

**SB 14**

**nishihara5 - Randy**

---

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 2:00 PM  
**To:** AGL Testimony  
**Cc:** Leslie.Campaniano@hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB14 on 2/3/2011 2:45:00 PM  
**Attachments:** SB14\_AGR\_2-3-2011\_AGL-final.pdf

Testimony for AGL 2/3/2011 2:45:00 PM SB14

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position:  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: James Nakatani  
Organization: Hawaii Department of Agriculture  
Address:  
Phone: 973-9552  
E-mail: [Leslie.Campaniano@hawaii.gov](mailto:Leslie.Campaniano@hawaii.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor



State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
1428 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512

RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

JAMES J. NAKATANI  
Deputy to the Chairperson

TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011  
2:45 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

SENATE BILL NO. 14  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 14. The purpose of this bill is to expand the authorized uses of the agricultural development and food security special fund to include improvements and investigative studies of dams and reservoirs and to fund these projects through an appropriation from General Obligation Bonds. The Department supports the intent of this bill.

The addition of language to possibly fund activities for dams and reservoirs from G.O. Bonds spotlights the importance of these structures as they are a critical component in functioning irrigation systems. Access by private interests to matching funds to make necessary improvements may provide the necessary incentive to the owner to rehabilitate the structure instead of abandoning it.

Finally, we would like to note that the proviso in section two of this bill regarding private revenues may inadvertently restrict the State from accessing the fund for its own reservoir improvements as "...no funds shall be made available from the agricultural development and food security special fund under this Act unless private revenues are provided to match the funds...". The Department would not be able to provide the necessary matching private revenues which may prohibit its use. We respectfully suggest that the language be changed to apply only to non-State entities.



**nishihara5 - Randy**

---

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:37 PM  
**To:** AGL Testimony  
**Cc:** warrenmcfb@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB14 on 2/3/2011 2:45:00 PM  
**Attachments:** SB14 Dams and Reservoirs.doc

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Testimony for AGL 2/3/2011 2:45:00 PM SB14

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Warren Watanabe  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [warrenmcfb@hotmail.com](mailto:warrenmcfb@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:



2343 Rose Street, Honolulu, HI 96819  
Phone: (808) 848-2074; Neighbor Islands: 1-800-482-1272  
Fax: (808) 848-1921; e-mail: [info@hfbf.org](mailto:info@hfbf.org)

**Testimony**  
**RE: SB14 Relating To Agricultural Development**

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of our commercial farm and ranch families and organizations across the State, strongly supports SB14, expanding the use of the Agriculture Development and Food Security Special Fund.

The Ag Development and Food Security Special Fund was created to accelerate the renovation and development of agricultural infrastructure across the State. Currently we have a situation in which existing infrastructure is at risk. Safety certification requirements that were not on our radar screen at the time of enactment of this fund are now threatening the existence of many agricultural water storage facilities.

Extensive engineering studies followed by corrective actions are placing extreme economic burdens on our farmers and ranchers. They all want to do the right thing. Safety is of utmost concern. At the same time, it is not the intent of the Dam And Reservoir safety law to put farmers and ranchers out of business as they try to comply with the measure. This bill provides a mechanism to leverage private spending with assistance using fund resources. Testimonies will be received by this body from farms and ranches across the State providing unique examples of impacts of this measure.

We respectfully request your assistance in passing this measure to protect our critical agricultural water infrastructure while complying with safety requirements. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter. If there are questions, please contact Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of MCFB at 2819718.

**nishihara5 - Randy**

---

**From:** Dan.Nellis@dole.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 7:20 AM  
**To:** AGL Testimony  
**Cc:** poshiro@abinc.com  
**Subject:** Support for SB 14 Dams and Reservoirs matching funds

Sirs:

Dole Food Company Hawaii strongly supports SB 14 and in particular the provision for matching funds for dams and reservoirs capital improvements and investigative studies. This will provide an opportunity for owners to move ahead on improvements and assure continuing public safety while providing the essential resource of accessible and affordable water for agriculture.

Respectfully,

Dan Nellis

Daniel Nellis  
Operations Director  
Dole Food Company Hawaii  
ph: (808)621-3200  
fax: (808)621-7410  
e-mail: [dan.nellis@dole.com](mailto:dan.nellis@dole.com)

-----  
-----  
The preceding e-mail message (including any attachments) contains information that may be confidential or may be otherwise intended as non-public information. It is intended to be conveyed only to the designated recipient(s). If you are not an intended recipient of this message, please notify the sender by replying to this message and then delete it from your system. Use, dissemination, distribution, or reproduction of this message by unintended recipients is not authorized and may be unlawful.

**nishihara5 - Randy**

---

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 6:11 PM  
**To:** AGL Testimony  
**Cc:** pihanoha@ksbe.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB14 on 2/3/2011 2:45:00 PM  
**Attachments:** SB 14 testimony 020311.doc

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Testimony for AGL 2/3/2011 2:45:00 PM SB14

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Thomas K. Duarte  
Organization: Kamehameha Schools  
Address: 567 South King Street, #400 Honolulu, Hawaii  
Phone: 523-6368  
E-mail: [pihanoha@ksbe.edu](mailto:pihanoha@ksbe.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:



## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

By

Thomas K. Duarte, Regional Asset Manager  
Endowment/Land Assets Division, Strategic Resources

Hearing: Thursday, February 3, 2011

2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229, State Capitol

February 1, 2011

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee

**Support for SB 14 Relating to Agricultural Development (Expands authorized uses of the agricultural development and food security special fund to include the improvement and investigative studies of dams and reservoirs.)**

As an institution dedicated to prudent stewardship of agricultural and conservation lands, Kamehameha Schools (KS) is **in support** of **SB 14**, which expands the authorized uses of the agricultural development and food security special fund to apply to **dams and reservoirs**, as well as investigative studies to identify and assess necessary improvements thereto.

**SB 14**. This bill would expand the present language of Section 141-1(c)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to include **dams and reservoirs** amongst the "real property, irrigation systems and transportation networks," toward which agricultural development and food security special funds may be expended for purposes of necessary improvements. Language is also being added to the statutory provision to provide that investigative studies to identify and assess said necessary improvements be included as well.

**KS's Position**. There is a need to clearly articulate that HRS Section 141-10(c)(3) applies to "**dams and reservoirs**", as part of the "real property, irrigation systems, and transportation networks necessary to promote agricultural production or processing activity." Adding the additional language to include investigative studies to identify and





## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

assess necessary improvements further strengthens the statute and makes explicitly clear that special fund monies may be expended for such purposes. This is critical to enabling continued use of these irrigation systems to support agriculture in Hawaii.

KS is in support of SB 14, and urges your positive consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.