 180. Its purpose is to educate, construct, maintain, and assist in the development of conservation plans to protect soil and water resources.

Many of the volunteer directors are also ranchers, farmers and members of the Hawaii Farm Bureau and therefore understand the pertinent issues of their communities. They are important as they are able to assist with developing conservation plans, as well as address issues relating to water quality, agricultural water and erosion. They also assist with grading and grubbing plan reviews.

For these reasons, I support HB 822.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie A Whalen	HARC	Support	No

Comments: This is one of the programs that REALLY helps ALL farming. Please support.

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HB 822, HD1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, which appropriates moneys for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to assist with its staffing and operating costs. (HB822 HD1)

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Jean Brokish	Oahu Resource Conservation & Development Council	Support	No

Comments: This bill enables the soil and water conservation districts to provide essential services to farms across the State.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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March 4, 2015

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 822 HD 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS

Room 308
1:30 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB strongly supports HB 822 HD 1, which seeks an appropriation for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to assist with its staffing and operating costs.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are mandated by HRS §180. The SWCD is comprised of volunteer directors that are closely tied to Island communities. Many of these SWCD directors are also farmers, ranchers and members of HFB. They understand the issues related to land use, stewardship, resource management and agriculture.

The 16 SWCDs assist the agricultural communities throughout the entire State. They help farmers and ranchers develop and process conservation plans and address issues relating to erosion, water quality, agricultural water, and grading and grubbing plan reviews.

State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) has historically funded districts \$207,000 annually, for the staffing of Conservation Specialists. Effective December 31, 2013, DOH totally eliminated these funds and has not provided any replacement funding. Thus there is a backlog of conservation plans throughout parts of the State (particularly Oahu).

Under these tough economic times, the SWCDs funding continues to get squeezed at the State, County and Federal levels. The requested funds, while nominal, are vitally important for farmers, ranchers, agricultural landowners, livestock, wildlife, the environment and the present and future citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Since all SWCD Directors are unpaid volunteers, SWCDs take pressure off county planning departments and help alleviate backlogs. In working through public-private partnerships, SWCDs provide free engineering services and technical assistance for low-impact projects. These cost savings are reflected in lower food and foliage production costs that are ultimately saved by consumers and make Hawaii's producers more competitive in the marketplace.

HFB considers the SWCDs a vital partner in Hawaii's agricultural Industry and our Island communities.

Please pass HB 822 HD 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure of critical importance.

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Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments: My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chairperson for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council strongly supports HB 822 HD1. The Preamble of HB 822 very accurately states the vital role the 16 Soil & Water Conservation Districts play in Hawaii, in protecting the environment. While the Districts are a quasi-governmental board under the Department of Land & Natural Resources with community volunteer District Directors, the Districts are ridiculously underfunded by the State and receive little assistance to do their vitally important work for the people of Hawaii. Please support this bill and the funding the Districts desperately need, which they will leverage to do much more than the bill provides. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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Hawaii State House
Finance Committee

Regarding HB 822

March 3, 2015

Greetings.

My name is David Schell and I serve as a director on the Puna Soil and Water Conservation district in southeast Hawaii County. I am writing to ask your support in passing HB822 to provide funding for a conservation specialist position and general operations of the SWCD's.

The districts work to help farmers and ranchers practice good conservation management by providing them with technical assistance and access to USDA and NRCS programs that help offset some of the costs for water and soil improvement projects. They also work in conjunction with the counties in Hawaii to encourage responsible grubbing and grading practices and to mitigate the impact of farm husbandry waste on the environment.

The districts in Hawaii are all in need of additional personnel to manage the conservation programs, create conservation plans, and monitor progress and verify compliance with individual contracts. Without additional help, we run the very real risk of being unable to provide timely, efficient and accurate service to our cooperators. This would mean less Federal monies being brought into the state for the purpose of resource conservation and that would ultimately hurt every person in the islands.

Without the state's financial support and the work of many volunteer directors, our island environments would be more vulnerable to degradation. Although the districts do not have a large public presence, the work we do quietly is valuable and deserving of your continued support.

Thank you for your time.

David Schell
GM, Island Princess Macadamia Nut Company
Kea'au

4-H Dirt Devils
Dr. Daryl Yamada, leader
11 Hanale Way
Kula, HI 96790

March 2, 2015

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House District 37
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 420
415 S Beretania St, Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **Support of HB 822**, making an appropriation to the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts

Dear Representative Yamane and members of the House Water and Land Committee,

As the next generation of stewards of Hawai'i land and future planners and engineers, the 4-H Dirt Devils directly benefit from the work and support of the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts and we whole-heartedly support HB 822.

