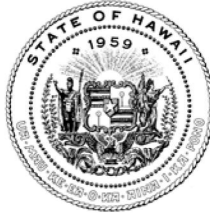


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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, March 17, 2017
10:30 A.M.**

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 808, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO
THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Senate Bill 808, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate an unspecified amount of general revenues in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for operating expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget request.**

The purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Program is to educate, construct, maintain, and assist in the development of conservation plans to protect soil and water resources. Each SWCD is operated by a five-member volunteer board. HACD is an umbrella organization formed by the 16 SWCDs under Chapters 180 and 180C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administratively attached to the Department. In each of fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, HACD and the SWCDs received \$322,500 in general funds, appropriated by Act 84, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015. The Department notes that the SWCD Program does not have a base budget appropriation and funding would be required for the continuance of their activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**SENATE BILL NO. 808 SD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 808 SD1. This bill appropriates funds to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) to assist with its staffing and operating costs. The Department of Agriculture supports this bill, but ultimately defers to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Proper conservation practices are essential to a farmer's success, and conservation plans are an important tool for farmers to use in order to maximize soil retention by implementing erosion and sediment control best manage practices. HACD can provide farmers with the technical expertise needed to create their own conservation plans. With an approved conservation plan, farmers will be able to attain necessary permissions prior to clearing and grading their land to prepare it for planting and to put new lands into production.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.





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10:30 PM

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- State funding then becomes a modest investment, leveraging every State dollar (\$332K) 4.3 times to \$1432K of agricultural based services.

Resource conservation and Protection Projects (examples)

A conservation plan (similar to a blueprint for a house) is a blueprint for managing ranches, farms and conservation lands. This plan not only helps the owner of the plan, but also helps to protect neighboring properties from runoff and streams from being polluted by inadvertent practices.

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Attached is a detailed accounting of our funding request and a brochure describing HACD activities. As an alternative to this separate appropriation, **HACD REQUESTS THAT THE FUNDING BE PLACED IN THE DLNR BASE BUDGET**. Should you have any questions, please contact me, Michelle Watkins, HACD Executive Director, 808-230-4228.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide our input on this important matter.

FY2018 and FY2019 HACD/SWCD YEARLY BUDGET PROPOSAL

No. Item	Total #, Hrs/ Trips/Units	Hourly Rate/ Unit Cost	Full year Funding
A. Personnel Services			
Professional Staff: 40hrs/wk x 52weeks	4	\$60,000.00	\$240,000.00
Conservation Specialists (1 ea.: HI, Kauai, Maui, Oahu)	1	\$57,000.00	\$57,000.00
Executive Director			
Grand Total for Item A			\$297,000.00
B. Travel/Training (airfare, per diem, reg fees, etc.)			
CS travel/training	4	\$1,200.00	\$4,800.00
² SWCD National Training- National staff to HI for training and/or SWCD rep to attend national training	16	\$1,200.00	\$19,200.00
² SWCD Travel- State HACD Quarterly Board Meetings	16	\$800.00	\$12,800.00
NACD National Meetings- HACD Rep- 2 meetings or 2 people for 1 meeting: DC, Annual & Pacific	2	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
HACD Travel: President, Officers, Legislative Committee Member, Exec. Director- Interisland Travel for Meetings	1	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Grand Total for Item B			\$53,300.00
C. Operating Costs			
CS Office Supplies, NRCS security clearance, advertising, etc..	4	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00
² SWCD Office Supplies: Equipment, postage, paper, copies, reports, etc..	16	\$3,200.00	\$51,200.00
² NACD Dues-National requirement per SWCD	16	\$750.00	\$12,000.00
HACD Expenses: Office Supplies, Monthly phone&internet charges, postage, equipment, yearly D&O Insurance, etc.	1	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Grand Total for Item C			\$77,700.00
D. CS Misc. Expenses			
Administrative Fees for CS Management	1	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Grand Total for Item D			\$22,000.00
TOTAL A-D			\$450,000.00

¹ All personnel includes total benefits such as: complete medical coverage, workmans comp., TDI, liability, 401K, vac/sick leave, hourly pay etc...

² SWCD Operating Costs within DLNR budget currently \$2,250/Yr/District (Total=\$36,000/Yr); request increase to operate and pay NACD dues, attend required monthly meetings, etc.

MAHALO TO OUR PARTNERS

Federal Partners

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service,
<http://www.pls.nrcs.usda.gov>
 NRCS is the main technical assistance provider for the 16 SWCDs in Hawaii. District planners work out of NRCS Field Offices and all of our conservation plans are done according to NRCS standards.

