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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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Before the House Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Friday, February 10, 2017
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 838
RELATING TO WATER SECURITY

House Bill 838 proposes to amend SECTION 4 of Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to provide for a review upon request by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), the Attorney General, or the Auditor of all files, records, documents, and accounting related to the use and expenditure of funds pursuant to this Act. This measure also proposes to amend SECTION 5 to give authority to certain members of the Legislature to select group members. **The Department offers the following comments.**

The Department's Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) has been working diligently to implement Act 172 in order to meet the June 30, 2017 deadline for encumbrance of authorized funds. Should the Legislature approve this measure, the Department requests SECTION 6 be amended to provide for an extension of time to expend the funds. The Department also requests that SECTION 10 be amended to extend the June 30, 2018 deadline for contract execution.

To date, the Department has requested and received approval from Governor David Y. Ige for the release of funds. The Department had published a notice in the Star-Advertiser soliciting applications from qualified individuals. Applicants have been vetted and approved, and letters notifying applicants of their acceptance on the group have been issued. Nominations have been made to fill remaining slots, and at this time, only one slot remains open. Letters of invitation have also been sent to each county water supply department manager and chief engineer or their designee. The Department completed the procurement process and has selected a contractor to aid in carrying out the duties and activities associated with Act 172.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

FEBRUARY 10, 2017
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CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 838
RELATING TO WATER SECURITY

Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 838. This measure amends the two-year pilot program in the Department of Land and Natural Resources that enables public-private partnerships to provide funds for projects that increase water security. The department supports the intent of this bill and respectfully requests that it be added to the advisory group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members
Committee on Water & Land
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 420
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Subject: House Bill 838, Relating to Water Security

We strongly support House Bill 838, which establishes a two-year pilot program for a Water Security Advisory Group in the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enable public-private partnerships by providing matching funds for projects that increase water security. This pilot program will provide incentives to increase the recharge of groundwater resources; encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of potable water for landscaping irrigation; and improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural water use.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on House Bill 838.

Very truly yours,

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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON HB 838
RELATING TO WATER SECURITY

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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 838, which amends the two-year pilot program in the Department of Land and Natural Resources that enables public-private partnerships to provide funds for projects that increase water security.

Advancements in the State's water infrastructure have far lagged population increases. At the same time, the time to prepare for a drought is when it is raining. Hawaii has had increased rainfall during the past few years and a sense of complacency to drought has developed. Yet forecasters predict prolonged droughts in the near future.

This program creatively seeks to incentivize efforts to increase water supplies by increasing efficiency, encouraging recharge and encouraging reuse.

We request your **support of HB 838**, urgently needed to increase Hawaii's tolerance and resiliency to drought event.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony of the
Hawai'i Fresh Water Council
on
H.B. 838
Relating to Water Security
House Committee on Water and Land
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The Hawaii Fresh Water Council would like to provide comments on H.B. 838, which amends the existing project to provide funds for projects and programs to increase water security in the State of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative was launched in 2013 and assembled a diverse Fresh Water Council to develop a forward-thinking and consensus-based strategy to increase water security for Hawaii. Our Council jointly and unanimously recommended key strategies and policies with an ultimate goal of creating 100 million gallons per day (mgd) in additional, reliable fresh water capacity by 2030. One of the key strategies to achieve this statewide water goal is to increase innovation in the water recharge, reuse, and conservation fields through a public-private pilot funding mechanism. The passage of Act 172 in 2016 due to this Committee's leadership was an important step in this effort. The Council strongly desires to see the pilot water security fund succeed, and is willing to collaborate with other parties to ensure that the best conservation, recharge, and reuse strategies are supported in a sustainable manner.

The Council appreciates the importance of the water security fund and how critical it is to maintain the momentum and progress of the pilot as well as ensure that it remain an efficient and accountable program. The Council supports the intent of the pilot to encourage innovative proposals from across the state that:

- Establish new techniques and projects supporting the recharge of groundwater;
- Reduce the use of potable water for landscape irrigation and encourage the reuse of Hawai'i wastewater; and
- Improve the efficiency of potable domestic water or agricultural irrigation water use.

In addition, the Council supports the notion that each project submit reports on the amount of water conserved, recharged, or reused, and the requirement that the Department submit an annual report on the pilot program to the Governor and to the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. 838, and we remain committed to collaborating in order to advance this important goal.

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