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**TESTIMONY OF ROSS KAGAWA
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**HB 1453, A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MOLOA'A
WELL PROJECT ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Committee on Water & Land
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 325**

Dear Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1453, which makes an appropriation for the Moloa'a well project on the island of Kaua'i. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as the Public Works / Parks and Recreation Committee Chair and as a Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

The Moloa'a well project aims to replace an aging irrigation infrastructure and provide a post-harvest facility to meet the new standards established by the Food Safety Modernization Act. This appropriation will assist the Moloa'a Irrigation Cooperative by securing a water source crucial for future agricultural growth and will provide a valuable post-harvest "food hub" for farmers on Kaua'i. Agriculture is of great importance to our community and any measure encouraging local food production in our islands supports our goal to become more agriculturally sustainable in the future.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the Committee to approve this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

ROSS KAGAWA
Council Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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February 5, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALII
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**HB 1453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR
THE MOLOA'A WELL PROJECT ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI**
House Joint Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection / Water & Land
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, and Members of the Joint Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 1453, Making An Appropriation For The Moloa'a Well Project On The Island Of Kaua'i. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair and as an individual Councilmember on the Kaua'i County Council.

HB 1453 appropriates funds for land acquisition, planning, design, and construction of a new well, alternative energy development to power the well, and a post-harvest facility at Moloa'a on the island of Kaua'i. As you are aware, the decreased rainfall experienced on our island is making more difficult for farmers to rely solely on annual rainfall for water for their crops. The existing well in Moloa'a is also proving to be inadequate to meet the needs of the numerous small farmers in this area. This appropriation will also make it possible for a post-harvest facility to be constructed which will meet the new standards established by the Food Safety Modernization Act. As the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair, I support all efforts to boost local agriculture and support food sustainability on Kaua'i. This appropriation will provide a well and facility that will improve the conditions for farmers in Moloa'a and assist them with the capital improvements needed to ensure their success.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the House Committee on Government Operations to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALII
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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February 9, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**HB 1453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR
THE MOLOA'A WELL PROJECT ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI**
House Joint Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection / Water & Land
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
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Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, and Members of the Joint Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 1453, Making An Appropriation For The Moloa'a Well Project On The Island Of Kaua'i. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

As you are aware, the decreased rainfall experienced on our island is making more difficult for farmers to rely solely on annual rainfall for water for their crops. The existing well in Moloa'a is also proving to be inadequate to meet the needs of the numerous small farmers in this area. HB 1453 appropriates funds for land acquisition, planning, design, and construction of a new well, alternative energy development to power the well, and a post-harvest facility at Moloa'a on the island of Kaua'i. This appropriation will also make it possible for a post-harvest facility to be constructed which will meet the new standards established by the Food Safety Modernization Act. I support all efforts to boost local agriculture and support food sustainability on Kaua'i and this appropriation will provide a well and facility that will improve the conditions for farmers in Moloa'a.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the House Joint Committee to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

GARY L. HOOSER
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradley Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Hawaii State Legislators, My name is Bradley Smith and I am a small scale family farmer on Kauai. I have been farming on Kauai for 15 years and ten of those have been in Moloa'a. Our water system is basically in need of a complete overhaul, which HB 1453 will provide. To have our own well and post harvest processing facility would be a dream come true for many of us farmers. For our irrigation co-op to be in control of water pricing would be invaluable. I've seen the price of water more than double in the last ten years! That adds up. A lot of that has to do with running the well pump and making our water co-op legitimate. These are the day to day costs of farming. I am grateful to have the water that we have, but this bill could mean so much more. So here we are with an opportunity to give Kauai's small scale family farms an enormous show of support from the State. All the farmers in Moloa'a would be so grateful for this opportunity which we would never be able to afford on our own. Thank you for listening and please pass this bill. Sincerely, Bradley and Amy Smith

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Wootens Produce of Kauai
808 823 6807 wootenkauai@gmail.com PO Box 509 Anahola Hi. 96703
Testimony in favor of HB 1453

Dear Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is John Wooten. My wife, Nandanie, and I are full time farmers.

We farm 16 acres which are part of the Molaa Hui Lands (MHL). The Molaa Hui Lands are home to many of the most productive farms in Kauai. The majority of these farms are "Family Farms" meaning that they are farmed by the families that own or lease them. The Majority of these farms (our own included) are dedicated to supplying the local community right here on Kauai with fresh fruit, vegetables, & other farm products. Some of our MHL farms also ship produce to Oahu.

