

SB 1207



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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**
And
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
And
TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
SB 1207
RELATING TO LAKE WILSON.

Chairs Gabbard, Nishihara, and Inouye, Vice Chairs Riviere, Wakai, and Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports SB 1207, which appropriates funds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) for a study to be conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the merits of acquiring Lake Wilson dam and spillway for the purposes of upgrading the dam and developing pumped-storage hydroelectricity; provided that federal matching funds are made available.

We support this measure as pumped-storage hydroelectricity is a renewable energy resource that could support our State's achievement of 100% Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2045. The project proposed under this measure could also provide valuable insight into the broader development of pumped-storage hydroelectricity in the greater State of Hawaii.

We defer to ADC regarding the administration of the study provided in this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on SB 1207.

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CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT,
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS &
TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY

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SENATE BILL NO. 1207
RELATING TO LAKE WILSON

Chairpersons Gabbard, Nishihara and Inouye and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No.1207 that appropriates moneys to ADC for a study to be conducted in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers on the merits of acquiring Lake Wilson dam and spillway to upgrade the dam and develop pumped-storage hydroelectricity. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

The Department supports the work of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Lake Wilson provides a great opportunity for the ADC to look into hydroelectricity as a means to support local farmers in the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT,
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SENATE BILL NO. 1207
RELATING TO LAKE WILSON

Chairpersons Gabbard, Nishihara, and Inouye and Members of the Joint Committees:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”). The ADC supports Senate Bill No. 1207 which appropriates moneys to the ADC for a study to be conducted in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers on the merits of acquiring Lake Wilson dam and spillway to upgrade the dam and develop pumped-storage hydroelectricity.

The Wahiawa Reservoir (Lake Wilson) was created by the Waialua Sugar Company in 1906. Built to irrigate sugarcane fields to the north, the reservoir is the largest freshwater impoundment in the state, with a holding capacity of about 2.5 billion gallons and a surface area of about 350 acres. The elevation changes

of Lake Wilson and its associated ditch systems and water lines make conditions ideal for generating hydropower, which can be created 24/7 indefinitely assuming that the reservoir it is utilizing never runs dry.

The ADC is intrigued by hydroelectricity and would explore the idea of producing a clean source of energy to help its farmers become more self-sufficient and protect their bottom line while creating more efficiency in their water usage. More importantly, because hydroelectricity uses “non-consumptive water”, all of the water used to generate the hydropower is returned to the reservoir or original source.

In addition to the water conservation benefits, utilizing the lake to develop pumped-storage hydroelectricity can attract and help generate the necessary funding to upgrade the dam and modernize the entire water system which will benefit its users from Wahiawa to the North Shore.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your consideration of this bill.

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