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TESTIMONY OF ALFREDO LEE
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
1:15pm
Room 225

SENATE BILL NO. 1444
RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURE

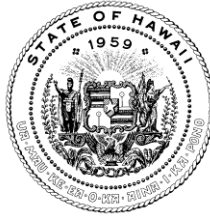
Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1444. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) would like to provide comments.

In 2007 ADC had a reconnaissance study done on the Wahiawa Irrigation System. The comprehensive findings of the study would most likely address a substantial portion of the objectives raised in SB 1444. The ADC can make this report available in the hopes that it may reduce the need to expend the time costs to produce the plan requested in this bill. We recommend updating the existing report then developing an "implementation plan" to address the report's findings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**Testimony of
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
Water, Land, and Housing**

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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1444
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Senate Bill 1444 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to develop an agricultural use development plan for the improvement of the water quality in Lake Wilson. While the Department acknowledges the intent of this measure, the Department nonetheless does not feel it is the appropriate agency to develop an agricultural use development plan for Lake Wilson as improving the water quality do not fall within the purview of the Department's expertise and oversight.

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