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The cost of infrastructure needed to graze cattle has increased dramatically over the last ten years. If a rancher is put in a position where they face the loss of a long term lease from the state of Hawaii they are forced to look for other property to graze displaced animals. In some cases other agricultural land may be available, but is void of any fencing infrastructure needed to graze cattle. Fair compensation for the loss of such a lease would help a rancher recovers some of their cost which can help reduce the cost of fencing if a rancher is able to find available Ag land.

Thank You,
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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 1617, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

Room 211
9:00 AM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Chief Operating Officer and Government Affairs Liaison for the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF supports HB 1617, HD2, SD1, which provides fair compensation when leased public land for agricultural or pastoral uses is withdrawn, condemned or taken for public purpose and transfers the parcels of land identified by the TMKs (1) 9-4-012:001, (1) 9-4-012:002, and (1) 9-4-012:003 to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

During the AFBF Convention held recently in Honolulu, the President of American Farm Bureau Federation told nearly 7,000 farmers and ranchers from across the country, we are the 1% providing for the 99%. This clearly articulates the reality of agriculture today. Highly productive farmers and ranchers are able to provide for many, providing opportunities for people to pursue career choices without having to worry where their food comes from. These farmers and ranchers also support not only their families but provide employment and support other businesses in the community.

Premature and unexpected loss of leases severely impact the viability of our farmers and ranchers. Investments in infrastructure, supplies and labor are lost. Continuation

of farming or ranching will require further investments that may challenge a farmer or rancher carrying loans that were used for existing infrastructure and supplies.

ADC was initiated by the agricultural industry as the closure of plantations escalated and there was a need to identify mechanisms that could quickly place farmers on lands that were destined to be idle.

HFBF believes that ADC has a tremendous amount of power and has a responsibility in continuing to assist Hawaii's transition from plantation agriculture to smaller diversified agricultural operations.

We respectfully request your support of this measure in the name of increased sustainability and self sufficiency.

I can be reached at (808) 848-2074 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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