



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE

SENATE BILL 2354, SD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

PRESENTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

MARCH 2012

CHAIRPERSON TSUJI and Members of the Committee:

STRONG SUPPORT.

My name is Loren Mochida, Director of Agricultural 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 individually growers at W.H. Shipman, Ltd.

W. H. Shipman, Ltd., and their growers provide strong support to SB 2354, SD1, Relating to Agricultural Commodities. This will establish criminal penalties for failure to maintain ownership of agricultural products or commodities. It will also 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 sale of farm goods to buyers.

The majority of stolen products or commodities are often sold to vendors at the local farmers markets on the islands. In order to restrain people from selling stolen agricultural products or commodities, a certificate of ownership or written proof of ownership shall be required or they face criminal offenses.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2354, SD1.



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Comments:

I am a Kona coffee farmer. From time to time I may sell product as cherry coffee, parchment coffee, or green beans. This bill would appear to make me vulnerable to identity theft by the buyer, his employees or said authorities by providing a copy of my identification. Therefore I oppose the bill as written having read it three times.