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**TESTIMONY OF ALFREDO LEE
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON
WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND
AGRICULTURE**

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8:30 a.m.

**HOUSE BILL 2354
RELATING TO INDEMNITY**

Chairpersons Ito and Tsuji and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2354. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) supports the intent of this bill.

The ADC fully recognizes the importance of dams and reservoirs in sustaining Hawaii's agricultural industry. The ADC feels this bill offers a practical and fair incentive for landowners to get relief from the liability of owning dams and reservoirs provided that they agree to designate the land served by the dams and reservoirs as "important agricultural lands". We defer comments on legal implications to the attorney general.

Thank you.