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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
james Kimo Falconer	MauiGrown Coffee, Inc	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair Luke and Members of the House Budget & Finance Committee. I am Kimo Falconer, President of MauiGrown Coffee, Inc. I appreciate your help in supporting this bill which in essence will help diversify the now fallow HC&S lands in Central Maui. Coffee is a financially feasible crop for this State. With the world's growing need for specialty green coffee, this opportunity will assist in allowing Maui to become a major player in this growing market. Mahalo for your consideration of this important agricultural bill.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**MARCH 1, 2017  
11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1230 HD1  
RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST  
MAUIGROWN COFFEE INC.**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1230 HD1, relating to the issuance of special purpose revenue bond to assist MauiGrown Inc. The department supports this bill.

The department recognizes MauiGrown Inc. as a successful coffee operation, producing quality Maui-grown coffee for consumers. Having the opportunity to expand their operations will help with employment of displaced sugar workers and ensure that lands will continue to be utilized for agricultural production. With the threat of the Coffee Berry Borer and other invasive species plaguing the coffee industry, this bill will also help MauiGrown to incorporate best management practices to help protect their valuable crop.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1230, H.D. 1

**March 1, 2017**

**11:00 A.M.**

**Room 308**

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO  
ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC.

House Bill No. 1230, S.D.1, authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) up to \$13,000,000 to assist MauiGrown Coffee, Inc. with the operation and expansion of its farm and mill pursuant to Part X, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance and conduit loan will require further review of the financing proposal to ensure compliance with all federal, state and credit underwriting requirements. For additional information, please consult our FAQ located at the following link:

<http://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/SPRB-FAQ.pdf>.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Wednesday, March 1, 2017; 11:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1230 HD 1  
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE  
REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC.**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports H.B. 1230 HD 1, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist MauiGrown Coffee, Inc. with the operation and expansion of its farm and mill.

H.B. 1230 HD 1 allows the State to support a successful coffee business to expand on Maui and further the State's goals of greater sustainability and keeping land in agriculture. In addition, the expansion of MauiGrown Coffee would create additional good paying agricultural jobs and possibly provide a new life line to sugar workers who were displaced with the recent closure of HC&S.

The recent closure of the last plantation in Hawaii was a sad event from many different perspectives. The impact of the sugar workers losing their jobs and losing their means of providing for their families, was a fundamental concern that raised many uncertainties for the workers and their loved ones. The opportunity to create new agricultural jobs, would help to boost their spirits, and keep hope alive.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 1230 HD 1. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter.

**HB 1230 HD1  
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO  
ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC.**

**PAUL T. OSHIRO  
MANAGER – GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.**

**MARCH 1, 2017**

Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Paul Oshiro, testifying on behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (A&B) on HB 1230 HD1, “RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC.” We support this bill.

After more than 140 years in sugar cultivation, A&B is in the process of pursuing a diversified agricultural model for its 36,000 acres of agricultural land in Central Maui. Under the new diversified model, A&B envisions a comprehensive patchwork of compatible agricultural activities blanketing Central Maui—some farmed by HC&S, some by others. We see biofuel crops that could provide electricity or transportation fuel to support the state’s renewable energy goals; irrigated pastures for local ranchers so their cattle don’t have to be sent to the Mainland for finishing; food crops; evaluation of crops including, potentially, industrial hemp and bioenergy feedstocks; and an agricultural park open to community farmers.

A&B is presently in discussion with MauiGrown Coffee to lease a portion of our former sugar cane lands for the growing and cultivation of coffee. As a tax exempt means of financing qualified projects in the interest of the general public, we understand

that the special purpose revenue bonds authorized in this bill will provide important financial support to MauiGrown Coffee in their efforts to expand their present coffee farm. Established in 2003, MauiGrown Coffee is a credible and experienced Maui agricultural operation. The approval of this bill will provide valuable State assistance which will enable MauiGrown Coffee to expand their operations and to assist in keeping former Central Maui sugar cane lands in active agricultural production.

Based on the aforementioned, we respectfully request your favorable consideration on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez	Go Maui, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: This is critical for the coffee industry on Maui.

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Written Testimony of  
**Daniel Dinell**  
**President, Hawaii Coffee Company**  
before the  
**House Committee on Finance**  
March 1, 2017; 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

RE: HB1230 HD 1 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

Hawaii Coffee Company (HCC) **supports** this bill, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist MauiGrown Coffee, Inc. with the operation and expansion of its farm and mill.

HCC has been in the coffee roasting business since 2000. Our 100 plus employees at our plant in Kalihi and other locations around the state, earn a livelihood milling, roasting, packing, distributing, and retailing coffee. We have a major retail presence throughout Hawaii, are a leading provider of coffee to Hawaii hotels and restaurants as well as an exporter of products around the globe.

HCC does not own or operate any coffee farms, but we support coffee farmers by buying millions of dollars of Hawaiian coffee annually – in Kona pulping and milling coffee cherry, in other districts, such as with Maui coffee, buying it as green coffee and then roasting/distributing the product. We are excited to see the highly successful MauiGrown Coffee desire to expand its operations. We see this as an excellent way to promote Hawaii agriculture and add to the state's economic vitality. We understand the planned use of the SPRB funds is for expansion by MauiGrown on former A&B sugar lands in Maui so there is an additional benefit in keeping a portion of that land in agricultural production.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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byron brown	akamai coffee co.	Support	No

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David Gridley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge the Legislature to support the development of Agriculture in Hawaii by authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to allow the expansion of coffee on Maui by utilizing deserted HC&S lands. Maui Grown Coffee has proven itself to be a strong producer of coffee on Maui, and is currently selling all the coffee it can raise on 500 acres in West Maui. This expansion could be a great boon to agriculture and the coffee industry in Hawaii! Please support the growth and development of one of our most positive Ag crops!!

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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Roger Kaiwi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please assist Maui grown with keeping agriculture alive in Maui.

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sydney smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wholeheartedly support HB 1230. MauiGrown Coffee would be a great steward of former HC&S land and their coffee is wonderful. This would be good for employment opportunities, the visitor industry and coffee drinkers everywhere!

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James Kusakabe	Individual	Support	No

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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Maggie Kramp	Individual	Support	No

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Chuck Bergson	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Ferguson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support growing more coffee on Maui. HB1230 is one good way to increase production. Maui runs out of coffee for sale each year...increasing production will allow for increased sales overseas as well as the mainland and increase jobs on Maui. We support HB1230

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Chris Brosius	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a good business which is helping to keep the agricultural economy on Maui going. Expansion to HC&S land will help utilize these lands appropriately and support local jobs and families.

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Mike Okazaki	Individual	Support	No

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# Hawaii Coffee Association



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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**LATE**

**RE: Testimony in support of HB1230:** THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee,

I am Chris Manfredi, President of Hawaii Coffee Association.

The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers located throughout the State of Hawaii. The HCA's primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffees. A major component of HCA's work is the continuing education of members and consumers.

**The HCA strongly supports HB1230.**

Maui Grown Coffee is a successful, vibrant, and innovative contributor to the agricultural community and the economy on Maui. As Maui transitions its land tenure and stewardship to a future that is somewhat unclear, support for the expansion of this proven entity is appropriate.

Maui Grown Coffee products are successfully marketed around the globe, enhancing Maui's and The State of Hawaii's overall brand and serve to highlight Maui's rich agricultural heritage.

**We respectfully ask you to approve HB1230.**

Thank you.

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Randy Cabral	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

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