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### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committees on WATER AND LAND and AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 11, 2019 2:45 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of SENATE BILL 1542 RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR A KUNIA WELLS IV EXPLORATORY WELL

Senate Bill 1542 proposes to appropriate \$1,000,000 in general obligation bond funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for the design and construction of a Kunia Wells IV exploratory well to provide additional water supply within the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) system for growth, including diversified agriculture. In turn, the BWS would pass the benefits of this well by offsetting impact fees for new farmers to support the agriculture industry on Oahu. The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.

The Department's Water and Land Development program (LNR 141) is authorized to coordinate and implement water source and water system projects to support of the overall economy of the State. This project is consistent with LNR 141's objectives. The Department proposes the following changes to Senate Bill 1542 to clarify and effectuate the intent of this measure:

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of land and natural resources for the board of water supply to offset the design and construction costs for one of

### SUZANNE D. CASE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER
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four exploratory water wells proposed by the board of water supply for the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station, which will provide additional water supply for growth, including diversified agriculture. [The] If the funds are used for the design and/or construction of one of four exploratory water wells, the board of water supply is prepared to pass the benefits of [these appropriated funds to] this well to offset the impact fees for new farmers to support the agriculture industry on Oahu [and ensure the impact fee for new farmers].

SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the purpose of designing and constructing an exploratory well for the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station, as follows:

- 1. To be expended by the department of land and natural resources (LNR141):
  - A. Proposed Kunia wells IV pump station, Oahu.

    Design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for growth, including diversified agriculture.

Design and Construction	\$1,000,000
Total funding	\$1,000,000

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

### **BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**

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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair and Members Committee on Agriculture and Environment Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Kaiali`i Kahele, Chair and Members
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Kahele and Members:

Subject:

Senate Bill 1542, Relating to an Appropriation for a

Kunia Wells IV Exploratory Well

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports Senate Bill (SB) 1542. This bill appropriates funds for the design and construction of one of four exploratory water wells for the proposed Kunia Wells IV pump station to meet future potable water requirements for diversified agriculture. The BWS concurs with the suggested amendments by the Department of Land and Natural Resources outlined in their testimony.

Due to new federal Food Safety Modernization Act rules, farmers have informed the BWS they will need greater access to irrigation and potable water; the latter is required for crop washing of leafy vegetable crops. In several areas of Oahu, access to the BWS municipal system is the only source of potable irrigation supply.

The appropriated funds will help to offset some of the capacity impact fees for new farmers to support the agricultural industry on Oahu. BWS is prepared to pass the benefits of these appropriated funds to farmers throughout the municipal water system in the form of affordable water system impact fees for new or larger water meters to support the agriculture industry on Oahu.

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair and Members

The Honorable Kaiali`i Kahele, Chair and Members February 11, 2019 Page 2

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on SB 1542.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST Y.W. LAU, P.E.

Manager and Chief Engineer

<u>SB-1542</u> Submitted on: 2/10/2019 8:06:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/11/2019 2:45:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:



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February 11, 2019



# HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

#### **TESTIMONY ON SB 1542**

RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR A KUNIA WELLS IV EXPLORATORY WELL

Room 224 2:45 PM

Aloha Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Ruderman, and Members of the Committees:

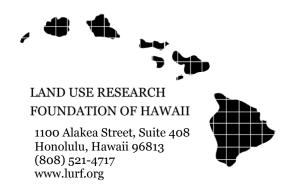
I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 1542, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR141) for the design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for diversified agriculture

Affordable and reliable waters for irrigation is a basic requirement for sustainable agriculture. Across the country, irrigation systems are heavily subsidized. Currently, new infrastructure investments are occurring in the West to ensure water will be available for agriculture. Hawaii's farmers face expenses far beyond that of their continental or foreign counterparts due to input costs, utility costs, and water. There is no doubt that water infrastructure development has lagged the needs of population growth across the State. In addition to new development, repair and maintenance of aging infrastructure also need to be addressed. In addition to those meeting potable water needs, there is an equal need to address irrigation and other water requirements associated with agriculture.

HFB appreciates the support by the legislature in our past efforts to help Hawaii's farmers achieve compliance with the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act. As the actual rule has been rolled out by FDA the immensity of the task is becoming evident. Basic requirements for water quality are clear. Untreated water that was considered the norm for agriculture may no longer be acceptable in certain cases based on the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act or FSMA. Nonpotable systems will require farmers to take additional measures that will increase costs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



February 7, 2019

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Water and Land

Comments in Support of SB 1542 Relating to Kunia Wells IV Pump Station; Exploratory Well (Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for diversified agriculture.)

#### Monday, February 11, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. in Conf. Rm. 224

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of SB 1542** and of the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including Important Agricultural Lands in Hawaii. This bill articulates the need to provide alternative water sources to offset costs that Oahu farmers are required to pay to start up or expand their capacity for diversified agriculture using water from the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS).

**SB** 1542. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the BWS to offset the design and construction costs for one of four exploratory water wells for the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station, which will provide additional water supply for growth, including diversified agriculture. The BWS is willing to pass the benefits of the appropriated funds to farmers to support the agriculture industry on Oahu.

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**LURF's Position.** Since large amounts of prime agricultural lands and irrigation systems became available for conversion to diversified agriculture as a result of the plantation closures in the 1990s, the State has had the opportunity to strengthen and expand Hawaii's diversified agriculture industry. Agricultural lands, however, require significant quantities of water to support and maintain productivity.

Many Oahu farmers depend on discounted water rates from the BWS and will likely need greater access to potable water for irrigation and crop washing to comply with new Food Safety Modernization Act rules. It is difficult, however, for the BWS to maintain its agricultural discount which is in effect, a subsidy by BWS' commercial and residential customers. The appropriation proposed in SB 1542 would assist BWS with the cost of locating and developing new water resources and will help relieve the competition for water, thus allowing BWS to maintain lower rates for farmers.

