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Comments:

Dole Food Co. Hawaii strongly supports HB868; the provision for matching funds for capital improvements and investigative studies will ensure continued public safety and accessible, affordable agriculture water, an essential resource for Hawaii's agriculture and food security.



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TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
THE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

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Support for HB 868 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 HB 868**, 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.

HB 868. 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



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transportation networks necessary to promote agricultural production or processing activity." Adding the additional language to include investigative studies to identify and 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 **HB 868**, and urges your positive consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.