

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS

HOUSE BILL 1948

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

PRESENTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FEBRUARY 2012

CHAIRPERSONS CLIFT TSUJI & ANGUS MCKELVEY and Members of the Committees:

STRONG SUPPORT.

M y name is Loren Mochida, Director of Agriculture Operations at W. H. Shipman, Limited in Keaau on the Big Island. We are a local kamaaina-family owned land management company that is engaged in Agriculture and Commercial/Industrial development and leasing. We currently lease lands to over 130 individual growers at W.H. Shipman, Ltd.

W. H. Shipman, Ltd., supports HB 1948 and its intent, Relating to Agriculture. This Act will assist in enforcement and deter thefts and the profits that thieves gain from them by clarifying the current requirements and requiring proof of identification upon the sale of farm goods to buyers.

Illegal trespassers and hunters not only increase the liability for the landowner and their families and workers but also decrease their revenue from stolen products. They also inflict damages to the plants in removing farm products.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1948.

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