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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members, LLCP funds should NOT be used to fund a "study" Mahalo, Angela Huntemer, North Shore O'ahu.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bennette Misalucha	Hawaii Crop Improvement Association	Support	No

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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE/ WATER & LAND,
And PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Testimony on Senate Bill 1374

RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE

February 13, 2015. Room 224. 3:00 PM

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Aloha Chair Ruderman, Chair Thielen and Chair Espero and Members of the Committee.

I am Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA). HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes ag bio tech to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA strongly supports the intent of Senate Bill 1374.

Agriculture has been a transformational part of our Island economy. In the 1900s, about 62% of Hawaii's work force were composed of agricultural workers. In 2011, that figure has been reduced to 1.25% of the workforce. Many of today's Island families trace their roots to the plantation days when agriculture dominated the economic landscape.

The reasons for agriculture's demise can be explained from a local as well as global perspective. However, today, we recognize the need to return to our agricultural roots, we embrace the mandate to produce a more sustainable model for diversified ag and we understand the need to push for efforts that would allow more resources to be available for this purpose.

We appreciate this bill's intent to push this agenda forward and we strongly support any initiative as stated in the State constitution, for the State to *"Conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands."*

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Ann Shiota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I strongly oppose SB 1374. Although the desire to preserve agricultural lands is consistent with Hawaii's Constitution, this bill is simply a disguise for building more prisons, and eventually partnering with private for profit corporations. This bill is based on the false premise that the only solution to prison overcrowding is to build state of the art prisons. Many jurisdictions, including New York and Texas, have reduced prison overcrowding and even closed prisons, as result of effective Justice Reinvestment strategies. We have the ability to reduce our over-reliance on incarceration and overcrowding by investing in Justice Reinvestment strategies that include, but are not limited to, pre-trial diversion programs, sentencing reform and increasing educational, substance abuse, mental health and other vocational training services. Swapping lands will not decrease prison overcrowding. Moral leadership will. Rather than throwing \$500,000 towards a report about swapping lands, please invest those funds into educational and vocational trade programs and substance abuse treatment that have proven cost-effective in decreasing our prison population. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel S. Nakasone	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB 1374. O'ahu is home to the majority of the state's population and in times of disaster where shipping is cut off, we have the greatest risk in terms of food supply. Preserving the agricultural lands for food production in the central plain make to most sense for now and into the future. With climate change and warmer temperatures agriculture will need the higher elevations to produce food. Majority of the foods produce is now near sea level. With the former Galbraith lands soon to be in production there will be critical mass and opportunities to create economies of scale and efficiencies. There other farms being developed such as the 90-acre goat dairy.Rose Arce Farms out of Iowa that purchased 325 acres across the street from the Galbraith lands to build a egg farm with over a 1 million birds. Hawaiian Earth Products is also located there and together with Rose Acre Farms inputs such a natural compose and fertilizers would be conveniently located to help reduce cost and reliance on imported synthetic inputs. Respectfully, Dan Nakasone, Wahiawa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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E Yadao	Individual	Oppose	No

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SB1374 - OPPOSE

RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE.

It is clear what promoters of this bill are trying to do: negotiate the trading/selling/removal of *public* land from the *public* trust.

It is equally clear what promoters are trying NOT to do: create the appearance they are NOT removing *public* land from the *public* trust and that they are NOT violating Hawaii's *public* land trust and constitutional mandates which prohibit the sale or transfer of *public* lands.

The state of Hawaii does not own the land, they are the trust administrators of the land which is held in trust specifically for the Native Hawaiian people or as many contend, the general public.

In Hawaii, *public* lands are to remain *public* lands. This bill asks to make *public* land into private land. It does not matter if it is done through money or exchange because it will transform the classification of *public* land to private land. This is illegal.

In addition to this fraudulent proposal the parties ask for an exorbitant payment in order to "study" the 'exchange'. Ironically, the targeted funds would come from the Legacy Land Conservation Program, a publicly funded non profit trust, created to protect *public* lands. This is an improper use of the Legacy Land Conservation Program fund.

In accordance with sound business practices, studying/investigating is something that is done prior to a proposal at one's own expense not through the taking from public monies and trusts for personal enrichment. This Public-Private partnership is a personal enrichment regardless of being tailored to portray a public benefit.

Please do not pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: no Legacy Land funds for prisons

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose. Dipping into the wrong cookie jar. LLCP funds were NEVER meant for any prison funding. Maybe we need to start reducing our prison population of people who committed victimless crimes. Leg monitors are far cheaper. Yes, it would be great to save farmland for food, but there's no guarantee that will happen. This bill is very fishy. The Koch Bros. & their 'Reason Foundation' have been salivating over prison Public Private Partnerships since the PLDC was incorporated, in regard to prisons in 5 other states, including ours. (2011 Private Prison Report) In this report they mention Hawai'i's drug problem, suggesting 'unlimited occupancy' into the future as an 'industry' sales pitch to investors. Touting Ag is an end run to get what they want & have us pay for it. Buy the farmland, lease it to real food farmers, not more poison seed acreage. Reduce the prison population, save money. People before corporate profit

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sharon willeford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We got rid of PLDC last year! n Hawaii, public lands are to remain public lands. This bill asks to make public land into private land. It does not matter if it is done through money or exchange because it will transform the classification of public land to private land. This is illegal.

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