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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, February 8, 2016
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1750
RELATING TO WATER MANAGEMENT**

House Bill 1750 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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TESTIMONY ON
HB 1750: RELATING TO WATER MANAGEMENT

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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

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 HB1750, 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 HB1750** focusing management of storm water as a water resource for Hawaii. Thank you.

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Comments: Utilization of all waters that may become available to us will become more important as climate change and drier conditions in certain areas of the State are experienced. We need to capture and manage as much water as possible to relieve dependence solely on water from aquifers.

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**Testimony of the
Hawai'i Fresh Water Initiative
on
H.B. 1750
Relating to Water Management
House Committee on Water & Land
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The Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative was launched in 2013 to bring many diverse parties together to develop a forward-thinking and consensus-based strategy to increase water security for Hawaii. A blue ribbon panel of water stakeholders drawn from multiple perspectives came together to jointly and unanimously recommend key strategies and policies that will increase Hawaii's water security in the face of declining rainfall levels and climate change.

The Council identified a single goal for Hawaii: to create 100 million gallons per day (mgd) in additional, fresh water capacity for our islands by 2030. One of the key strategies to achieve this statewide goal is to increase water recharge by 30 mgd over the next 15 years.

H.B. 1750 requires the State and counties to consider stormwater management in the development of the Hawaii water resource protection plan.

The Council believes that improving our stormwater retention and capture is an important step towards a more secure fresh water future. Innovative new programs and methods to encourage stormwater capture for to help recharge our island aquifer is increasingly required.

The Fresh Water Council supports the intent of H.B. 1750 to address stormwater retention, reuse, and recharge to reach our state goal of 100 mgd in additional fresh water availability by 2030.

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