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SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND
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Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committees:

My name is Charles Struwe and I am a Farmer. **I strongly support SB1126 and offer comments.**

The purpose of SB1126, A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOREST STEWARDSHIP, is to "clarify conditions that must be met by applicants to receive funds under the Forest Stewardship Program".

Landowners who wish to participate in the forest stewardship program must prepare and submit a forest stewardship management plan (Section 195F-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes). This is no easy task.

To assist landowners in Idaho, the State of Idaho, through its Department of Land (IDL), provides "The One Plan for Multiple Use Management in Idaho" which meets all plan standards for the IDL Forest Stewardship Program, Idaho's Natural Resources Conservation Services Forest Management Plan, and Idaho's Tree Farm Plan. (See copy of the IDL's World Wide Web page attached). Materials provided include a document discussing the standards to be used in the plan as well as guidelines for its completion, a template for drafting the plan, and a form authorizing the release of the plan. This makes the process of producing a plan far easier and less costly for the both the landowner and the State of Idaho.

I respectfully request that such a program be implemented in the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Assistance for Forest Landowners

IDL Private Forestry Specialists and the Forestry Assistance Bureau staff provide technical and educational assistance to help forest owners maintain their property, create and enhance forest habitat and maximize financial benefits.

Assistance may include management planning and advice on harvesting, thinning, planting, hazard fuel reduction, and water quality and wildlife habitat improvement. We also oversee compliance with the Idaho Forest Practices Act on all private, State, and federal forests in Idaho.

For assistance, contact your local IDL area office.

Tools for Foresters - "One Plan"

The *One Plan for Multiple Use Management in Idaho* meets all plan standards for the IDL Forest Stewardship Program, Idaho's Natural Resources Conservation Services Forest Management Plan, and Idaho's Tree Farm Plan.

- [One Plan Standards and Guidelines - April 2013](#) (pdf)
- [One Plan Template](#) (Word file)
- [One Plan Approval, Signatures Page](#) (pdf)
- [Release of File Information](#) (pdf)

Tools for Landowners

Doing right by the land involves making decisions carefully. To help with this, IDL recommends developing a Forest Stewardship Plan, also known as the "One Plan." Landowners with a Forest Stewardship Plan qualify for discounted registration fees to attend selected educational programs.

- [Idaho Forest Stewardship Program](#) (pdf)
- [A Stewardship Handbook for Family Forest Owners](#)
- [Forest Stewardship Program Resource Elements](#)
- [Understanding Your Plan](#)

Resources for Visual Planning & Mapping for your property

- [Forest* A *Syst](#)
- [My Land Plan](#)
- [Web Soil Survey](#)

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/service/index.html>

Standards and Guidelines for Writing a One-Plan for Multiple-Use Forest Management on Private Lands in Idaho

Plans developed through use of this guide should meet the standards of each; Forest Management Plans (for NRCS conservation activities), Tree Farm Plans (for American Tree Farm System), and Forest Stewardship Plans (for Idaho's Forest Stewardship Program).

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/service/one-plan-guide-april-2013.pdf>