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To:
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
State of Hawaii

In Favor Of:

Concurrent Resolution 113 (HCR 113), Requesting the Department of Agriculture to Consult with Other Public and Private Entities to Develop a Plan to Optimize the Use of the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant

Dear Senators, and To Whom Else It May Concern:

My wife and I are part owners of Waimēa Lahānā Farm Lot #22A-1. We believe that the Waimēa (Kamuela) Vacuum Cooling Plant not only should continue its current function of providing a valuable service that allows the farmers of Waimēa and the Big Island to provide safe, Hawaiigrown food to our neighbor islands, but in addition, the Vacuum Cooling Plant property should be a focus for a variety of other agricultural operations, services as well.

For example, this property would be an ideal location for a "Community Farmers Market" that would encourage and promote more locally grown produce and networking opportunities for local farmers. In addition, this property should be a site for a large wind turbine (there is excellent wind at that location) that would provide clean, green power for the cooling plant and the local power grid.

The purpose of this resolution, as I understand it, is to investigate all possibilities and think outside the box. Everyone knows that it is imperative; Hawaii must become more self sufficient in food and energy production. This property is an ideal place for such a model of commitment by our Hawaiigovernment.

Sincerely submitted,

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