USDA Farm Service Agency,
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/>
 FSA administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster and loan programs. Hawaii farmers produce a variety of agricultural commodities, and the Hawaii FSA strives to serve our unique agricultural communities with farm programs and low-interest loans.

Environmental Protection Agency,
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/>
 EPA strives to protect human health and the environment nationwide. In Hawaii, EPA develops and enforces regulations, provides financial assistance for environmental programs, sponsors volunteers, and expands the community's knowledge of the environment through education and research.

USDA Rural Development,
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/hl/>
 RD seeks to meet the needs of our diverse rural population by delivering Rural Development programs and services in housing, rural utilities, and business-coops.

County Partners

County of Kauai,
<http://www.kauai.gov/>
 Kauai County serves the transportation, safety, environmental and developmental needs of Kauai citizens. The County has been actively supporting East & West Kauai SWCDs activities for many years.

City & County of Honolulu,
<http://www.honolulu.gov/>
 The City & County of Honolulu offers a variety of services to the citizens of O'ahu. Over the past 2 years, the City has helped fund two O'ahu SWCDs planners through the O'ahu RC & D.

County of Maui,
<http://www.co.maui.hi.us/>
 Maui County encompasses the islands of Maui, Molo-ka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe. The County has offered financial and in-kind support for the Maui SWCDs over many years.

County of Hawaii,
<http://www.co.hawaii-county.com/>
 In addition to the many services it offers, Hawaii County is a long standing supporter of the Hawaii Island SWCDs.

State of Hawaii Partners

Department of Land & Natural Resources,
<http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/>
 As a sub-entity of the State, HACD falls under the State of Hawaii DLNR. DLNR has a wide range of responsibilities, ranging from land management and permitting to historic preservation and natural resources conservation.

Department of Health – Clean Water Branch,
<http://health.hawaii.gov/cwb/>
 The State of Hawaii DOH aims to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawaii. Its Clean Water Branch focuses on keeping our inland and coastal waters healthy, and directs the Polluted Runoff Control Program, which administers grant money from EPA through Section 319(h) of the Federal Clean Water Act to address polluted runoff throughout the State.

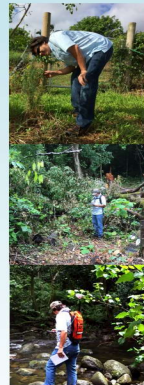
University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service,
<http://www.cleh.hawaii.edu/site/extprograms.aspx>
 UH Extension Service provides science-based information in agriculture, natural resources and human resources. Its Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center provides insect identification and disease diagnosis; soil, plant, water and feed analysis; and seed sales of cultivars of vegetables and papayas developed by the College.

Coastal Zone Management Program,
<http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/czmp/>
 The Hawaii CZM Program partners several environmental programs in Hawaii to promote a sustainable coastal environment by building upon our heritage and inspiring island stewardship.

Non-Profit Partners

HAWAII FARM BUREAU Federation,
<http://www.hfbf.org/>
 The Hawaii Farm Bureau is a non-profit organization that promotes local farming by analyzing issues and formulating actions to ensure the future of Hawaii agriculture. Issues include taxes, land use, water, legislative activity and marketing. All agricultural producers are strongly encouraged to join.

Resource Conservation & Development,
<http://www.pacificrcd.org/>
 NRCs established the RC & D program to accelerate natural resources conservation and development and utilization of natural resources. RC & D groups improve the capability of state and local agencies in rural areas by focusing efforts and assistance on individual producers.
 O'ahu RC & D: <http://www.oahurcd.org/>
 Garden Isle RC & D: <http://www.girdcd.org/>
 Tri Isle RC & D: <http://tri-isle.org/>
 Big Island RC & D: <http://www.bigislandrcd.org/>



CONSERVATION PLANNING



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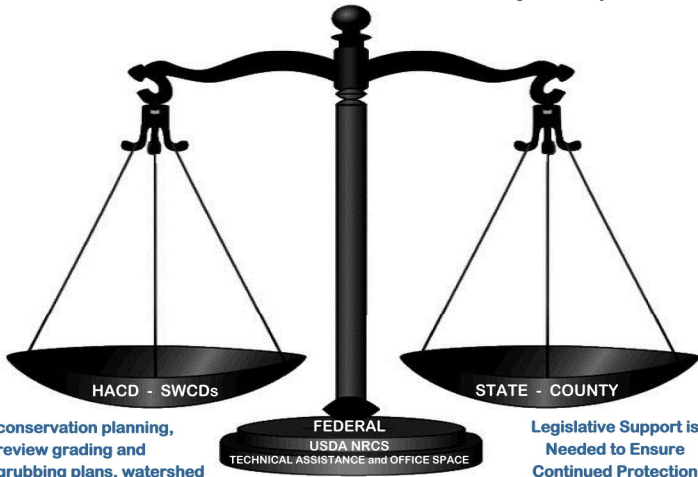


Who we are

The Soil & Water Conservation Districts are legally constituted, self-governing units under the Hawaii Soil and Water Conservation Law, Chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes. We were organized under the State Department of Land and Natural Resources for the protection and conservation of soil and water resources in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of people in this region.

