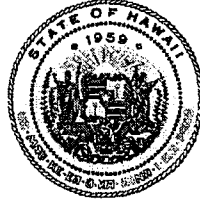
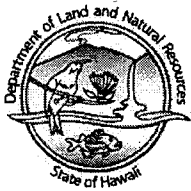


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WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011
9:20 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1209
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

Senate Bill 1209 would appropriate \$100,000 in each of the next two fiscal years for the operation and the maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System. The Department of Land and Natural Resources recognizes the merits of having a planned environmental education facility adjacent to the Wailua Reservoir and anticipates added value to the facility based on proposed activities that involve the Reservoir.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
and Committee Members
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Committee Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee:

**SUBJECT: SENATE BILL NO. 1209 (APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR CONTINUED
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION
SYSTEM)**

My name is Derek S. K. Kawakami, and I submit these comments in my capacity as an individual member of the Kauai County Council.

I humbly request your support of Senate Bill No. 1209 which provides a \$100,000 appropriation for the continued maintenance and operation of the east Kauai irrigation system by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative.

This appropriation would serve both State and private lands in East Kauai and allow continued agricultural use of these lands. The impact of this funding is far-reaching, and in the long run will contribute to greater food security for our island and State.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Derek S. K. Kawakami
Kauai County Councilmember

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Comments:

The State has no money. This is a waste of taxpayer money on a project that is not a State responsibility.