

SB 1215

Testimony



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January 30, 2013

Senator Clarence Nishihara
Chairman, Senate Agriculture Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

RE: In strong support of SB 1215

The Department of Agriculture is in need of sensible rules regarding the granting of new agricultural leases. Currently, if a bidder wins a lease and later falls out of contract, the bidding process starts all over again. This makes it very difficult for an aspiring future farmer. SB 1215 will give the DOA an option to advance the next highest bidder. This makes sense and will give bidders the land they need to farm as well as give the State welcome revenue for these unused lands.

Mahalo,

Clifford Migita
President WAA

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Submitted on: 1/28/2013

Testimony for AGL/WTL on Jan 31, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annette Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1215. This is a process that is sorely needed to get state agricultural lands leased out to qualified farmers without it taking years and years. It is a common sense solution to a lot of unnecessary red tape that doesn't help anyone who is trying to get farm land. If a bidder is found to be not eligible, the next bidder should automatically be considered.

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Kenneth Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Nishihara of the Agricultural Committee and Chair Solomon of the Water and Land Committee As a long time farmer on Oahu I support SB1215 to streamline the bidding and acquisition of farm lands.

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Agricultural Committee
Chair Solomon, Chair
Water and Land Committee
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Re: SB1215 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LEASES - SUPPORT
Hearing date Thursday, January 31, 2013, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229, State
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Dear Senators Nishihara and Solomon,

I support this bill. It will save our state time and money by improving the bidding process on leased agricultural lands. It will also support local agriculture by making it easier to attain affordable land for farming, a big hurdle for local farmers.

Thank you to Senator Thielen for proposing it.

Respectfully submitted,

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