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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

FEBRUARY 28, 2014

TESTIMONY ON  
SB 2295  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII  
ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Chair Ige and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Community Affairs Manager for Monsanto Hawaii.

We **support** SB 2295 which appropriates funds for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). The HACD is one of the most important organizations that assist farmers and ranchers in maintaining and improving their agricultural lands. They provide a valuable land stewardship program that farmers and ranchers can utilize to help develop a soil and water conservation plan that protects the natural resources overall. These plans are often times required of farmers and ranchers to qualify for state and federal programs. The HACD has been well underfunded and needs additional funds to better service Hawaii's agricultural community.

We strongly support SB 2295 that gives the HACD the adequate funding that is necessary to support Hawaii's farmers and ranchers. Thank you.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Clegg	Vice Chair - Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB2295.

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janet ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Ah Mai	Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support funding the soil and water conservation districts for their vital role in increasing the productivity and capacity of the state's farming community.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leslie Takayama	Waiakea Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments: This bill helps fund Conservation Planner positions for several Soil and Water Conservation Districts. They help create conservation plans for our ranchers and farmers to avoid soil erosion and polluted runoff. This benefits all of us. Please help pass this appropriation to help strengthen Hawaii agriculture and keep our waters clean. Thank You.

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Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a director of the Hana Soil and Water Conservation District for the last several years, I see the great value of the Conservation Specialist in our community, and I fully support funding this position.

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Watson	Individual	Support	No

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