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Comments: Support for our conservation agencies is vital to the success of fragile Hawaiian agriculture

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Luana Beck	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! Support of SB2295 is vital to the continued "malama aina" of all natural resources of Hawaii. Conservation programs, projects and services offered by HACD are important "vehicles" to farmers and ranchers in their stewardship of the lands of Hawaii. I ask for your support of SB2295. Mahalo!

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Testimony in Support of SB 2295
Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol Room 225

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

My name is David "Buddy" Nobriga. I was born on December 7, 1926, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii. I served as a volunteer on the West Maui Soil & Water Conservation District Board from 1956 to 2008.

I strongly support SB2295 for the appropriation of funds for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to assist with staffing and operating costs.

The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts was organized in September 1954 to serve as the state instrument and voice for the conservation movement in Hawaii. It maintains and promotes relations with organizations and government agencies; publishes information about districts; works with youth, agriculture, urban programs, the environment, industry, and other fields; and provides specialized services to the Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

The SWCDs have long served the people of Hawaii, by providing planning and education/community outreach services to proactively manage erosion, and productively use our natural resources, while providing agricultural products to the community.

The SWCDs are legally constituted, self-governing units under the Hawaii Soil and Water Conservation Law, Chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes. We were organized for the protection and conservation of soil and water resources in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of people in this region.

The SWCDs exist under the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. The SWCDs receive an annual allotment of \$2050.00 from DLNR for operating expenses, which includes travel, printing and binding, postage, and education programs.

All of the programs involving SWCDs are community based. SWCD directors are citizens from their respective communities and welcome community input toward identifying natural resource problems. The SWCD Programs carries out its activities in partnership with County, State, and Federal agencies.

In the years that I have voluntarily served on the West Maui SWCD Board, we have done many things:

1. Conservation Planning (ongoing): The SWCDs work with Cooperators to develop conservation plans in an effort to minimize negative impacts of agriculture on natural resources. In partnership with all SWCDs Statewide and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
2. County Grading and Grubbing Permits (ongoing); The SWCDs responsibilities also include reviewing drainage and erosion control plans for land use changes, developments and subdivisions (Chapter 20.08.080

Grubbing and Grading Permit Review). Sponsors and/or Partners: Maui County SWCDs and the County of Maui DSA

3. Honolua Watershed Project: (1983 – 1997) These projects brought in \$14.25 million of Federal funds and established partnerships between, NRCS, West Maui SWCD, Maui County and private landowners to protect life and property, and improve coastal ecosystems.
 - Kahana Basin
 - Napili 4-5 Basin
 - Napili 2-3 Basin
 - Honokowai Basin and Channel
 - Mahinahina Basin and Channel
 - Honokeana Basin
 - Kaopala Basin
4. West Maui Algae Bloom Projects: (1993) \$50,000. This was a partnering project between West Maui SWCD, EPA, DOH, NRCS, and ML&P, to construct 2 sediment retention basins in West Maui.
 - Pohaku Kaanapali Basin
 - Smaller Kaopala Basin
5. Lahaina Interim Flood Control Project: (1997, with annual inspections) \$120,000. This was a partnering project between West Maui SWCD, EPA, DOH, NRCS, and ML&P, to construct 2 diversion channels and 3 sediment retention basins in West Maui as an interim measure to protect Lahaina town from flooding and storm damages.
6. Lahaina Watershed Project: (Current) \$14 million. This project is an ongoing partnering project between, NRCS, West Maui SWCD, Maui County and private landowners to protect Lahaina Town from flooding and storm damages.
7. West Maui 319 Projects (1992 – 2002) \$500,000. These projects were partnering projects between West Maui SWCD, EPA, DOH, NRCS, and ML&P, to construct multiple Best Management Practices (BMPs) on pineapple lands to reduce sediment runoff and improve coastal waters.
8. Puamana Channel Maintenance Project: (1999) \$21,000. This was a partnering project between West Maui SWCD, Puamana Homeowners Association and ML&P, to clean out Kauaula Channel in West Maui.
9. Lahainaluna High School Drainage Improvement Project: (1996, 2013) \$15,000. This was a partnering project between West Maui SWCD, NRCS, Lahainaluna High School, ML&P, and Puu Kane Farms to construct a diversion channel to protect flooding on lower school campuses.
10. State Land Terraces – Lahaina (2002): \$9,500 Construction of Terraces in partnership with DLNR, Maui Land & Pineapple Company, and West Maui SWCD
11. Sugarcane Diversion Improvements: (1994) \$50,000. Diversion Improvements. Partners: EPA, Dept. of Health, USDA-NRCS, Pioneer Mill, Maui Land & Pineapple Company, and West Maui SWCD
12. Kamehameha School Diversion Improvements: (1997) \$50,000 This was a partnering project between West Maui SWCD, NRCS, Kamehameha Schools to re-construct diversion channels in former sugar cane fields.
13. Feral Animal Control Fencing Project: (1998) \$100,000. This was a partnering project between West Maui SWCD, EPA, DOH, and West Maui Mountains Partnership Program to construct fencing in the upper West Maui Watershed to keep feral pigs and deer out of our native rain forest.