What we do

- Conservation Planning
- Public Outreach
- Special Projects



A voluntary board cannot adequately provide enough time to initiate, implement, and support its program.

Conservation Education Program

- Sammy Soil & Ruby Raindrop
- Conservation Awareness Program - Land Judging Contest
- Conservation Poster Contest
- Make a Splash with Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)
- Hanalei Elementary School Conservation Education Area.
- Fireweed Eradication and Education Project
- Agricultural Road Drainage Techniques
- Created a Windbreak educational video.
- Animal waste management, stream bank protection, and erosion control to assist farmers in employing better practices workshops
- Hanalei Valley Irrigation Intake Protection/ Streambank Stabilization Preliminary Investigation Project
- Demonstration and Training in Critical Area Stabilization Techniques on Agricultural Roads and Unprotected Waterways
- Year of the Soil - Soil Health Workshops throughout the state
- Educate elected officials as to what our community's resource concerns are and how to address them
- Kona's Native Hawaiian Plant Book



Community Outreach

- USDA Grant Programs to Improve and Protect Ag and Conservation Lands
- Maui Fair
- Hawaii State Capitol Ag Day
- Ag Fest
- Watershed Education for elementary and high school students, and community organizations.
- Initiating optimum water utilization meeting with the community and landowners.
- Coordinated Resource Management Plan



(CREP)

- Worked with County, State, and Piihonua Community Association on gaining visible access to Diversion No. 4 of the Wailuku/Alenaio Inspection Project.
- Earth Day

Other Miscellaneous Items

- Lanai and Molokai Market Places
- Molokai Heifer Program
- Coqui Frog Eradication Program
- Miconia Eradication Program
- Maui Invasive Species
- Animal Stocking & Quarantine Station
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- MoMISC – Molokai (Maui) Invasive Species Committee
- Molokai Agricultural Community Program
- Molokai Recycling Center Proposal
- Molokai Heifer Project
- Molokai Junk Car Removal
- Maalaea Wind Farm project.
- Developed a Hawaiian Arboretum in Wailua.
- Kekaha Game Management Area
- Participate in the Kauai County Drought Mitigation Committee.
- Kupulena Ag Park Development
- Applied for funding from the Bureau of Reclamation to haul water to 291 landowners, farmers, ranchers and residential property owners who do not have access to the municipal water supply and are being affected by severe drought conditions.
- Ahu Lani Sanctuary Restoration Project



For a complete list of SWCD partnership projects, visit <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/swcd> or email hacd@hawaii.gov

SOME OF SWCDs' STATEWIDE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Conservation Planning

- State DLNR Requirements for Conservation Plans on All New Land Leases
- Develop and Review Conservation Plans
- Review and Comment on County Grading and Grubbing Plans
- Honolulu Bay Coral Reefs Initiative Projects.
- Rural Water Project
- Molokai Ag Development Projects
- Maui Ag Development Projects Phase 1, 2
- Keanae Water Flume Restoration Project
- Kahakuloa Stream Intake Project
- Guidelines to Hawaii State Livestock Waste Management
- Assisted DLNR in the Permitting and Construction Phase of the Hanalei Project
- Operations and Maintenance Inspection of the Wailuku/Alenaio Project.
- Irrigation Project at Kokee
- Improved Access to Hoopii Pond
- Ookala Re-forestation Project.
- Native species vegetation restoration plan, fire management plan, sediment management plan and educational materials
- Agricultural Road Stabilization Project at Pioneer Hi-Bred's Waimea Research Center.
- Restore irrigation systems abandoned by Lihue Plantation Co.



