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HB 2293, Relating to Agriculture

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Brower, Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Andrew Hashimoto, and I serve as Dean of the UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). This testimony is presented from the perspective of the dean of CTAHR and someone who has participated in the Important Agricultural Lands discussions for the past five years, and does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i. I am pleased to provide testimony on House Bill 2293, which authorizes issuance of revenue bonds to purchase land in Central O'ahu from the Galbraith Estate; appropriates funds to purchase the lands; and enables the Agribusiness Development Corporation to contract with lending institutions to provide lease management services.

Protecting important agricultural lands is fundamental to Hawai'i's future. Hawai'i imports about 85% of the food it consumes. Prices for that food and for energy are projected to continue increasing. Growing food locally improves our food security, and the production of biofuel and bioenergy crops has great potential for lessening our dependence on imported petroleum. In addition, farming supports our tourism industry by conserving green, open countryside that our visitors value.

Demand for residential development in Central O'ahu is high and will remain so in the foreseeable future. By enabling the Agribusiness Development Corporation to purchase from the Galbraith Estate important Central O'ahu agricultural lands and lease those lands for up to 55 years, HB 2293 will guarantee the long-term availability of these lands and their irrigation assets for farming and will support the continued growth of diversified agriculture in Hawai'i. The State of Hawai'i should purchase strategic parcels of important agricultural lands to ensure that they remain in agriculture in perpetuity. The Galbraith Estate lands addressed in HB 2293 constitute one of these strategic areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Re: Our Nation's acquisition of the Galbraith lands in entirety; and the extremely valuable  
Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) surrounding and centered by Kukaniloko.

aloha mai e:

This vital opportunity for our Nation to acquire these critical TCP/National Treasures are before us.

These negotiations for the ceded land issues raises the value and critical attention for these said properties to be a part of a successful ceded lands settlement agreement.

It is important to note, we have important Traditional Cultural Properties study agreements with the OHA Native Rights, Land and Culture for the surrounding complex, Kukaniloko, National Treasures. To explicitly provide assessments and important evaluations and to provide connecting cultural values through these facts for you.

This is a rare opportunity for acquisition of valuable Traditional Cultural Properties for our Nation and to protect and save our National Treasures. Also, is recognized and supported by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) in convention by resolutions of 2000 and 2007.

Please call upon 'Aha Kukaniloko/Koa Mana spokesperson kahu Tom Lenchanko concerning this critical and important matter.

olu olu mai 'oe 'I'o lako ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono

'owau no me ka ha'a ha'a

Tom Lenchanko  
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I was shocked to read you members of this committee feel it is your desire to acquire private lands(our land/Galbraith Lands) in the public interest for the health welfare, and safety of the people of Hawaii. It made me & the other heirs feel that we do not have the health, welfare and safety of our family, friends and neighbors on Oahu. On the contrary we have discussed among ourselves what we would do once those lands come into our hands.

First, we have have a website to contact all heirs. Second, 633 letters were sent out last year and only 9 have been returned "unable to forward". Third: we have researched with companies on the internet in reference to establishing A. Solar Farm, B. Wind Farm and C. Biomas Farming to serve the people of Hawaii. Third: Once the Trust is dissolved , we would establish a LLC. to operate this ecological farm . Should any of the heirs decide to receive their stocks or bonds in kind, they could invest them into the LLC. A portion of the profits would be put in bonds to be used to buyout any heirs who desire to leave the LLC thus keeping it in the family.

We would approach the Federal & State via The Hawaii-Clean Energy Initiatives, which are now being discussed today at the Honolulu Convention Center. We believe in the vision, determination and the entrepreneurial driveto succeed.

After this Legislative Session is completed, Many of you will be seeking a new term in office, and seeking

the voter's confidence by trusting you with their vote. We the heirs of the Galbraith Trust are asking for your confidence in us (Mr., Mrs., Ms. Ordinary Hawaiian Citizen ) We won't let Hawaii Down!!

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