We are desperately in need of the assistance proposed in HB 1453.

We are mostly family farmers. We do not have any vast multinational / corporate resources to enact these infrastructure improvements . We are so thankful that you have stepped up to help us with HB1453.

The fact that our MHL farmers are supplying the local community with farm produce means that you will be supporting the community at large as well as the farmers.

The benefit of this investment will stay right here in Hawaii, supporting the local community. The MHL family farmers are some of the hardest working, productive, resourceful, environmentally sensitive, and dedicated farmers anywhere.

Your assistance as proposed in HB1453 will be the best investment possible to assure the viability of Hawaii agriculture and the survival of the "Small Family Farm" in Hawaii.

Yours Truly; John & Nandanie Wooten

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Brandon Miranda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Hawaii state legislature, My name is Brandon Miranda and I own 10.5 acres in Moloaa hui lands. I run 5 acres as my landscape stock nursery and base and the other 5.5 acres as an orchard which hosts longan, lychee, mango, and bananas. We also have two 10k gallon fish tanks that we have tilapia and catfish in which we use for a food resource as well as a natural fertilizer for our fruit trees. Water is our number one resource that will allow us to survive in the farming industry. We appreciate your time in giving us the opportunity in presenting proposed bill HB 1453. Buying water from a secondary resource has pushed our water prices near county potable water prices. This opportunity to fix our water storage facility and produce our own water through a more efficient energy resource will cut the price per unit of water usage I half. Not only will it benefit the price decrease but it will also allow us to produce potable water. With the new upcoming federal health guidelines, this will allow us to conform to the upcoming Food Safety Modernization Act. Having this upgraded water system and facility for the use for farmers in the north and east side of Kauai will be a big benefit for the production, sustainability and viability for us and the future of the farming industry of Kauai. I'd like to thank you for considering us in your bill. As you may not know Moloaa has been a produce generating area for many years. After sugar it became pineapple, then papaya. Now it is an individually owned agriculture park that produces an array of fruits and vegetables. Being that our lands where so flat we did not get the opportunity to have irrigation ditches made by the plantation that other agricultural parks have benefited from. With your help in approving this bill it will give the opportunity to our farmers the control of cost to our agriculture park and create viability for us and the future generation of farmers. Thank you for your time! Sincerely, Brandon Miranda

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:

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Judith Huber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Hawaii State Legislature: My name is Judith Huber. My husband, Paul Huber and I own 37 acres in Moloaa Hui Lands. We need your assistance. We are asking you to consider the assistance proposed in HB 1453. We have over 80,000 Kauai Sugarloaf Pineapples growing on over 8 acres, approximately 5 acres of Rambutan, as well as a couple of acres of Longan and Mango. We are a profitable farm, our main product, Kauai Sugarloaf Pineapple, a product that is iconic to Hawaii is sold to local families and tourists both retail and wholesale. We have a thriving on-line business and supply our product to individual customers and wholesale clients. Currently, demand exceeds supply and as such we are expanding; we have standing orders with major hotels and restaurants in the continental United States and Hawaii. We have been dealing with an aging, plantation era water system that is both costly to maintain and operate and is inadequate on a number of different fronts, such as cost per gallon and most importantly it is not potable water. This outdated system will not allow us to conform to the upcoming Food Safety Modernization Act and will jeopardize the expansion of farming activities in Moloaa Hui Lands. We presently purchase water in bulk from a second party, making it expensive and lacking control over the source. The assistance we are requesting will allow all the farmers in Moloaa Hui Lands to have a secure and economically viable, independent water source. Your assistance will also allow for the infrastructure necessary to install a solar powered energy source for the operation of the system, thereby reducing costs in an environmentally friendly manner. Furthermore the post harvest food-hub, which will become a reality with your assistance, will be a vital addition to this area and will serve the farming community on the North and East sides of Kauai. This facility will allow the small farmer to comply with the upcoming Food Safety Modernization Act making compliance possible for these farmers. We thank you in advance for you time and support with this very important matter. Mahalo, Paul and Judith Huber Hole in the Mountain Farm Home to Kauai Sugarloaf Pineapple PO Box 533 Kilauea, HI 96754 (808) 639-2768 (808) 635-0061 jude@kauaisugarloaf.com