Watershed Planning and Projects

- West Maui Ridge to Reef Initiative
- Honolulu Watershed Project
- West Maui Algae Bloom Projects
- Lahaina Interim Flood Control Project
- Lahaina Watershed Project
- West Maui 319 Projects
- Puamana Channel Maintenance Project
- Lahainaluna High School Drainage Improvement Project



- State Land Terraces – Lahaina
- Sugarcane Diversion Improvements
- Kamehameha School Diversion Improvements
- Feral Animal Control Fencing Project
- Upcountry Dual Waterline
- TAKO POKE Project: construction of multiple Best Management Practices (BMPs) within drainage ways mauka of Wailea/Kihei.
- Watershed Base Plan for South Molokai
- Kula Storm Water Reclamation Study
- Southwest Maui Watershed Based Plan.
- Moomomi Watershed Project
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)
- Kekaha Watershed Project
- Lower Hamakua Ditch Project
- Hilo Bay Watershed-Based Restoration Plan to improve water quality in Hilo Bay.
- Emergency Funding for Flood Damages and Prevention on North Shore Kauai
- Emergency response funding through NRCS for Hurricane Iniki in 1992
- Ulumalu-Peahi Water Line Distribution
- Kahoolawe Restoration Project
- Operations and Maintenance Inspection of the Naalehu Debris Basin Watershed project.
- Pelekane Bay Watershed Project
- Proposing studies to determine and address runoff into Kealakakua Bay.
- Manawainui Watershed Implementation Project
- Waiahawahewa Watershed Project
- Sponsored the Hanalei River Suspended Sediment Monitoring Project
- DOH Agreement to perform baseline survey of Makeahua Gulch
- DOH Agreement to update CRMP Waiulaula Watershed Management
- Waipio Valley Flood Damage Reduction and Stream Stabilization Preliminary Investigation
- Kona SWCD Flood Control Structure Inspections and Assists with Flash Flood Damage Assessments



CONSERVATION PLANNING



1 - Identify Problems and Opportunities

Planning can start with a problem, an opportunity, shared concerns, or a perceived threat.



4 - Analyze Resource Data

Study the resource data and clearly define existing conditions for all of the natural resources, including limitations and potential for the desired use.



7 - Make Decisions

The land owner/manager chooses which project or plan will work best for their situation.



2 - Determine Objectives

The stakeholders identify their objectives.



5 - Formulate Alternatives

to achieve the goals for the land, by solving all identified problems, taking advantage of opportunities, and meeting the social, economic, and environmental needs of the planning project.



8 - Implement the Plan

Technical assistance is provided to help with the installation of adequate and properly-designed conservation practices.



3 - Inventory Resources

Appropriate natural resource, economic and social information for the planning area is collected.



6 - Evaluate Alternatives

to determine their effectiveness in addressing the client's problems, opportunities and objectives.



9 - Evaluate the Plan

Conservation planning is an ongoing process that continues long after the implementation of a conservation practice.





Hawaii Soil & Water Conservation Law Chapter 180



Department of Land & Natural Resources

National Association of Conservation Districts
3000 Conservation Districts Represents America
<http://www.nacnet.org/about/districts/index.phtml>

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Sixteen (16) Soil & Water Conservation Districts



Our Boards

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VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
each board consists of
5 Voting Members - 3 elected, 2 appointed
+ Associate Directors - non-voting members

Our Partners

Our mission is to provide a healthy natural resources environment for the people by coordinating technical, financial, and educational resources.

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County
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I am Genoa Starrs, Conservation Specialist for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts, serving the East and West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). These are 2 of the 16 Hawaii SWCDs that make up the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). With the first District organized in 1948, the SWCDs are mandated by HRS §180 and comprised of volunteer directors. Many of the SWCD directors are also farmers and ranchers. They have a great understanding of the various issues related to agriculture, land use, conservation and the importance of servicing our communities.

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HACD and the 16 Hawaii SWCDs are a prime example of a successful partnership between the State, County, Federal and private partnerships, with funding requested by DLNR representing the State's share of this unique partnership. By assisting farmers and ranchers with technical support and by developing and processing conservation plans, the SWCDs help to address such issues as erosion, grading and grubbing, runoff and water quality in general. We also help to provide outreach and help educate our youth and the educators who teach them. Assisting the members in our community is a priority for HACD and the SWCDs, which benefits everyone throughout the state

Public/Private Partnership for FY2016

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- SWCD board members and volunteers donate in excess of 17,280 hours annually.

