

Testimony for Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture Monday, February 01, 2016, 2:45 p.m. Room 224

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

## SB2788 Relating to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

Dear Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in SUPPORT of SB2788 to provide allow the Molokai irrigation system users who are members of the Advisory Board to designate their agents, officers, or employees participate on the Board. It also removes the requirement for having a GET license.

I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pulama Lanai. I am also a commission member of the Molokai – Lanai Soil and Water Conservation District, representing the island of lanai. Pulama Lanai is the entity that was set up by Larry Ellison to work with the community and government as we move the island of Lanai toward sustainability.

This change to ACT 154, Section 167-23 willl by providing an opportunity allow the advisory board to include an agent, or other knowledgeable person attend the meetings should the member not be able to attend. It will allow alternative attendees who have the most information on a specific subject attend the relevant meetings.

We humbly ask that you support SB2788. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana With warm aloha,

Lynn P. McCrory Senior Vice President of Government Affairs

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

# BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

February 1, 2016 2:45 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224

# SENATE BILL NO. 2788 RELATING TO THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD

Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2788. The purpose of this measure is to allow listed members of the Molokai irrigation system water users' advisory board to be represented by agents, officers, or employees of their respective organizations. The Department respectfully offers the following comments.

The department respectfully recommends that the language for §167-23, HRS be amended to reflect the original language prior to the 2010 amendment. The statute was amended by inserting a new §167-23(b). The new section set criteria that members had to meet and added a seventh board member. Since the change, the department has found it difficult to recommend new board members. The board currently has two out of seven seats filled.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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