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The Voice of Kauai's Agriculture



March 17, 2015

To: Committee On Agriculture
Senator Russell Ruderman, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony on HB 1345 HD1 Relating to Agriculture
March 17, 2015, Conference Room 414

Aloha Chairperson Ruderman and Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Committees!

My name is Laurie Ho and I am writing to you in support of HB1345. I am the president of Kauai County Farm Bureau and we believe water is one of the most important components to a successful agricultural venture.

The State of Hawaii has invested in this system as well, most recently completing the renovation of Wailua Reservoir. We look forward to the State's continued assistance in renovating the Upper Kapahi and Aahoaka Reservoirs, slated to begin in 2015.

This bill supplies much needed monetary support to the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative who are the stewards of this legacy irrigation water system. The Cooperative's efforts exceed \$150,000 per year in volunteer labor, cooperative membership fees and donations. They have been successfully maintaining this system for the past 13 years.

Again, water is a critical element to our farmers and ranchers and homeowners in the Kapaa and Kalepa areas of Kauai County. I humbly ask that you consider passing this bill.

No water, no agriculture. No agriculture, no food.



Laurie Ho, President

"Kauai County Farm Bureau (KCFB) cultivates a thriving and prosperous agricultural sector, firmly rooted in the community, by working collaboratively to build long term support and providing a respected voice for Agriculture on Kauai" **adopted June 2012**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Kakou, This measure will help our members in East Kauai grow more food, please move it forward, Me ka ha'aha'a, Simon Russell Hawaii Farmers Union United Legislative Committee Chairman

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