14. Farm Bill Projects: \$1.48 million. Through the SWCDs of Maui County, Farm Bill Projects have been awarded to farmers, ranchers and Ag landowners to implement conservation projects through EQIP, WHIP and WRP Programs.
15. Created Tri-Isle RC&D for the Island of Maui. Tri Isle RC&D Projects: over \$2.0 million. The SWCDs of Maui, Molokai and Lanai actively serve on the Tri Isle RC&D Board and sponsors projects to promote agriculture, improve rural life styles and protect our environment.
 - Molokai Ag Development Projects Phase 1,2,3, 4
 - Maui Ag Development Projects Phase 1, 2
 - Keanae Water Flume Restoration Project
 - Kahakuloa Stream Intake Project
 - Lanai and Molokai Market Places
 - Molokai Heifer Program
 - Coqui Frog Eradication Program
 - Miconia Eradication Program
 - Ulumalu-Peahi Water Line Distribution
 - Maui Invasive Species Committee fight against, noxious weeds
16. Animal Stocking & Quarantine Station (2003): \$66,000, Develop staging area for livestock shipping. In partnership with West Maui SWCD and Maui Cattlemen's Association
17. Hawaii State Livestock Waste Management Guidelines (2008-2010): \$50,100. West Maui SWCD is partnering with U.H. Cooperative Extension Service, USDA-NRCS, EPA, State of Hawaii-DOH Waste Water Branch and Clean Water Branch and representatives of livestock producers to update the State of Hawaii-DOH's Livestock Waste Management Guidelines developed in 1996.
18. Conservation Awareness Program: (Annually) \$1,000 for Island Contest, \$6,000 State Contest, and \$10,000 National Contest. The Maui SWCDs partner with the U.H. Cooperative Extension Service and USDA-NRCS to give students the opportunity to learn about various soil characteristics, environmental conditions and topography and how they can affect the use of land.
19. Fireweed (2002-2005): \$78,000 for fireweed eradication and education project. Sponsors and/or Partners: West Maui SWCD, NRCS, RCUH, County of Maui, and Cattlemen's Association
20. Support the Honolua Bay Coral Reefs Initiative Projects.
21. Inspect and Support Kahoolawe Restoration Project
22. Inspect and support Maalaea Wind Farm project.
23. Support West Maui Mountains Watershed, Leeward Haleakala Watershed, and East Maui Watershed Partnerships

A State voluntary board cannot adequately provide enough time to initiate, implement, and support its program. Please approve SB2295 to better serve the farmers, ranchers, land users, civic groups, schools and government agencies on state and federal programs relating to water quality and conservation of our natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.