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**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**JANUARY 31, 2020  
9:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2444  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2444. This measure temporarily authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease and establishes conditions and qualifications for a lease. It sunsets on June 30, 2025. The Department supports the intent of this bill and offers the following comment.

If the Committee is inclined to move this measure forward, the Department respectfully requests that instead, it consider supporting Senate Bill 2708, Relating to Agricultural Enterprises, which is also being heard on this agenda. Senate Bill 2708 would address the leasing challenges sought to be remedied in this measure by providing greater flexibility in determining eligibility and uses under our agricultural leases. Many of our tenants in our Agricultural Parks and Non-Agricultural Parks programs would be a far better fit in the Agricultural Enterprise Program. This program allows for outside investment capital and more flexibility in the holding of the lease. Meanwhile, the continued transfer of appropriate land assets into the existing Agricultural Park and Non-Agricultural Park Programs, allows the those programs to



continue concentrating on the growing of food to meet Hawaii's food sustainability goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





**Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

**HB2444**

Temporarily authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease. Establishes conditions and qualifications for a lease. Sunsets 6/30/2025.

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2020

TIME: 9 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312, State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

My name is Nicole Galase and I am the Managing Director for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. I am writing to **support HB2444.**

HCC is committed to supporting our civic leaders promote a coherent state-wide policy for sustainable development. Using the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a framework, we advocate policy that; increases local food production to promote food security, protects agricultural lands, promotes carbon neutrality, models sustainable land use, protects our watersheds, supports long-term stable employment that embraces technology and innovation, contributes to the health and well-being of the community, and encourages public, private and civic partnerships.

We support expansion of opportunities for certain entities, including farmers, to obtain investment capital for their operations and be eligible for non-agricultural park leases. Modern agriculture requires significant investment in infrastructure and often require the need to attract investors in improve production. Current HDOA rules for non-agricultural park lands require that at least 75% of the members of agricultural corporations, cooperatives, or partnerships be "bona fide farmers," severely limiting the ability of farms to seek outside investment.

We support HB2444 and appreciate the opportunity to comment on this bill.





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January 29, 2020

Honorable Chair Creagan and Vice-Chair DeCoite

Re: Support HB2444

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

Please join me in supporting HB2444. I do not believe we should be limiting the potential for expansion of agriculture in Hawaii. It is too important for food security, economic diversification and for better health of our residents.

This bill will make it possible for more agriculture projects to move forward.

Thank you for your support and this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Steve Chaikin  
President, Molokai Sea Farms



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2020  
TIME: 9 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 312  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Re: HB2444 Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Committee Members

The Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association (HAAA) strongly supports the intent of HB2444 to expand opportunities for farmers on Department of Agriculture's non-agricultural park lands to obtain investment capital and partnerships for their operations, to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Recent and emerging technological advances have created opportunities for innovation in agriculture that may improve efficiency, increase yields, and encourage sustainable farming practices. However, these technologies often require high investments of capital that small and mid-size farmers are often unable to access alone. By partnering with investors or establishing partnerships with others who have access to such technologies and capital, farmers may be able to invest in these technologies and other capital necessary to establish and grow their businesses.

Currently, the Department's administrative rules on the non-agricultural park lands program contain provisions that require at least seventy-five percent of such partnership members, including investors, to qualify individually as bona fide farmers, and they may also be subject to a durational Hawaii residency requirement. These requirements significantly limit a farmer's ability to access the capital necessary to acquire these state-of-the-art technologies which can cost up to \$2-3 million per acre.

HB2444 addresses this existing investment constraint for farmers on non-agricultural park lands by exempting individual members, trustees, officers, and stockholders of certain entities from the required individual qualifications of a "bona fide farmer". However, Section 2., pages 6 and 7, B. and C., which place restrictions on operational decision-making authority regarding crop or product selection and pricing, and on primary crops or products, respectively, may not be consistent with the purpose of this act to expand opportunities to obtain investment capital. The latter is also not be consistent with the intent of Act 151 (2019), which set the goal of doubling food production and increasing food exports,

and, does not allow for the production of endemic food crops or non-food medicinal, nutraceutical, fiber, or ornamental crops. For these concerns, we defer to the Department of Agriculture.

In summary, the HAAA respectfully requests your support of this important measure to expand opportunities for farmers to obtain investment capital and partnerships for their operations on non-agricultural park lands. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB2444.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Weidenbach  
HAAA President





**EAST OAHU COUNTY FARM BUREAU**  
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January 29, 2020

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture  
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee,

The East O'ahu County Farm Bureau, which represents approximately 420 farmers and supporters of agriculture from Waimanalo to Kahuku, **strongly supports the intent of HB 2444, "Relating to Agriculture,"** which would enable greater investment in farming operations.

Currently, HDOA's rules require that at least 75% of the members of agricultural corporations, cooperatives, or partnerships must be "bona fide farmers" in order to qualify for non-agricultural park leases. However, modern agriculture often requires infrastructure such as greenhouses, shade houses, drip irrigation lines, aquaculture tanks, processing facilities, and equipment for seeding and harvesting. Farmers need to satisfy increased food safety requirements, to conserve water, to reduce fertilizer input, and to protect their crops from pests and diseases while minimizing pesticide use – all while maintaining or increasing yield and quality in order to compete in the marketplace. Farmers need to seek investment capital to build or improve their farms, but few if any investors would qualify as "bona fide farmers" under current rules. HB 2444 would reduce this impediment by allowing passive investment in agricultural and aquacultural operations that meet certain requirements and that are approved by the board of agriculture.

We agree with the intent of HB 2444 that the board of agriculture should decide which operations are acceptable for leases on HDOA's non-agricultural park lands. We therefore must express concerns with items B and C of the proposed legislation, which restrict the types of operations that the board may approve. In particular, item C allows leases only to those operations that "are primarily to produce food crops or products that contribute to the replacement of similar food crops or products that are imported into the State." This restriction appears to prohibit consideration of local products like taro, papayas, and ti leaves; valuable export products for which Hawai'i is known like coffee, macadamia nuts, and shrimp broodstock; and ornamental and other useful but non-food crops. We therefore respectfully request that HB 2444 be amended to allow the board of agriculture more freedom to determine which farms and which crops are suitable for HDOA leases.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Mencher  
for Grant Hamachi, President  
East O'ahu County Farm Bureau





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January 31, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2444**  
**RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Room 312  
9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 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.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports HB 2444**, which authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease.

This bill is *essential* for Hawaii's farmers who lease agricultural land under the Department of Agriculture non-ag park program. In order to meet our State goal to increase food production and become more self-sufficient, farmers must improve efficiency and increase yields, and accomplish this in an environmentally-friendly manner.

In many cases, this requires huge investments of capital that our small and medium-size local farmers just don't have – costs can be in the millions of dollars per acre. This bill would allow our farmers to establish and grow their farms by partnering with those who have access to the necessary technologies and funds.

We respectfully ask that the bill be amended, as it is described in the legislative summary, to allow the experts at the Department and the Board of Agriculture the discretion to decide, on a case-by-case basis, the details of who a local farmer can partner with, and under what conditions, in order to best meet Hawaii's food and other crop production needs, as well as increase Hawaii's agricultural exports. We would be pleased to work with you to ensure the language mirrors the intent of the bill.

Thank you for your continued support of our local farmers who look forward to providing more of Hawaii's agricultural needs.



# HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In Support of HB2444  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

House Committee on Agriculture  
Friday, 01-31-20 9:00 AM  
House conference room 312

Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair Decoite, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) support HB2444, which temporarily authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease. Establishes conditions and qualifications for a lease.

Currently, HDOA rules for non-agricultural park lands require that at least 75 percent of the members of agricultural corporations, cooperatives or partnerships be “bona fide farmers.” This severely limits the ability of farms to seek outside investment.

Given the state’s food sustainability goals, individual farmers and small farm corporations are going to need to attract investors to expand and improve their farms’ production. Substantial investments in infrastructure will be needed, such as greenhouses, processing facilities, wells, pumps and irrigation systems. Small farmers don’t have the financial resources to do it on their own.

Please support HB2444 to make agriculture more sustainable for our farmers. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Emmanuel Zibakalam  
Program Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture 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 economy.*

**HB-2444**

Submitted on: 1/30/2020 9:06:29 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/31/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



**HB-2444**

Submitted on: 1/30/2020 10:41:38 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/31/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Corbin	Aquaculture Planning & Advocacy LLC	Support	No

## Comments:

I support this bill, which provides the Department of Agriculture greater flexibility in issuing leases for agriculture and aquaculture farming activities on non-agricultural park lands under its control. The change is very consistent with the current needs and requirements of modern agriculture and aquaculture development. It is also consistent with the State policy of sustainable development and greater local food production.

**HB-2444**

Submitted on: 1/30/2020 9:33:14 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/31/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:



Hawai'i Aquaculture &  
Aquaponics Association  
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council  
Hawai'i Farm Bureau  
Federation  
Hawai'i Farmers' Union  
United  
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Hawai'i at Manoa

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Friday, January 31, 2020 – 9:00 AM - Room 312

**RE: HB 2444 - Relating to Agriculture – In Support**

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition supports HB 2444 which temporarily authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease and establishes conditions and qualifications for a lease and sunsets on 6/30/2025.

Modern agriculture often requires substantial investments in infrastructure such as greenhouses, processing facilities, wells, pumps and irrigation systems, and aquaculture tanks or troughs. These investments are often beyond the financial capacity of individual farmers or small farm corporations, who would need to attract investors in order to expand and improve their farms' production. Current HDOA rules for non-agricultural park lands require that at least 75% of the members of agricultural corporations, cooperatives, or partnerships be "bona fide farmers," severely limiting the ability of farms to seek outside investment. The Local Food Coalition believes this measure will address this existing investment constraint for farmers on non-agricultural park lands.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

We respectfully request your support of HB 2444. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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**HB-2444**

Submitted on: 1/30/2020 1:46:21 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/31/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Over the many years of working with local farmers and ranchers, I am convinced that this bill is necessary to allow Hawaii's farmers the opportunity to remain viable, produce more for our communities, and compete with all the mainland and foreign products coming into our islands. Please support our dedicated and hard-working farmers by passing this bill, amended to allow the Board of Agriculture the discretion to determine appropriate conditions on the investors our local farmers can partner with. Small farmers need investors with the funds and technological expertise to help them stay competitive. These types of investors are often not Hawaii-based but that should not be an issue. Thank you.

## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Alika Napier <alika.napier@corteva.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:56 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

I support HB2444, which temporarily authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease.

This measure will support modern agriculture, which often requires substantial investments in infrastructure such as greenhouses, processing facilities, wells, pumps and irrigation systems, and aquaculture tanks or troughs. These investments are often beyond the financial capacity of individual farmers or small farm corporations, who would need to attract investors in order to expand and improve their farms' production. The current Hawaii Department of Agriculture rules for non-agricultural parklands requires that at least 75% of the members of agricultural corporations, cooperatives, or partnerships be "bona fide farmers," severely limiting the ability of farms to seek outside investment.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Creagan,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!  
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Sincerely,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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**From:** april5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Lee <april5@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** In support of HB 2114 to strengthen pesticide protections  
**Categories:** Blue Category

Dear Department of Agriculture Testimony,

I urge your commitment to the health of Hawai'i's citizens and families. PLEASE support HB 2114 to increase fines for pesticide use violations. Also be a force for Good by requiring the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

The Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding Study group determined that the State's regulation of pesticides has failed to protect our residents. The report urges the State to protect us from exposure to pesticides and to do a better job of monitoring their use.

I also support the HB2114 to make warnings mandatory, and making those records available publicly. The time for action is now.

Mahalo from my entire ohana! Wish I could send photos of them all...your heart is in the right place by taking this important action on HB 2114

Sincerely,  
April Lee  
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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Bailey Clay <bailey.clay@beckshybrids.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:43 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

I support HB2444, which temporarily authorizes the Board of Agriculture to decide on a case-by-case basis which entities qualify for a non-agricultural park lease.

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Bart Lofton <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:00 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Brian Watanabe <aipoohana@hawaiiintel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

Dear Chairman Creagan,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Brian Watanabe  
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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Broderic Allen <misterallen220@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:00 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444  
  
**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Bruce Schnicker <bjschn88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Chad Gonzales <gonzalesyardcare@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 5:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Charles Carter <charliemcarter@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Christina Sirlin <christina.r.59@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:11 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** County Farm Bureau <jerrysfarmkauai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:33 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Purple Category

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Darren Strand <darren.strand@mahipono.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Dawn Bicoy-Stephenson <dawn.bicoy@bayer.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:58 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** dexter jacinto <yardtamers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:23 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Donald Lau <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Elton Mow <orchidplantation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:22 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** GLENN TOYAMA <gtoyama67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 7:15 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

GLENN TOYAMA  
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**From:** James gomes <jag@urmaui.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:28 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jerry Nishek <jerry@kauainursery.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joe Munechika <joe.munechika@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** John Gordines <gordines@kauaiflowers.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:13 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joni Kamiya <jonikamiya@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Judy Brogle <Vates1oki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:25 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Justin Cadiz <justin.cadiz16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Justin Cadiz  
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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Laurie Yoshida <laurieyoshida@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Laurie Yoshida  
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Lihue, HI 96766  
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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** LUANA BECK <holuanaranch@yahoo.om>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:04 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kunitake <melvin.kuni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:06 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Patricia Wilson <cheeta.wilson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 7:39 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Paul Bienfang <bienfang888@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:13 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Peter Boucher <pboucher@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:42 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Phil Becker <sales@aikaneplantation.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:42 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Tiffani Hull <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Richard Ogoshi <ogoshi@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 7:58 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 5:40 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

Dear Chairman Creagan,

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Rome Lamosao <lamosao77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Roy Asao <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:19 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Sandi Kato-Klutke <skatoklutke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Sierra-Lynn Stone <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:52 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Stephanie Iona <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:38 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Takamiyashiro <pamtaka14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

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**From:** Susan Cabral <s.kronecabral@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:14 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Mahalo!

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Terra Lavery <tlav@cstcsafety.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:03 PM  
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**Subject:** I support HB2444

**Categories:** Blue Category

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Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Tin Myaing Thein <myaing2@pacificgatewaycenter.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Tom Atkinson <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** William Lydgate <wlydgate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:10 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Mahalo!  
Will Lydgate

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**From:** Young Tarring <young@applebananas.com>  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## **decoite2 - Aurielle**

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**From:** Danette Llanos <danette.llanos@hartungbrothers.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:48 AM  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Stephanie whalen <whaleinn1944@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 12:29 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Iris Shimabukuro <iris@hawaiianeggcompany.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:44 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Louis Daniele <louis@kaucoffeemill.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:54 PM  
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**Subject:** I support HB2444

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**From:** Amy Chun <achun@hawaiiantel.net>  
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**From:** Annette Nles <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:13 PM  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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## decoite2 - Aurielle

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**From:** Maile Kamisugi <uluandkalobakery@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2444

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