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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE

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ROOM 229

SENATE BILL NO. 2294
RELATING TO IRRIGATION

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2294. The purpose of this bill is to authorize the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to make improvements to various irrigation systems. The department supports the intent of this bill and respectfully suggests the following changes.

Associated with irrigation systems are supporting facilities (base yards, engineering offices, etc.). These facilities, while not physically attached to the actual water distribution systems are vital to the irrigation system's operation and maintenance. Many of these facilities are in dilapidated condition and have been subject to break-ins, thefts, and inadequate space to efficiently conduct operations. The critical support nature of these facilities can be acknowledged by adding "and agricultural facilities" to line 15 on page one to read "for the purpose of making capital improvements to irrigation systems and agricultural facilities in the State."

In addition, we respectfully request that \$11,000,000 be inserted into line eleven on page one to assist in the continued improvements to irrigation systems and

