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Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the bill. Please make copies to distribute to the committee. Note that our Government Affairs Chair Jerry Ornellas will be at the hearing to answer any questions you may have.

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The Voice of Kauai's Agriculture

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February 2, 2011

ATTN: Committee on Agriculture
Senator Nishihara (Chair) and Members of the Committee

RE: SB1209 Relating to the East Kauai Irrigation System
Testimony of Kauai County Farm Bureau in SUPPORT
Roy Oyama, President

HEARING DATE: February 3, 2011 – Committee on Agriculture, Room 229, 2:45pm

Kauai County Farm Bureau on behalf of our member farm and ranch families, and affiliated with Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, **requests your support of SB1209**, requesting \$100,000 in funding over two years to support operations and maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System.

It is a stated goal of our government to work together to provide for a sustainable and prosperous future for our state and its diverse communities, with greater food security.

Maintaining water infrastructure and strategically upgrading it is critical to promoting the growth of diversified agriculture on Kauai and we therefore ask for your renewed support.

This state owned system serving State and private land in Kapaa and Kalepa has been managed and maintained by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative over the past nine years through a combination of State and County grants and with volunteer assistance and support. The state has invested \$2.8 million in capital improvements, which when completed and maintained will ensure these reservoirs and ditches are in excellent operating condition.

This request has been identified as a top shared priority across agricultural commodities on Kauai. The Kauai County Farm Bureau Commodity Groups Committee currently includes members of Kauai County Farm Bureau, Kauai Cattleman's Association, Kauai Taro Growers Association, Kauai Landscape Industry Council, Kauai Coffee growers, Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association and Hawaii Tropical Flower & Foliage Association/Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Association. The Committee works closely in partnership with Government Affairs to gather input on specific commodity needs and identify shared Kauai issues, of which water infrastructure and specifically this project has been identified as a priority in 2011.

Please lend your support to SB1209. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roy Oyama
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Comments:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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DATE: Thursday February 3rd, 2011

TIME: 2:45 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee,

Syngenta Hawaii supports SB 1209. SB 1209 would appropriate funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system. These funds are critical to the continued success of existing farming operations and the development of future agricultural operations in East Kauai. Without water and infrastructure to deliver water, farmers cannot survive. The members of the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative (Cooperative) have worked tirelessly for years to maintain the existing infrastructure which provides value not only to farmers but to residents and visitors alike. Please help them continue their efforts to provide this valuable service to the people of Kauai.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo,

Laurie Goodwin

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We support the Kauai Farm Bureau testimony on this bill.

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Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Cindy Goldstein, Ph. D

SB 1209 Relating to Appropriation for East Kauai Irrigation System

COMMITTEE ON AGL
Feb 3, 2011 at 2:45 pm
Conference Room 229

Chairman Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee

My name is Dr. Cindy Goldstein, representing Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., with facilities on Oahu and Kauai.

Pioneer Hi-Bred strongly supports SB 1209 appropriating funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. produces corn, soybean and sunflower seed crops in Hawaii, with two locations on Kauai. We carry out research and development at our Waimea Research Center and multiply seed at Kekaha Parent Seed to develop new hybrids and varieties that are more productive for farmers in the US and around the world. Pioneer employs approximately 400 people in a wide range of types of jobs on Oahu and Kauai.

Pioneer strongly supports funding for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System for the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative to operate this state-owned irrigation system. Many agriculture operations rely upon water from aging irrigation systems that require substantial maintenance to continue operating. Sufficient water is needed for agricultural operations to continue thriving. The number of farmers on Kauai is increasing and demands for water from the East Kauai Irrigation System for production of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and other agricultural products will only increase.

Agricultural producers rely on water from this system and others on Kauai benefit as well. Local residents will benefit as water from the Wailua reservoir can allow expanded recreation for public fishing and camping. The Fern Grotto draws many tourists and water from the system is keeping this area green and contributing to business operations that rely on tourist visits.

Users are contributing but the funds are not adequate. Pioneer supports state government funding for maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation system.

We respectfully support this bill to meet the needs of agriculture and because of the additional beneficial uses of this water system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for this hearing.

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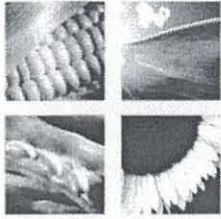
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Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii

Testimony By: Alicia Maluafiti

SB 1209 - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM

The Senate Committee on Agriculture
Thursday, February 3, 2011
Room 229, 2:45 p.m.

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Position: Strongly Support

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, a nonprofit trade association representing the seed industry in Hawaii. HCIA strongly supports SB 1209.

Currently, four of five of HCIA's member seed companies maintain operations on the island of Kauai therefore they are vested in the agricultural future of their communities. But like most islands, their 100-year old irrigation system now owned by the state and operated by a Kauai cooperative is in disrepair and facing serious maintenance issues. Any disruption in delivering water to farmers could severely impact their viability as we saw after the earthquake on the big island.

We implore upon the state to approve an appropriation for the continued operation and maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation system. We also encourage the state take to take a serious look at the irrigation systems on other islands facing similar challenges.

We ask you to please pass SB 1209. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

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Aloha!

Please see attached Testimony in Support of SB1209: Making an appropriation for the operation and Maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System.

Day/Date/Time: Today, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2:45 p.m., Room 329

Mahalo,

Randall Francisco
President/CEO
Kauai Chamber of Commerce
Cell = 346-4538

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February 3, 2011

Testimony to Hawaii State Senate - Committee on Agriculture
February 3, 2011, 2:45 p.m., Capitol Conference Room 229
Hawaii State Capitol



Honorable Senators Chair Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair Gilbert Kahele, and members:

Dear Senators:

RE: Senate Bill 1209: Making an Appropriation for the Operation and Maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System

My name is Randall Francisco and I am President/CEO of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce which comprises of approximately 450 members, 650+ representatives and 6000+ employees from across 119 industry sectors of whom 89% of the members are small businesses. The Chamber appreciates the efforts being made by members in addressing the many needs of our state, especially, during this tough economy.

On behalf of the Chamber, I am writing to express support of SB1209.

The Chamber joins the Kauai County Farm Bureau, the East Kauai Water Users Cooperative and the many, many members of our business, agriculture, horticulture and related industries in this effort to provide much-needed funds in order to support the operations and maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System. This short-term investment in the 'System' is critical to the long-term growth, survival and stabilization of the region's ability to support the industries, maintain the area's rural landscape, and continue to contribute to economic and workforce development opportunities for our present and future generations as well as contribution to the quality of life we enjoy on Kauai. We all aware of the multiplier effects. More importantly, the socio- and economic benefits will provide the trickle-down effect to families who continue to live paycheck-to-paycheck. Your support and boldness in approval of this bill will contribute to the economic recovery that the people of Kauai and Hawaii need to return to a place of economic well-being and peace of mind. Furthermore, the legislation demonstrates that Hawaii is a pro-business climate and that Kauai can continue to diversify our economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at Kauai Chamber of Commerce, 245-7363. Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha.

Randall Francisco
Kauai Chamber of Commerce