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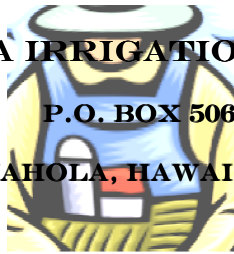
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louisa Wooton	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha kakou, My husband and I are writing in support of HB 1453 for the appropriation of funds for construction of a new water well and other improvements to the irrigation infrastructure in Moloa'a, Kaua'i, Hawai'i. Our family owns 6.25 acres of orchard and diversified vegetable crops in this location and we own/manage an additional 15 acres on the North Shore of Kaua'i, including a small goat dairy. Moloa'a Irrigation Cooperative struggles with a crippled, plantation- era water system that is costly for our Cooperative to maintain. We have no control over our water source and rely on a third party to deliver water to our tank. The tank itself needs major repairs to bring our water to safe standards for farms in the Moloa'a Hui Lands to comply with the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act which begins implementation later this year. FSMA will not only affect our cooperative, but will severely impact small farms throughout the State. Providing funding to build a central post harvest, packing, and storage facility in this location is a sound investment in the future viability of food production on Kaua'i. Situated in the Hui Lands, this facility can serve farms from Hanalei to Kapahi and would help keep small farms in business. We humbly ask for your support of our HB1453 and we invite you to visit Moloa'a and meet the farmers in the Hui Lands. Mahalo pumehana, Bob and Louisa Wooton Kauai Kunana Dairy and Farm

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MOLOA'A IRRIGATION COOPERATIVE



P.O. BOX 506
ANAHOLA, HAWAII 96703

February 9, 2015

House Committee on Water and Land
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State House of Representatives

Aloha kakou,

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Moloa'a Irrigation Cooperative Board of Directors.

There are over sixty different ag properties serviced by our co-op on almost 600 acres of prime agricultural land in the Moloa'a Hui Lands between Kilauea and Anahola. Our farmers produce an abundance of diversified food crops including papaya, bananas, pineapple, ginger, a rainbow of tropical fruit crops, coffee, and a cornucopia of vegetable crops. These crops are not only an irreplaceable food source for our island, but many of us ship our produce throughout the state and to the mainland.

We are doing this with a decrepit, leaky water system that includes 1930's era steel delivery pipes and a steel water tank that has a cover with many puka. This water system does not conform to the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act which will be implemented this year. In a few words, some of our farmers will not be able to comply with FSMA and are at high risk of going out of business.

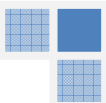
We are very grateful to have the assistance of our Kauai Legislative Team, other members of The House, and Scott Enright of the Department of Agriculture in presenting this HB1453 to your committee. Mr. Enright has helped us with understanding the challenges that we and other farmers on Kaua'i will face.

Your support of HB 1453 will bring us one step closer to meeting and addressing these challenges. We humbly ask for your help.

Mahalo pumehana,

The Board of Directors
Moloa'a Irrigation Cooperative

Paul Huber, President
Ray Maki, Vice President
Brandon Miranda, Treasurer
Jeremy Hillstrom, Corresponding Secretary
Louisa Wooton, Recording Secretary



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Ned Whitlock	Individual	Comments Only	No

Support

Comments: We farm 28.5 acres in the Moloa'a Hui Lands growing 4 acres of vegetables and the balance in fruit trees and windbreaks. We heartily support HB1453 to strengthen our local farming sector here on Kauai. A clean, affordable water supply is the heart of any success farming endeavor here in Moloa'a Mahalo, Ned and Marta Whitlock

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Peter Sullenberger	Three Roads Farm	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ray maki	Hawaii Farmers Union- Kauai	Comments Only	No

Support

Comments: Aloha Committee, On behalf of Hawaii Farmers Union- Kauai Chapter and all of our members, I am happy to submit our support for the passage of bill 1453. The Moloaa Farmers group, farming on almost 550 acres, and united under the banner of the Moloaa Irrigation Coop, are seeking important updates for an antiquated water system, and the opportunity to purchase a site for a future food hub for the North and East side of Kauai. As you are already well aware, The rules for the Food Safety Modernization Act will place an extraordinary burden on the family farmer. The food hub concept allows for the combining of efforts through one facility, to help create a critical mass of production of these smaller producers under the new rules, and HB1453 will provide affordable water for the farmers of this important food production region. Thank you for your time in considering this letter of support, Mahalo, Ray Maki President HFUU- Kauai Chapter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rudy Bosma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is our testimony: Dear Hawaii State Legislature, My name is Rudy Bosma. My wife, Shanda Bosma is joining me in this testimony. We live and work on agricultural lands on the Moloaa Hui Lands (MHL). Moloaa, Kauai. We grow fruits and vegetables on our farm in Moloaa. Two main things we need in order to do that: The Sun and Water. Bill HB 1453 is in place to provide a consistent and affordable water supply for one of the most productive and well established food sources on Kauai on the Moloaa Hui Lands (MHL). The Molaa Hui Lands are home to many of the most productive farms in Kauai. The majority of these farms are farmed by the local families that own or lease them. Most of these farms are dedicated to supplying the local community right here on Kauai consistently with fresh fruit, vegetables, & other farm products. We are desperately in need of the assistance proposed in HB 1453 as we do not have any vast multinational / corporate resources needed to enact the required infrastructure improvements. Thank you for your help HB1453! With these bill you will help us to continue to supply the entire community on Kauai with much needed locally grown fruits and vegetables. The assistance as proposed in HB1453 will be the best investment possible to assure the viability of Hawaii agriculture and the survival of the "Small Family Farm" in Hawaii. Mahalo Nui Loa! Rudy and Shanda Bosma

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Aloha ,

My name is Ryan Wooton and I am writing in support of bill HB1453 that would provide better water resources for the farmers of the Moloa'a Hui and provide us with a food Hub that would meet the standards of the Food Modernization Safety Act (FSMA). I am a Certified Organic farmer that owns six acres in the Moloa'a Hui as well as 3 acres in a separate subdivision a couple miles away from the Hui. We operate a high production fruit and vegetable farm on both properties. We operate Kauai's only dairy, a micro goat cheese dairy. We also have a certified Kitchen that we process many things we grow into value added products. This is all done on our other property in Waipake.

But we are severely limited in Moloa'a property what we can grow due to the high water prices. It's so expensive that we grow no vegetable crops during the summer due to the fact that you spend more money on water than you can get from your produce. The current owner of the well charges the entire hui the same rates for non-potable water as I pay on my 3 acre property not in the Moloa'a Hui for potable water. The water system is so outdated that over 100,000 gallons of water disappears between the Well and property owners which then is charged to all the members of the Hui equally. On top of that we pay almost have our water bill in service fees. SO whatever my bill for the month is it is usually doubled due to service fees. We need a better system because there is something wrong when I pay close to twice the amount for non-potable water as I do for potable water a few miles away.

We need a new well to break off from the current water provider that doesn't have the best interest of the farmers in the Hui in mind. We need people that have more experience in running a water system from the infrastructure to where all the missing water is going.

A food hub will be very important for the farmers in this Hui who don't have the ability to build there own facilities capable of meeting the standards of the FSMA. Many farmers in that area don't have potable water or electricity. So meeting these standards would be impossible and cause an unnecessary burden on them. The food hub would provide ample space to wash produce and store in a refrigerated area so that we can continue supplying farmers markets, restaraunts, and retail stores throughout the state.

Farmers are some of the hardest working people you will ever meet and we just ask for a little help with our infrastructure so that we can continue to work hard providing food for the people of the state.

Mahalo

Ryan Wooton

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David Whatmore	Hula Daze Farm	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1453 because it will enable numerous existing farms to thrive in spite of new federal food safety mandates and rising costs of water and energy. The facility to be built will help many small farmers pack and process their produce in ways that they would not be able to afford to do individually. This way they will be able to comply with new regulations that could otherwise put them out of business. Support for local agriculture is necessary to keep Hawaii sustainable and more secure in our food supply, and will also provide jobs and tax revenue. Local agriculture is compatible with and also supports tourism.

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Miriam Bouret	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support and in favor of the passage of HB 1453. As a member of the Moloaa Irrigation Coop I know how important this bill is for Kauai. Having access to an affordable and reliable water supply for our farming practices, for the sustainability of food supply and for the quality of food safety, we need you to vote through the passage of this bill. Kindly consider the absolute merits of this bill before you and vote in support. With Sincere Thanks for your careful consideration. Miriam Bouret

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ryan friedrich	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is ryan friedrich and I support hb 1453. As a farmer in moloaa a clean and constant supply of water is needed not only for farming but for human consumption too. Thanks

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Scott Holthaus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are a new farm in Moloaa. Right now we are trying to establish orchards and field crops in the hopes of helping our neighbors feed Kauai with safe organic food. Our principal concern is a source of clean water. it is our biggest fear that a major breakdown of the worn out tank and main arterial supply could kill all our efforts as we depend on a daily source for our young plantings. We would also be grateful for a neighborhood sustainably powered site to wash and package our produce. We have the best soil .. the best sun.. if we had our own quality water source we could Feed our people with confidence. Scott and Ana Holthaus Hale LOLO farm Moloaa Kauai 808-639-5284

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Sol Kahn	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Sol Kahn. I'm a farmer in the Moloaa Hui lands. I support this bill. I believe we need a cleaner more reliable source of water that the farmers can count on and are comfortable with. I also believe we should be able to dig our own wells. Thank you for considering this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Robertson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha.....My name is William Robertson, Ahonui Farms LLC, and I own 12 acres of orchards of rambutans and longons in Moloaa. In addition to these acres I have also owned a certified organic farm and leased and managed 180 avocado trees in Moloaa. I have been unable to market avocados to a major market because I was not set up with the required post harvest facilities required by the buyer. On my organic farms I had the opportunity to use fruit for value added products.....again a post harvest facility was needed....so a lot of the fruit was wasted. In the past 10 years I have come to know many hard working farmers that work the 500 acres of land in Moloaa. It continues to be an inspiration to me how dedicated these farmers are and how much food gets to the markets, stores and restaurants from this specific location. Water is one of our biggest cost. Its continues to get more expensive and the quality of the water could be in question due to the old and outdated water lines. This is extremely high in priority since Moloaa has become one of Kauai's bread basket. We need Moloaa to continue to thrive along with all its farmers to have our vision of food sustainability become a reality Thank you for taking your time to consider this testimony

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February 9, 2015

STATE OF HAWAII
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE
415 S Beretania St.
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Attention: HOUSE BILL 1453

Dear Mr. Representative:

Water is the life line for a farmer success, high cost of this previous waterwill make it impossible to grow the food this island need to sustain life.

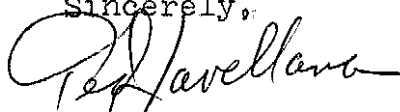
I have farm this land at Moloaa since 1974, during the startup of the papaya industry than. During its meltdown in the 80 & 90, I converted my operation to feed Kauai by supplying the vegetables at Kauai County Sunshine Market for 28 years.

My survival was made possible by having water available 24/7 throughout the farming years.

The system is old & falling apart since the last time State & County help financially to improve the water system by building the water tank and distribution system.

Moloaa Irrigation Cooperative need State & Federal help financially to lower the cost of water to the Moloaa District. To be a breadbasket for the island and the state, no help gives, no incentive to continue as a farmer to diversify Kauai's economy.

Sincerely,



Ted Javellana
Farmer

Kakimoto Farms
Clayton Kakimoto
Owen Kakimoto

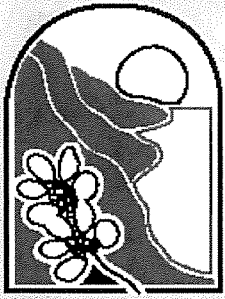
Dear Hawaii State Legislature,

We are writing this letter in support of HB143. We have been farming in the Moloa'a farm area since 1974. From 1974 until 2002, we have been planting and growing papayas and truck crops (melons, cucumbers, etc.).

Since 2003, we have been growing orchard trees. We have about 350 longan trees, 3 acres of bananas and 90 mango trees. Because the Moloa'a farm area is drier than most of the island of Kauai, water usage have been our biggest farm expense.

I hope the legislative members look at this bill very closely and support it. We need our water expense to decrease because as of now, the water cost is too high. Furthermore, more water for the orchard trees means more production and a larger profit margin.

Thank you very much,
Clayton Kakimoto
Owen Kakimoto



KAUAI

*Chamber
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TESTIMONY

Date: Tuesday February 10, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

February 9, 2015

Honorable Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Vice Chair Nicole E. Lowen and Members
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection And
Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen, and Members
Committee on Water & Land
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Lee and Yamane and Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen, and Members:

RE: HB1453: Making An Appropriation For the Moloa'a Well Project on the Island of Kauai

Aloha! My name is Randy Francisco, President/CEO, Kauai Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber represents 450+ members, 600+ representatives and over 6,000+ employees on Kauai. The Chamber is writing in **Support of HB 1453**.

The importance of this legislation is to continue to both support and grow Kauai's agriculture sector for the present and future generations. We all understand that water is key to our human nature and survival. Opening a new well in the Moloa'a district will help to leverage and sustain our existing resources, especially, for the farmers throughout the eastern area of Kauai. We also recognize that request for funds are challenging and limited. The investment in this project will in the long term return many, many benefits to our community and the state as the users will also be able to export agriculture and value-added products off-island.

The additional benefit of creating an alternate energy resource to self-power the well is another example of the business plan behind this request which is also intended to serve as a sustainable business and community project. The third benefit of course is in the area of economic and workforce development in the creation of a post-harvest facility that will encourage and support present and future farmers wherein the many farmers who are small businesses may not have the capacity and resources to create their own facility. A shared and community-based facility such as this project proposes will also provide a common element that will draw farmers from throughout the area to work and come in contact with each other and add to increasing relationships that ultimately will help this sector which is oftentimes underserved but, represents the hard and physical labor that farmers undertake unlike other sectors. An example of this networking is at the local community farmers market in which growers come in contact with other growers and businesses who create value-added products, in addition to the food trucks which utilize local ingredients. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of this much needed legislation to support farmers and small businesses on Kauai.

Should I be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 245-7363.

Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha,


Randall Francisco
President/CEO

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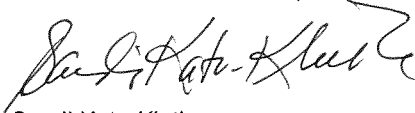
Aloha! My name is Sandi Kato-Klutke, Administrative Coordinator, Kauai County Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau represents 250+ members. The Farm Bureau is writing in **Support of HB 1453.**

The importance of this legislation is to continue to both support and grow Kauai's agriculture sector for the present and future generations. The present system is outdated and needs to be brought to standards of the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act which requires portable water to be used to process fruits and vegetables in compliance with this law and federal regulation.

This facility will not only process the fruits and vegetables grown by farmers but, also encourage, especially, East Kauai farmers to continue to farm and grow their business and become even more sustainable.

Should I be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 651-9106 or email at sushisandi@hawaii.rr.com.

Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha,



Sandi Kato-Klutke
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David Neaves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a member of Molo Roots LLC on Unit 22 in the Moloa'a Hui II lands. I have a partially developed farm on 8.5 acres which currently has about 2 acres in fruit trees and windbreaks. I have plans to develop remaining acres with field crops and fruit trees. It is critical that farmers have an affordable water supply for their crops which help feed the people of Kauai and visitors. Please support HB1453. Mahalo, David Neaves

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Bittner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: February 9, 2015 To: Hawaii State Legislature RE: HB1453 Dear Sirs, I am writing to add my support for the passage of HB1453 which has been scheduled for first hearing in front of the Energy, Environment, Water, and Land Committee this Tuesday, February 10, 2015. HB1453 will provide the necessary funding to purchase a one acre parcel on which to construct a well, an alternative energy development to power the well and an onsite, state of the art post-harvest facility to meet the new standards established by the Food Safety Modernization Act. The Moloa`a agricultural cooperative, Moloa`a Hui Lands, has been providing irrigation water to its members through an antiquated system that was set up in the 1930's plantation era. The steel pipes are failing and the system is in need of serious upgrades. In addition, there is no control over the current water source as it is privately owned and controlled. All of these factors contribute to making the current water costs prohibitively expensive for the farmers. In addition, conforming to the Food Safety Modernization Act as a small farming community is cost prohibitive with the water system as it currently stands. This new system, as proposed, will secure the water source for the Moloa`a Hui Lands, provide the ability to conform with the Food Safety Modernization Act, and also provide a post harvest "food hub" that will benefit farmers from the north through the east shore food corridor. As the need to provide more of our island's fruit and produce increases, I feel it is of great importance to support this project for Kauai's main fruit and vegetable basket. I urge your support and passage of HB 1453. Sincerely, Edward Bittner P.O. Box 456 Anahola, HI 96703 ed@bittnerconstruction.com Member, Moloaa Irrigation Cooperative

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Aloha Hawaii State Legislature:

I own 3.3 acres in Moloaa Hui Lands and my name is Paul Rathbone. I am currently farming the following crops: banana, rambutan, asparagus, papaya and anthurium. My family and I have been farming this land for 14 years. We are asking for you to support the passage of HB 1453. We are confident the assistance provided for in HB 1453 will make it possible for myself and the other farmers in Moloaa Hui Lands to continue to farm successfully and support our families.

Our current water system is an old system whose aging infrastructure is in need of considerable maintenance, which is costly. The non-potable water we purchase is very expensive and because we purchase it from a second party we lack any real control over its acquisition. Although this water is not potable water, it is the only water any of the farmers in Moloaa Hui Lands have available to use and as such, without your assistance we will need to invest considerable funds to continue to fix the outdated and aging system currently in use.

We are asking for your assistance to ensure an essential independent water source for all of the farmers in Moloaa Hui Lands, one in which we have control. HB 1453 will provide for additional assistance, such as a solar powered energy source for the operation of the water system. We are asking you to support this environmentally sound proposal. Additionally, the post harvest food-hub is crucial, as it will allow farmers to comply with the upcoming Food Safety Modernization Act. This hub will prove indispensable for many years for not only the Moloaa Hui Lands farmers, but for all farmers on the North and East sides of Kauai.

I want to thank you in advance for your assistance.



Paul Rathbone

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Maria Whatmore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are full time farmer here in Kauai and our ag water is so expensive . We need this kind of infrastructure to make our farming feasible and sustainable.

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Alika Atay	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Eva Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Faith Ewbank	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Kenneth A Likotu	Individual	Support	No

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Lars Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Shaw	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill--so important to have a new well on Kaua'i.

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Megan Fox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Without water-related infrastructure, there is limited agricultural possibilities for our community. This is critical to the development of our agricultural economy on Kaua`i. Please support this in order to support food security and agricultural economic growth for Kaua`i.

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Mercy Ritte	Individual	Support	No

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Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

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I am testifying on behalf of HB1453. I was one of the original developers of Moloaa Irrigation Cooperative, organized to distribute water to over 60 farmers in Moloaa. Our water system which consists of water lines that serve roughly 600 acres of farm land, was originally part of Lihue plantation (developed in the 1930's) and acquired in 1997 along with an aging water tank that holds 500,000 gallons of irrigation water. It is for irrigation only. The farmers who grow food here supply much of the fresh food at our farmers markets and restaurants on the entire Island of Kauai. In order to conform to the Food Safety Modernization Act, we will be required to upgrade our water lines and tank to accommodate their requirements of cleaner water to process our agricultural products; i.e. food. We receive our water from an unreliable source and are at the mercy of the costs of receiving that water.

We are hoping to modernize our system by installing a new well and upgrading the tank. The new infrastructure will also include plans for photovoltaic system to help defray cost of operating the well and distributing the water to the farmers.

We are a community of farmers struggling with the high cost of water to grow crops. It is our hope that we can upgrade the system in order to better serve the entire island of Kauai.

Susan Liddle

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Kathryn Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Candace	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Candace Strong and I am submitting testimony in support for HB1453. Along with my husband and business partner, I farmed on Kauai at Kilauea and Moloaa for 28 years until family medical issues dictated our move to Oahu. During those 28 years we cultivated between 25 and 150 acres of vegetables and fruit trees. Papaya, bell peppers, banana, watermelon, tomato, Rambutan, Atemoya, Lychee, Pineapple and Mango are just the major crops included on the long list of what we grew on a large scale. I also operated a nursery for 12 years and grew hundreds of thousands of papaya seedlings that helped to build the once thriving Kauai papaya industry as well as young fruit trees that became thousands of acres of orchards. My husband Mike Strong was very active in the farming community through the Kauai Farm Bureau and the Moloaa Papaya Cooperative. Today I am proud to say that my son, Dylan Strong and his wife Sheala now have their own farming operation at Moloaa growing organic vegetables on the very land that his father and I once farmed. Their farm is their sole means of support, as it was for me in my farming days. I can assure you that I know first hand how hard it is to make a living farming. Naturally you have bad weather and severe storms to deal with but there are many other potential disasters awaiting the farmer such as strikes, transportation and regulation. One of the biggest issues for any farmer is irrigation water. No fruit/vegetable grower can survive by relying solely on rainfall! The irrigation system at Moloaa is very old and needs many repairs. The source of our water is in the hands of a third party and we are forced to buy water at a rate that is often more than twice as high as Kauai County ag rate. House Bill 1453 would help us immeasurably by allowing us to upgrade our delivery system and secure the source of our water by drilling our own well. Another problem facing all farmers is the coming of the federally mandated Food Safety Modernization Act which will impose strict requirements with regard to post harvest handling of produce. Without the help of HB1453, most of the farms at Moloaa could potentially be shut down due to our current lack of potable water and sanitary packing facility. The help offered in HB1453 is vitally important to the farmers of Moloaa but perhaps the greatest benefit is to the community of Kauai. By insuring that Kauai farmers can remain in business, the passage of HB1453 will give Kauai a measure of food security. I think we can all agree that Kauai and indeed all of Hawaii is far too dependent on imported food. Thank you very much for considering my testimony and I urge you to support HB1453.

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John Outzen	Individual	Support	No

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Kanoelani Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB1453

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Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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Philip Davies	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Hawaii State Legislature. My name is Philip Davies my wife Shannon and I are full time farmers, who grow salad greens and ginger on 40 acres we lease and own in the Moloaa hui lands and Kilauea farms area. Our greens are sold to over 50 restaurants, hotels and stores from Kalaheo to Haena. Our ginger is exported to the mainland. We employ 15 people year round and seasonally more. The most important resource in farming is water. HB1453 will secure that resource for generations to come, helping an established and diverse farming area to flourish and conform with new food safety regulations thereby bringing benefit to farmers and the whole community. Thank you for time, consideration and support of HB1453

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brian armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The need to have a secure water source is the only true way to protect what is happening in the Moloa'a community. With the continued issues with the existing infrastructure and also new laws coming into effect the area will need to be supported in all possible ways. We really hope you move forward on this seeing the potential issues that may come up in the future with out the proper infrastructure.

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Deborah Erickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a female retired educator, farmer and bee keeper on the islands for over 25 yrs. My farm is solely worked by myself. I may have to retire from farming as well with the advent of the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act as it would be cost prohibited for me to set up a facility on my land to comply with all the new federal standards. Please support HB 1453

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AND WATER AND LAND

February 10, 2015
11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 1453
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MOLOA`A WELL PROJECT ON THE
ISLAND OF KAUAI

Chairpersons Lee and Yamane and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1453. This bill appropriates funds for land acquisition, planning, design, and construction of a new well, alternative energy development to power the well, and a post-harvest facility at Moloa`a on the island of Kauai. The Department is in support of this measure provided it does not adversely impact the priorities in the Administration's budget.

Access to water is vital for successful agricultural endeavors and properly maintained wells and irrigation systems are one avenue of supplying farmers with adequate water. The energy costs of running a well can be high and having alternative energy sources to run the well will greatly help in reducing those costs. Furthermore, with the upcoming rules from the Food Safety Modernization Act being finalized this summer, facilities will be needed that will meet those regulations to allow farmers to continue to do business.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 10, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**HB 1453, A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
MOLOA'A WELL PROJECT ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI**

Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Committee on Water & Land

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1453, which makes an appropriation for the Moloa'a well project on the island of Kaua'i. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

HB 1453 will assist the Moloa'a Irrigation Cooperative by securing a water resource crucial for future agricultural growth on Kaua'i. It will also provide a valuable post-harvest facility for farmers to produce their products, and will be in alignment with the new standards established by the Food Safety Modernization Act. Agriculture is of great importance to our community and any measure encouraging local food production supports our goal to become more agriculturally sustainable in the future.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the House Joint Committee to approve this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division, at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MASON K. CHOCK
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Robert Barreca	Counter Culture Food + Ferments	Support	No

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

TESTIMONY ON HB 1453
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MOLOA'A WELL PROJECT ON THE
ISLAND OF KAUAI

Room 325
11:00 AM

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committees:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,932 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 strongly supports HB 1453, which appropriates funds for the land acquisition, planning, design, and construction of a new well, alternative energy development to power the well, and a post-harvest facility at Moloa'a on the island of Kauai.

Water availability is a basic necessity for farmers and ranchers to maintain and expand their production, particularly in times of drought manifested on many islands as a result of a changing climate. Moreover, a reliable water supply is a key factor when Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are making decisions to start new or to expand existing operations. The agricultural cooperative in Moloa'a is struggling to obtain needed water from the existing well. A new well is needed.

The Food Safety and Modernization Act has resulted in new rules regarding growing, packing and processing of food throughout the nation. This will adversely affect Hawaii's farming industry, as small farmers will be unable to make the necessary investments to address facility compliance. This bill seeks to create a shared packing and processing facility which would help to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with the new food safety rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Ann M. Fontes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Water is critical for agriculture. A new well is needed in the Moloa'a ag.lots to keep this rich ag. lands in production. Once crops are grown, a packing/processing area is needed to assist farmers to be able to sell their crops. Thank you.

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Kathleen Horgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill supports local food production. We need to support small farmers helping Kauai to grow food for local consumption.

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Jeri Di Pietro	Individual	Support	No

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Martin Kahn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. One more for the people.

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Courtney Turner	Individual	Support	No

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