Students from grade 7-12 learn to analyze the physical properties of soil and the environmental factors affecting land use and make comprehensive and accurate recommendations for different classification of land through the 4-H Soil Conservation Program. The 4-H Dirt Devils competed independently and successfully went on to the state and national competitions, having had comprehensive demonstrations and hands-on training by field experts, including members of the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts.

Your support of HB 822 will assure that Hawai'i's students will garner an awareness and appreciation of the land and learn skills that bring an understanding of land and water issues facing our government and private land-owners in the planning and best utilization of Hawai'i's land. The Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts support student learning and appreciation of Hawai'i's land and water.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the important work of the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts and funding provided by HB 822. Mahalo!

Our best regards,

Daryl Yamada, 4-H leader
4-H Dirt Devils

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Leslie Takayama	Waiakea Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments: Funding will benefit our shared goals of reducing loss of our soil resources and maintaining our clear waters through soil conservation planning and implementation for our agricultural producers.

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Harry von Holt	Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd	Support	No

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Brian Hashiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To the Chair and Members of the Finance Committee, I strongly support the funding for the HACD as they provide valuable services the County of Maui as well as it's residents. While employed for the County of Maui at the Department of Public Works, I serve as an Associate Director for the West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District, and see first hand the benefits of the HACD and it's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Again, I strongly support this measure and the funding provided. Thank you, Brian Hashiro Highways Division Chief Maui County DPW

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Watkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill and request to have the effective date restored to July 1, 2015.

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Carol Reimann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure--this funding is critical to keep Soil and Water Conservation Districts in operation across the state.

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Darren Strand	Individual	Support	No

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David Stoltzfus	Individual	Support	No

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Garret Hew	Individual	Support	No

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Support	No

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Ira Uradomo	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Hew	Individual	Support	No

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Jeana	Individual	Support	No

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Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	No

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John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

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Kylie Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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Maggie Kramp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A State Voluntary Board cannot adequately provide enough time to initiate, implement, and support its program. Please pass HB822 to better serve the farmers, ranchers, land users, civic groups, schools and government agencies on state and federal programs relating to water quality and conservation of our natural resources.

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Morris Haole Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure will provide much needed funding in support of conservation efforts in the various counties. Please pass this bill.

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Rhonda Stoltzfus	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Clements	Individual	Support	No

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Wesley M Nohara	Individual	Support	No

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Taylor Kellerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please restore the date to be effective on July 1st 2015.

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: strongly support

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Kanoe Malani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Conservation Specialist positions created from this bill will benefit Hawaii's lands and communities tremendously. Please restore the date to be effective July 1, 2015. We need the assistance now!

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Joseph D Pluta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support State Prudent efforts to recognize the vital role the Soil and Water Conservation districts have for the benefit of us all. This Bill must pass and be adopted accordingly. HACD provides funding to all of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the State. This funding is critical to keep our SWCDs in operation. Malama Pono ame Mahalo.. Joseph D Pluta, Lahaina, HI 808-661-7990

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John McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Jeremiah Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please restore the date to be effective on July 1, 2015 so that Hawaii farmers have access to conservation support.

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Doug MacCluer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The 16 SWCDs of Hawaii are volunteers of the State. They were formed under Hawaii Soil & Water Conservation Law, Chapter 180. Please pass HB822 to help these volunteer boards of directors to better serve its community and various governmental agencies.

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Amy Bugado	Individual	Support	No

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Frederick M. Mencher	Individual	Support	No

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Adolph Helm	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie Takayama	Waiakea Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments: Pleasing change the funding date from July 1, 2050 to funding effective July 1, 2015.

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 822 HD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII
ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 822 HD1, which appropriates moneys for the Hawaii association of conservation districts to assist with its staffing and operating costs.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

This bill provides necessary funding to support the management of the state mandated Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). The SWCDs are crucial to Hawaii's agricultural industry as it provides much-needed assistance throughout the state. Most of the directors of these SWCDs are unpaid individuals who volunteer their time to assist agricultural communities throughout the state to develop conservation plans and address issues such as erosion and water quality. HB 822 HD1 would provide continued support to the state's agricultural community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.