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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 112, SD1  
RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE

Room 211  
9:00 AM

Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz, Solomon, Nishihara, Ige, Vice Chairs, Slom, Galuteria, Kouchi, Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,832 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.

**HFB is in strong support of SB 112, SD1**, which establishes the Whitmore project facility revenue bond special fund into which proceeds from revenue bonds shall be deposited for purchasing certain parcels of land from Dole Food Company, Inc.

HFB believes that in order for agriculture to flourish in Hawaii and reach their full potential, land availability and long-term leases at affordable and predictable lease rental rates are crucial. The acquisition by the state of the Dole Lands will significantly increase the available agricultural land under the State's control and will provide farmers with long-term leases that will enhance the economic viability of Hawaii's agriculture industry.

We believe this is an opportunity to further support and expand the state's ability to provide prime agricultural lands for farmers, which is consistent with the State's goal of increasing self sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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