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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026
2:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2113, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2113, House Draft 1. This bill appropriates funds for the removal of overgrown vegetation from the Kainahola Stream on Kaua'i. The Department respectfully provides comments.

The Department complied with the court orders entered in the civil case cited in the bill by thoroughly clearing the portion of Kainahola Stream located on land managed by the Department in 2024. Since then, the Department has leased the land and the tenant has been keeping up with required maintenance. A segment of the stream extending from the makai boundary of the Department-managed property downslope to the Kapa'a Bypass Road was not cleared. That segment of the stream is located on property the Department believes is managed by the Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT-Highways), designated as Tax Map Key: (4) 4-3-004:008 (Parcel 8). When Kainahola Stream reaches the Kapaa Bypass Road, it passes under a DOT-Highways bridge before continuing on to the sea.

The Department appreciates the amendment made by House Draft 1 of the measure that redirects the appropriation of funds to DOT-Highways as the agency managing Parcel 8.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

To: Representative Chris Todd, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: February 24, 2026

RE: House Bill 2113 HD1
Measure Title: RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.
Report Title: DOT; Kainahola Stream; Appropriation (\$)

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support House Bill 2113 HD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore