

**HB 1750,
HD1**

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**Before the Senate Committees on
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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1750, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO WATER MANAGEMENT**

House Bill 1750, House Draft 1 proposes to amend Section 174C-31(d) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to include plans for storm water management, reuse, reclamation and remediation in the Water Resource Protection Plan. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) opposes this measure because we feel it is unnecessary.**

The Department supports storm water capture, reuse and reclamation for augmenting and conserving Hawaii's fresh water supplies. However, we believe this measure is unnecessary because the Department's Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) is currently updating its Water Resource Protection Plan, which will include provisions for storm water capture and reuse, wastewater recycling and reuse, and other fresh water augmentation and conservation programs and measures. In addition, the Commission has completed separate studies on storm water reclamation and reuse and a statewide wastewater reuse survey report.

Since the Commission is not a capital project implementing agency and does not own or operate infrastructure, plans for actual storm water reuse projects are usually prepared by county or state agencies responsible for storm water management. To facilitate storm water projects and services, Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, authorized the Counties to establish and charge user fees to create and maintain any storm water management system or infrastructure. We also note that each respective County Water Use and Development Plan will address the unique storm water reuse opportunities available within its jurisdiction.

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Kim, Vice Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committees:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports HB 1750, HD1, requiring State and Counties to consider storm water management in the development of the Hawaii water resource protection plan.

Increased storm events followed by prolonged droughts will make not only management of storm water but managing it as a resource an important part of addressing Hawaii's need for water. We therefore, support this measure. **We encourage the parties to include their local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and USDA NRCS in their discussions as dealing with stormwater is part of their core missions.** The Conservation Plans they develop address the management of storm water.

We request your **support of HB 1750, HD1** focusing management of storm water as a water resource for Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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