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Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211  
Friday, February 24, 2012; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2352, SD1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2352, SD1, which authorizes \$10,000,000 in special purpose revenue bonds to assist Kauai Coffee Company, Inc. in the planning, construction, and operation of a coffee processing facility for the production of Hawaii-grown coffee products.

As sugar began to decline in the 1980s and 1990s, agricultural companies started experimenting with different crops to determine which would be a suitable replacement for sugar. Kauai Coffee began when McBryde Sugar was winding down. Kauai Coffee has successfully cultivated, processed, and marketed a viable coffee product that makes good use of high yield agricultural land that otherwise would have remained fallow for years, like many former sugar lands throughout the state.

Kauai Coffee needs to expand and take advantage of a growing market for locally produced coffee. Kauai Coffee employs many workers and, with the expansion, will be able to offer jobs to even more workers. The ILWU continues to represent workers in agriculture statewide, including those at Kauai Coffee, and continues to support agriculture in Hawaii.

We support Kauai Coffee's desire to expand and to keep agricultural lands in cultivation, thereby preserving open space and a rural lifestyle that may be lost if support is not provided for agricultural operations to remain viable.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2352, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2012

Comments:

The Chamber is in strong support of this legislation that will benefit this important industry on Kauai, for the long term. In approving this bond fund, Kauai Coffee Co., will be able to leverage its capacity as a business and further diversify its operations. Furthermore, the business has demonstrated significantly to this community of how important coffee and the agriculture sector is to our economy, both for agriculture, diversified agriculture, tourism, jobs, taxes, and, our quality of life. Mahalo. Randall Francisco on behalf of the members, representatives and, employees of the the chamber's members.

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Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this measure to support Kauai Coffee and a healthy agriculture sector here on Kauai. Kauai Coffee is one of the only companies on Kauai and perhaps in the state to successfully transition from a sugar growing and processing operation to another locally grown agricultural product that we proudly produce here on Kauai and share around the world as a signature product. Please support this measure.