



LANDSCAPE INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HAWAII

February 24, 2013

TESTIMONY FOR SENATE BILL N.O. 803

SENATE COMMITTEE WAYS AND MEANS

The Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 803 Relating to Water by encouraging the use of water conservation best management practices by large public water users.

The Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii has led the state on Irrigation Water Conservation being the first industry sector to produce comprehensive water conservation measures. The LICH Irrigation Conservation BMPs can be found online at: www.landscapenhawaii.org/library/documents/lich_irrigation_conservation_bmps.pdf.

Landscape irrigation uses upwards of fifty percent or more of our water. A poorly maintained or installed irrigation system can waste up to fifty percent of that water due to inefficient irrigation practices, poor components, evaporation and runoff.

Maintaining and installing water efficient irrigation systems is one of the most effective ways to reduce wasted drinking water, reduce run-off, reduce stormwater sediments and optimize plant health by applying the correct amount of water.

Senate Bill 803 encourages large public water users to adopt common sense Irrigation Water Conservation Best Management Practices to improve the efficiency of existing and new landscape irrigation installations savings upwards of fifty percent through low-cost and no-cost practical measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Hawaii's landscape industry has an economic impact of over \$520 million annually and full time employment of over 11,000 landscape professionals. Formed in 1986, LICH is a statewide alliance representing Hawaii's landscape trade associations. LICH can be found online at www.landscapenhawaii.org

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Comments: There is a lot of money spent each year on landscaping of State lands. Much of the cost are on providing water. Water resources are going to be more valuable in the future. Here is chance for the State to demonstrate wise use of resources .

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