Local farmers and ranchers who rely on water infrastructure systems to service their agricultural lands consider such assistance critical to conduct their agricultural operations and to sustain their businesses. These agricultural stakeholders believe measures such as SB 1542 which involve cooperation and support from the business and economic community will greatly help by providing funding necessary to develop and improve water infrastructure systems for the long-term betterment of the State's agricultural industry, and depend on legislation such as this to allow them to work toward the expansion of diversified agriculture; promote the agricultural self-sufficiency of the State; and to protect water as an important resource.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports SB 1542** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this matter.

<u>SB-1542</u> Submitted on: 2/10/2019 10:45:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/11/2019 2:45:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments:

DAVID Y. IGE Governor JOSH GREEN Lt. Governor



### STATE OF HAWAII AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

235 S. Beretania Street, Room 205 Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: (808) 586-0186 Fax: (808) 586-0189

# TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
AND LAND
Monday, February 11, 2019
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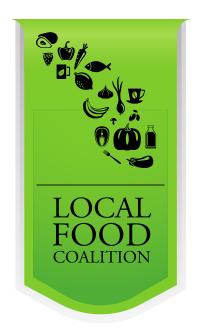
SENATE BILL NO. 1542
RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR A KUNIA WELLS IV EXPLORATORY WELL

Chairpersons Gabbard and Kahele and Members of the Committees:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC supports Senate Bill No. 1542, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR141) for the design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for diversified agriculture.

Available, economical, and clean irrigation water is the lifeblood of commercial agriculture on Oahu. Proper irrigation systems can support uninterrupted agriculture operations by enhancing production and productivity of agriculture land. However, as competition for fresh water increases, new potable water sources must be identified and individual farmers are unable to bear the cost of exploration. The proposed Statefunded well is key to long-term planning for agriculture in the Oahu Central Plain.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your consideration of this bill.



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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 11, 2019 - 2:45 PM - Room 224

### RE: SB 1542 - RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR A KUNIA WELLS IV EXPLORATORY WELL - IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Ruderman and members of the Committees:

The Local Food Coalition **supports SB 1542**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR141) for the design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements.

The viability of Hawaii agriculture depends upon the accessibility to clean potable water for irrigation and crop washing to comply with new Food Safety Modernization Act rules. The assistance in funding is critical for local farmers and ranchers to sustain and operate their businesses. Funding assistance for agricultural initiatives such as this, strongly reflect the State's commitment towards increased production and consumption of local foods and products.

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 SB 1542. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

John Garibaldi 808-544-8319 jgaribaldi@wik.com



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## **Board of Directors 2018 - 2020**

#### TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President Joshua Uyehara In Support of SB1542
Relating to Water Infrastructure and Development

<u>Vice-President</u> Warren Mayberry SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

February 11, 2019, 2:45 p.m.

Conference Room 224

Secretary
Dawn Bicoy

Chairs Gabbard and Kahele and members of the committees:

<u>Treasurer</u> Laurie Yoshida The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) supports SB1542, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the design and construction of one exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for diversified agriculture.

Directors-at-Large Alan Takemoto Adolf Helm Leslie Campaniano Dan Clegg Joshua Uyehara Warren Mayberry

Access to potable water for irrigation and crop washing is vital to Hawaii agriculture and given the new federal Food Safety Modernization Act rules, this may become costlier and more difficult for Oahu farmers. The proposed funding assistance to provide alternative water sources would offset some of the costs to farmers to start up or expand their capacity for diversified agriculture using water from the Board of Water Supply.

President Emeritus
Alan Takemoto

Please vote in support of SB1542. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Executive Director
Bennette Misalucha

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Respectfully,

Executive 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.

 From:
 Thomas Kafsack

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:45:43 PM

Aloha Chair Kahele, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee,

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 From:
 Sylvian Cho-Moody

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 6:46:12 PM

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 From:
 Susan Mulkern

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:29:14 PM

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 From:
 stephanie whalen

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 Sharon Iwasaki

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Saw Thinn

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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**Date:** Monday, February 11, 2019 9:34:26 AM

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 From:
 Sandi Kato-Klutke

 To:
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 From:
 Roxann Parran

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Rowena Moen

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Ronald Mckeehan

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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From: Rodney & Karol Haraguchi

To: WTL Testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT SB 1542

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 Robert Paull

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 Randy Cabral

 To:
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 From:
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 To:
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 From:
 Pat Iwamoto

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

**Date:** Monday, February 11, 2019 1:52:00 PM

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 From:
 Nicole Correa

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:42:11 PM

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 From:
 Miles Mulcahy

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 Melvin Kunitake

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:12:48 PM

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 From:
 Matt Lyum

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

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 From:
 Mark Phillipson

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:08:06 PM

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 From:
 LUANA BECK

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 Laurie Yoshida

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 laurie ho

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Laila Jayyousi

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:29:57 PM

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 From:
 Joseph Rosanova

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

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 From:
 Joni Kamiya

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:19:43 PM

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 From:
 John Gordines

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 John Giblin

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

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 Jeffrey McCall

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 Jeff Tupea

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SB 1542

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 From:
 Jean Brokish

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 Jari Sugano

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 James Tavares

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 J Ashman

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 GLENN TOYAMA

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 Frederick Mencher

 To:
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 From:
 FERDINAND DOSONO

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 Elsie Garcia

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Dustin Alderks

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Daysi Valiente

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 From:
 Clyde Fukuyama

 To:
 WTL Testimony

 Subject:
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 Carolynn Lum

 To:
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 To:
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 From:
 Bennette Misalucha

 To:
 WTL Testimony

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 To:
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