Resource conservation and Protection Projects (examples) In addition to assisting farmers, ranchers and landowners prepare and implement conservation plans; the organization seeks funding and implements projects across the State. Examples on Kauai include:

- Assisted DLNR in the Permitting and Construction Phase of the Hanalei Valley Irrigation Intake Protection/Streambank Preliminary Investigation
- 319h funded Demonstration and Training in Critical Area Stabilization Techniques on Agricultural Roads and Unprotected Waterways

Increased need of services due to extremes in weather conditions; SWCDs actively implement programs to protect and restore communities from natural disasters. Forecasts indicate extreme drought and flooding in future years. Examples of implemented projects include:

- Sponsored the emergency response funding through NRCS for Hurricane Iniki, 2 million from the emergency watershed protection funds in 1992
- Received \$167,000 in emergency funding to disburse for flood damage and prevention on Kauai's North Shore in 1991

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As an alternative to this separate appropriation, the East and West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation Districts **WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE FUNDING BE PLACED IN THE DLNR BASE BUDGET**.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide our input on this important matter.

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For Friday, March 17, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON
SB 808: RELATING TO HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Room 325
10:30 AM

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

I am Karen Ah Mai, Chairperson of the South Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), which is 1 of the 16 Hawaii SWCDs that make up the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). With the first District organized in 1948, the SWCDs are mandated by HRS §180 and comprised of volunteer directors. Many of the SWCD directors are also farmers and ranchers. They have a great understanding of the various issues related to agriculture, land use, conservation and the importance of servicing our communities.

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- Coral Reef Initiative – Ridge to Reef Program, such as the Ag Road Project
- Assisted DLNR in the Permitting and Construction Phase of the Hanalei Project
- Watershed Based Plans, such as the Waiulaula Watershed Management Project
- 319(h) Water Quality Projects, such as the TAKO POKE Project which included multiple Best Management Practices within drainage ways mauka of Wailea/Kihei
- Moomomi Watershed Project to control and reduce soil erosion, and prevent and reduce sediment reaching the ocean waters
- Water Source Development for the Community, e.g. Kahakapao Reservoirs

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- Lahaina Temporary Flood Control Project
- Funding to haul water to drought impacted farmers and ranchers.

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Room 325
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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

I am Mary Robblee, staff of the Kona Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), which is 1 of the 16 Hawaii SWCDs that make up the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). With the first District organized in 1948, the SWCDs are mandated by HRS §180 and comprised of volunteer directors. Many of the SWCD directors are also farmers and ranchers. They have a great understanding of the various issues related to agriculture, land use, conservation and the importance of servicing our communities.

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As the district employee for Kona I consider educating farmers, ranchers and other community member about the nature of natural resources, soil particularly, very

important. Farmers, ranchers and community members in general need to have an understanding of how their actions on their land impact those around them and below them.

Many folks from the mainland think our soil is just like theirs was back in the Midwest, or on the west or east coast and it isn't. Time is one of five soil forming factors and the soils in West Hawaii have not had a lot of time to develop, generally they are just 3-5 thousand years old. Since it can take 100 – 500 years to create an inch of soil you can understand why our soils are very different than on the mainland. In eastern Iowa the bedrock is about 500 million years old. You can develop a lot more soil in 500 million years than 5 thousand years.

Increased need of services due to extremes in weather conditions; SWCDs actively implement programs to protect and restore communities from natural disasters. Forecasts indicate extreme drought and flooding in future years. Examples of implemented projects include:

- Each year the Kona SWCD does its Flood Control Structure Tour with a county employee as guide. There are 5 flood control structures with some in South Kona and some in North Kona. It is critically important that these structures continue to work as designed. There are years, like this one, where we advise the county that maintenance is required. One of our structures is a box inlet that is supposed to be 6-8 inches above grade but due to sedimentation over the past year and newly established vegetation near the box inlet we would like some of the soil dug out for the benefit of the community. This will ensure the structure works as designed and will not be impacted by human trash.
- We have organized workshops on soil health and forestry to educate our community as to the importance of both when you consider the health of a community.
- Since virtually all of our funding comes from Hawaii County property tax proceeds I make frequent site visits to farms and ranchers and occasional residential situations (they pay property taxes too) to discuss their concerns. I feel it is likely the single most important thing I do, helping those who request it. We review what they would like to do and how it might be accomplished.
- One recent site visit to a coffee farm allowed me to show how even minimal conservation cover (a permanent vegetative cover) can mitigate off-site erosion. The land has been in coffee for decades but never bulldozed, flattened and made nice and smooth the way coffee farms are likely to be developed today. The land is rough and cannot be mowed. It must either be weed whacked or sprayed with herbicide. Due to cost issues it is sprayed. I was able to show the farmer where just strips of grass across some slopes in some areas could go a long way toward prevent off-site soil erosion. It is a management technique they will implement this rainy season. Fortunately our rainy season is just getting

underway. These producers have also been growing avocados on this 12 acre farm and have been shipping them to the mainland which is very exciting.

