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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 15, 2011  
1:15 pm  
Room 225

**RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS  
HB 331 HD2**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, as the largest non-profit general agriculture organization representing approximately 1,600 farm and ranch family members statewide, **strongly supports** the intent of this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to provide existing State land lessees the opportunity to enjoy the rewards of their investments and facilitate future planning, while continuing to serve the public and contribute to Hawaii's economy, by giving the BLNR the authority to extend the lease term.

HFBF respectfully proposes that the intent of this bill would be better served by eliminating altogether the aggregate cap on lease terms because a long-standing, good lessee who has invested time, money, and effort should not be automatically terminated because of an arbitrary lease term.

We agree with the testimony of DLNR that notes the misplacement of the term limit and recommends that the amendments to Section 171-36(b)(2) be eliminated. If there must be a 65 year cap, it should be referenced in Section 171-36(b)(3)(2).

HFBF is also concerned that the current language regarding the reopening of leases may encourage DLNR **not** to extend a lease for a good tenant but rather to lease to an entity that may be willing and able to pay a higher lease rent than the current lessee. A speculator venturing into unproven activities or enterprises that may not benefit the local community but who can pay "fair market rental" may, in the short term be looked upon more favorably as a potential lessee.

HFBF would be pleased to work with the Legislature and DLNR on language to accomplish the intent of this measure. Thank you very much for the opportunity to offer support.

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March 14, 2011

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chairman of the Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee  
Hawaii State Capital  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

RE: **House Bill331**  
POSTION: **SUPPORT**

I am writing in support of House Bill HB331. HB331 allows businesses currently leasing land in the Kanoelehua Industrial Area of Hilo the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business. Lease lands account for a vast majority of land in the Kanoelehua Industrial Area. An uncertain future created by the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is blighted with many buildings in disrepair. By extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to provide to these businesses financial resources for much needed capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. HB331 will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. The passing of HB331 will enable the affected Lessees to plan for the future. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Colleen Y. Aina  
President and General Manager

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TAKAMINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

January 26, 2011

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chairman of the Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee  
Hawaii State Capital Room 202  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases. Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

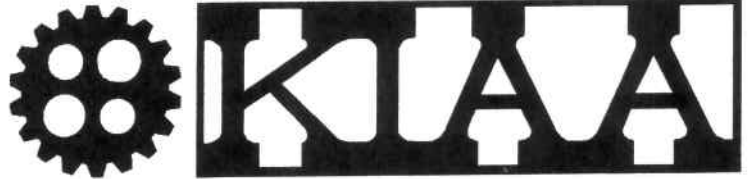
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig S. Takamine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Craig S. Takamine, President



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President

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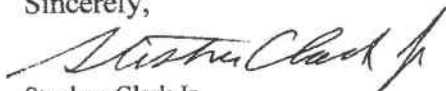
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Stephen Clark Jr  
President, Pacific Circulation, Inc

**Bert M Wagatsuma**

Certified Public Accountant  
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January 31, 2011

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Conference room: 225  
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Submitted on: 3/15/2011

Comments:

It is very hard to maintain my business with this current economic situation. Extending the lease will allow us to prepare to move or be in a better position to continue and expand our business.