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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 3011, SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

Room 211
9:30 AM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Chief Operating Officer and Government Affairs Liaison for the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF supports the intent of SB 3011, SD1, which requires Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to transfer TMKs(9)4-0-12:001, (9)4-0-12:002, and (9)4-0-12:003 to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

From an agricultural industry standpoint, we believe that ADC is the more appropriate state agency that should have the authority to manage these TMKs. We also feel that the farmers and ranchers who are most interested in this type of land conservation program would be more comfortable with ADC since they are familiar with the industry.

HFBF defers to ADC to determine if they are prepared to manage these lands at this time.

I can be reached at (808) 848-2074 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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SB 3011 SD1
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Public Hearing – Friday, March 02, 2012
9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 211

By
David Penn, Environmental Center
COMMENTS ONLY

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and committee members,

The Environmental Center is concerned that the content of this proposed measure is overly difficult for the general public to decipher and represents a great disservice to legislative transparency. We suggest the SB3011 include the following information:

1. A narrative description of the lands in question that indicates the island, land division, state land use district, county zoning, size (area), geographic characteristics, human uses (past, present, and future), and current encumbrances for each parcel.
2. A complete TMK number for each parcel that includes the island numeric code, and a complete street address.
3. An explanation of the purpose for transferring the lands in question to the agribusiness development corporation. What is the intent of the agribusiness development corporation upon receiving these parcels?

Thank you for considering our testimony on this proposed legislation. Please note that our testimony is advisory only and should not be construed to represent an official institutional position of the University of Hawaii.