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Maui County

March 17, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON
SB808SD1: RELATING TO HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
Room 325
10:30 AM

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

I am Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of Maui County Farm Bureau. We are a County Chapter of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, representing 200 farm families and organizations on the island. Our mission seeks to protect and increase the viability of farms and ranches while ensuring the social and environmental wellbeing of the island.

MCFB **strongly supports SB808** providing funding for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

Demonstrations of the importance of Soil Conservation began in the 1930s and the first official Soil and Water Conservation District was created by farmers in Olinda and Upcountry Maui in 1948. They saw the importance of Soil Conservation for the long term sustainability of agriculture in Hawaii. Since then the organization has grown to 16 districts across the State but most importantly, the Legislature recognized the importance of the role of the districts to protect lands from erosion.

HRS 180, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, authorizes the organization of the districts and defines its' responsibilities. Chapter 180-16 specifically states:

§180-16 Budget. The department of land and natural resources shall submit to the director of finance, annually the budgetary estimates and information required by chapter 37, and shall include therein estimates of the financial requirements of the department.

We do not believe it is the intent of the Legislature to ask the Districts to implement an unfunded mandate. The tasks of the Districts go far beyond agriculture including review of grading and grubbing plans for Development Projects. It leverages Federal and State funds and is a true model of Private-Public partnerships with Directors volunteering thousands of hours of time to implement the on the ground tasks. We respectfully request your strong support of this measure to ensure that Conservation Practices continue to be implemented in Hawaii. Thank you.

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON SB 808, SD1
RELATING TO HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Room 325
10:30 AM

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 **strongly supports SB808 SD1**, providing funding for staffing and operations of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD).

HFB appreciates the support provided by the legislature to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts. This program is an excellent example of successful public-private partnerships that brings benefit not just to farmers and ranchers, but to everyone in the State of Hawaii. We support the position of HACD. Their services are essential for farmers and ranchers.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts were born out of the efforts of farmers who saw the value in implementing conservation practices. No laws told them they had to do it. It was common sense. You protect the resource that grows the crops and raises the livestock that you depend on. These districts provide an excellent example of public private partnerships and how Federal, State and County governments can leverage resources to accomplish more than each can do for themselves.

Over the years, the Districts have also originated major water projects across the State bringing in Federal dollars to be matched by State resources. Today, we have two projects remaining and HACD continues to work with our Congressional Delegation to complete the Upcountry Dual line and the Lahaina Flood Control Projects. Drought mitigation is a major concern for farmers and ranchers. We are constantly looking for ways in which we can partner with USDA NRCS to implement programs in Hawaii.

While the conservation districts are most often associated with preparation and approval of conservation plans, the scope of their activities are much broader. As part of the National Association of Conservation Districts, we have access to material that can help the state agencies meet regulatory requirements. For example, those Counties involved in MS4 or Municipal Stormwater requirements by EPA, have education requirements. Each year, there is a focus area across the country. 2017's topic is "Where does your Water shed?" educating children about where water comes from and the need to be cognizant about practices such as oil discharges from your cars that may end up in the storm drain or dumping hazardous wastes where it can end up in streams. These are programs that can be implemented by Districts as part of their outreach. By funding the Districts, you contribute to their capacity to carry out these tasks.

Another example is Soil Judging. Each year, students across the state enter a contest to test their abilities to correctly identify, evaluate, classify, and describe soil profiles and their applicability for various uses including housing. Did you know that Hawaii students have consistently placed in National competitions that take place in Oklahoma each year? Through these experiences, students have developed an interest in pursuing careers in agriculture.

HFB strongly supports the position as stated by HACD. We agree that placing this funding as a line item in the DLNR budget is prudent. **We respectfully request your strong support of funding the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts and placing them as a line item in the DLNR budget.** Thank you.



HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
Committee on Water & Land

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 17, 2017

**S.B. 808, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE
HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

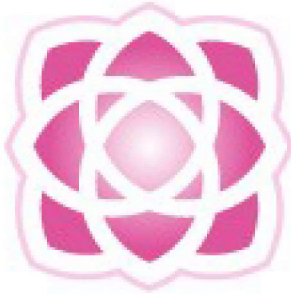
The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO has concerns with the intent of S.B. 808, S.D. 1 which appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

The purpose to educate the public and construct and maintain conservation projects and programs in Hawaii, review each county's grading permits and conservation plans, and to educate all farmers, including immigrant farmers on government services and the processes in filing for permits is beneficial to the State of Hawaii. However, the concern is that any moneys that are appropriated are intended to hire private staff. Should the legislature appropriate moneys, it should be to hire additional Department of Land and Natural Resources employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for S.B. 808, S.D. 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 325
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 AT 10:30 A.M.**

To The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair;
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 808 RELATING TO
THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce representing approximately 600 businesses and 16,000 employees. I am writing share our strong support of SB 808.

As a representative of the business community, we would like to share our support for SB 808 and the appropriation for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts. The business community supports acts like the Soil and Water Conservation Districts as they are helpful to farming businesses and our overall community. We need to continue to support our local agriculture industry to ensure a sustainable Hawaii.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter and therefore ask that this bill be passed.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.



March 15, 2017

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair
House Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association **strongly supports SB 808 SD1**, "Relating to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts." The conservation districts provide essential services to Hawaii's farmers, aquafarmers, and ranchers including education, conservation plans, and permitting. By encouraging sustainable agricultural practices, they help to ensure that Hawaii's environment and its agricultural productivity are preserved for future generations. The conservation districts' funding is already strained, and demand for the districts' services will only expand if Hawaii is to become more self-sufficient in agricultural production. Therefore, we urge you to support increased funding for the conservation districts by passing SB 808 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Mencher
for Ronald Weidenbach, President
Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2017
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 325

SB 808 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

Makes an appropriation to the department of land and natural resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii association of conservation districts.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly supports** SB 808 as this bill provides critical funding for a vital component of agriculture in Hawaii.

The 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Hawaii work with farmers and ranchers to protect and promote good soil and water management practices in the state.

While these Districts are a quasi-governmental board under the Department of Land & Natural Resources, they remain staffed through volunteer District Directors and are severely underfunded by the State. They often receive little assistance and support in their work to provide a vital resource for the people of Hawaii.

We ask that this committee support this bill, as it provides the funding the Districts need to continue their service.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify on this important matter.



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SB 808sd1, Relating to The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts
House WAL Committee
Friday, March 17, 2017
10:30 AM
Conference Room 325

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs
Position: Support

Chair Yamane, and Members of the House WAL Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC, which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai, under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. We have more than 35 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. I am a volunteer director for the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

The SWCD framework and authority were created through HRS 180. It helps farmers and ranchers with conservation plan development as well as assist respective County governments' with grading permit and plan reviews. Throughout the State, 80 volunteer directors in 16 SWCD work with local area partners to accomplish its work that includes conservation and environmental education outreach.

Your support of this funding request will go far toward strengthening environmental stewardship of agriculture soil and water use, particularly as Hawaii welcomes many new farmers and ranchers. It will also facilitate eligibility of farmers and ranchers for federal and state programs that require conservation plans and its implementation at the farm or ranch level.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony

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Dan Clegg	Monsanto	Support	No

Comments: Chair Yamane and committee members: My name is Dan Clegg and I am the Monsanto Hawaii Business Operations Lead. We urge your support for the funding of HACD as it is a valuable service for many farmers and ranchers statewide. These services will help the agricultural community better preserve and protect our natural resources. Please support the passage of this bill. Mahalo, Dan Clegg

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March 16, 2017

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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House Committee on Water & Land

Strong support of SB 808, SD1 - Relating to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (Makes an appropriation to the department of land and natural resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts. Effective 7/1/2099.)

WAL Hearing: Friday, March 17, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in Conf. Rm. 325

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **strong support of SB 808, SD1.**

SB 808, SD1. This bill proposes to appropriate moneys from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACDs) to assist with its operational expenses and staffing costs.

LURF's Position. LURF is in **strong support** of this measure to appropriate funds the HACDs, because the soil and water conservation districts have worked to improve Hawaii's environment and economy through major projects over the past sixty years, such as improving farm practices, reducing erosion, augmenting ocean water quality, improving drinking water quality, and fighting invasive species.

In addition, the HACDs assist with reviewing each county's grading permits and conservation plans that are critical to proper county grading permit reviews, preserving the environment, stimulating the economy, and maintaining individual livelihoods. Soil and water conservation districts also provide educational and community support for conservation awareness, including introducing elementary school students to conservation principles and participating in high school resource conservation and development projects.

The demand and accompanying workload of the HACDs have increased dramatically with population growth and land use changes. The HACDs receive hundreds of requests for reviews of conservation plans and county grading permit each year. As a result, HACDs are currently struggling to keep pace with the demand, and adequate funding for the work of the HACDs is in serious jeopardy at a time of critical demand for its services.

For the above reasons, LURF **strongly supports SB 808, SD1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.

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Greetings,

I am not sure any of my testimony attempts have been successful, so I am trying this route. I am in support of this measure and believe strongly in the work the SWCD's are doing.
Please vote to provide funding to HACD.

Thank you kindly

David Schell
Island Princess Macadamia.

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To whom it may concern: I am in favor of Bill SB 808.

Doug Maccluer

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Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: cbrosius@yahoo.com <Chris Brosius>

Message:

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waltestimony

From: Aileen Yeh <ayeh@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:47 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Support of SB808

I am in full support of SB 808.

Funding for The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts is critical to the State and especially to Hawaii County, due to the size and number of small and large landowners who are doing many different kinds of endeavors. SWCDs are a prime example of a successful partnership between the State, County, Federal and private partnerships, with funding requested by DLNR representing the State's share of this unique partnership. By assisting farmers and ranchers with technical support and by developing and processing conservation plans, the SWCDs help to address such issues as erosion, grading and grubbing, runoff and water quality in general. We also help to provide outreach and help educate our youth and the educators who teach them. Assisting the members in our community is a priority for HACD and the SWCDs, which benefits everyone throughout the state

Mahalo,
Aileen Yeh (8089362671)
942 W. Kawaihani St
Hilo, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

waltestimony

From: Jeffery Craddock <aurtiqqrjkbpvoa@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:26 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: henrylola@gmail.com <Jeffery Craddock>

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From: Gregory Friel <tspevjppqvaxyfjj@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:53 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: gregf@haleakalaranch.com <Gregory Friel>

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From: Jennifer Perry <tqxncejqpsbmhla@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:39 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: jperry96778@gmail.com <Jennifer Perry>

Message:

We have a farm in Kapoho on the Big Island. We started our farm in 1974 and have consulted with the soil and water conservation agents as well as programs over the years. With their help we have enriched our soil with cover crops, learned about pasture management, planted windbreaks appropriate to our area, developed water catchment systems and sought assistance whenever needed. Please continue to give them your support.

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Jennifer Perry

Pahoa

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From: Mark Kijima <cjsfxegsadqxjmv@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:52 PM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: kgma1956@gmail.com <Mark Kijima>

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Mark Kijima

Kula

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From: Blaine Grassman <ofmpnkdujfrpxs@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:23 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: jangrassman@aol.com <Blaine Grassman>

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 4:46 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: robert.gandia@outlook.com <Robert Gandia>

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:26 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: gordines@kauaiflowers.com <John Gordines>

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Kapaa

HI

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From: Jeffrey Mc Call <imoiricawkjvznc@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:30 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: mccalljeffreyw@gmail.com <Jeffrey Mc Call>

Message:

HACD and the Puna SWCD were essential to our successful transformation of our flower farm to growing vegetables for the fresh market. Their technical assistance and access to federal cost-sharing made the transition possible. Jeffrey McCall McCall Flower Farm (and Produce) 19-4277 Haunani Rd. Volcano, HI 96785

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From: Andrew Arcew <xqrtrirfsufgbfw@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:04 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: mahiai13@yahoo.com <Andrew Arcew>

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Andrew Arcew

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From: Harold Keyser <qpnbyxnbstmucuq@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:14 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: harold.keyser@gmail.com <Harold Keyser>

Message:

The soil and water conservation districts provide statewide a valuable service statewide in watching over natural resources essential to agriculture and the natural environment, and they need support to continue this work. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:13 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: the.kannas@gmail.com <Nancy Kanna>

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Nancy Kanna

Hanapepe

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LATE

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From: Raymond Foster <nptexgsbaoklomb@ujoin.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:52 PM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: rfoster252@gmail.com <Raymond Foster>

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:10 PM
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Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: jasonmoniz73@gmail.com <Jason Moniz>

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:20 PM
To: waltestimony
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From: audgere@yaho.com <Audrey Tamashiro Kamii>

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:21 PM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: hooluanaranch@yahoo.com <Luana Beck>

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From: Jean Brokish <oclhqhdurautsu@ujoin.co>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 7:50 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: jean.brokish@oahurcd.org <Jean Brokish>

Message:

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Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:05 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: lisazinhawaii@gmail.com <Melissa Rhoden>

Message:

Protecting our resources is everyone's kuleana. For many in agriculture, assistance from their local SWCD is vital, providing advice, financial support, and ongoing partnership. Please support the efforts of these grass roots organizations who do so much with so little. As we strive to increase our food self sufficiency, every little bit to help farmers conserve and protect the land we all depend on is a step forward.

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From: Taylor Kellerman <hamwhbtaktjmtl@ujoin.co>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:38 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: I Support SB808, SD1 Hawaii Conservation District funding

From: tkellerman@kualoa.com <Taylor Kellerman>

Message:

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