

**SB 839**

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT &  
WATER & LAND**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2017  
2:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 839  
RELATING TO PUNA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL PARK**

Chairpersons Gabbard and Rhoads and Members of the Committees:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 839, relating to the Puna District Agricultural Park. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for a feasibility study for planning and land acquisition for an agricultural park in the Puna district. The department supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the priorities identified in the department's executive biennium budget.

One of the primary missions of the Department of Agriculture is the provision of affordable agricultural land for long-term leasing. The continued growth of diversified agriculture provides additional food security for the state's residents and visitors, as well as ensuring the protection of green space to preserve the natural beauty of our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, February 10, 2017  
2:30 P.M.**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 839  
RELATING TO THE PUNA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL PARK**

Senate Bill 839 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) for a feasibility study for planning and land acquisition for an agricultural park in the Puna District to provide access to agricultural lands for small scale farmers. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as long as it does not replace our priorities requested in the Executive Budget.**

The Department supports the establishment of agricultural parks in areas safely removed from the State's vulnerable native forests and will cooperate with DOA to determine whether there are any state-owned agricultural lands in the Puna District available for such a park.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

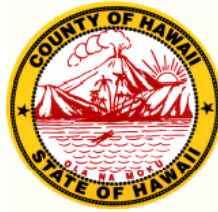
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Dear Chairs Gabbard and Rhoads, and committee members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of SB 839.

As you know, SB 839 would appropriate funds for a feasibility study for an agricultural park in the Puna district. Puna covers a large geographic area (about the size of the Island of Kauai) and because it has relatively low-cost housing, its population has boomed over the years. However, economic opportunities within the district are extremely limited.

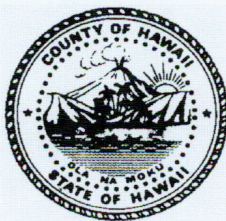
Puna is blessed with fertile soil, ample rainfall, and residents who are willing to work hard, so it has great potential in agriculture. But land that Puna residents could afford and which would be suitable for farming would be difficult to find. For this reason, a new agricultural park in Puna would be most welcomed.

We support SB 839.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim  
Mayor  
County of Hawaii

**Eileen O'Hara**  
Council Member  
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Date: Feb. 8, 2017

To: Mike Gabbard, Chair of AEN Committee and Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair of WTL Committee

From: Eileen O'Hara, Hawaii County Councilmember, District 4

Subject: **Testimony in support of SB839 relating to the Puna District Agricultural Park**

Aloha Senators of the AEN and WTL Committees,

I am testifying in support of the proposed Puna District Agricultural Park which would be located in the council district I represent on the Big Island. The location provides a unique opportunity to conduct agricultural, horticultural, and aquaculture activities and would be an economic boon for our community.

There is adequate acreage of State lands in the proposed location with access to the shoreline. The area has a large fresh water lens and naturally receives adequate rainfall. The proposed location is close to a few of the Puna district's largest subdivisions where many small farmers already reside. Plus, there is already a pre-existing network of roads to provide access to the area.

I strongly support this measure for the enhancement of agricultural and economic activities in the Puna district and encourage you to pass this proposed action.

Mahalo,

Eileen O'Hara, Councilmember  
Hawaii County Council, District 4

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:

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February 10, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**TESTIMONY ON SB 839**  
RELATING TO THE PUNA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL PARK

Room 224  
2:30 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Rhoads, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committees:

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.

**HFB supports SB 839**, which appropriates funds for a feasibility study for planning and land acquisition for an agricultural park in the Puna district.

HFB believes that in order for agriculture to flourish in Hawaii and reach their full potential, land availability and long-term leases at affordable and predictable lease rental rates are critical. The acquisition by the state of agricultural lands will significantly increase the available agricultural land under the State's control and will provide farmers with long-term leases that will enhance the economic viability of Hawaii's agriculture industry.

We believe this is an opportunity to further support and expand the state's ability to provide agricultural lands for farmers, which is consistent with the State's goal of increasing self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: This feasibility study and land acquisition, will enable new, young, or farmers without land, to begin farming. Puna is a challenging area for farming, so choosing the right place will be very important. If we clearly want to support farmers on each island, we need to step up and support pathways that will lead to food being grown for Hawaii's markers.

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HB 873

This is Marcy Montgomery, writing in support for the 2017 SB 839 proposing to establish an Ag Park in the Puna District.

Ag Parks provide an opportunity for a district to develop an ag incubator for growing and preparing value-added products, and related resource and supply companies, that increase our local food self-sufficiency. These Parks are critically important vehicle to encourage entrepreneurship, to build a food system solutions alliance, and to help build our island's local green economy. A Puna Ag Park could serve as a hub for ag innovation – bio char, natural farming, permaculture land management and restoration, alternative fuel development, water conservation supplies, soil amendment products, ag tourism – just part of the list of potential enterprises that could be fostered through an ag park.

I support the development of an Ag Park in Puna and believe EVERY district on our island needs an Ag Park if we are to meet our food security, economic growth, and sustainability goals.

Our organization, One Island operates an organic farm and a sustainable living education center modeled after Ag Parks in other states, located in the South Kona District. The facility is considered a micro-ag park. We also offer a traveling sustainability education program that has been providing educational workshops, guest speakers, film nights, tours, and is securing funding to help promote organic agriculture and sustainable living in Hawaii since 2012. We serve over 35,000 people on Hawaii Island. To date, we have brought over \$3.3 million in sustainability and food system funding to Hawaii Island. Our current projects are bringing \$896,450 in solar technology and services to the remote Native Hawaii Village of Miloli'i (funded by USDA Rural Utilities), and \$40,000 in services to Hawaii Island for education and promotion of Hawaiian heritage 'canoe crop' foods (funded by the HDoAg). These are a few examples of the 'good works' that could be grown and amplified in impact through an Ag Park.

Farmers need State House and Senate support to grow and expand the reach of these types of valuable programs provided by many organizations. The Puna Ag Park Bill is an excellent vehicle to promote this good work in the high growth / high poverty district on our island.

One Island is actively engaging the public in very important food system and sustainability conversations and ask our State Representatives and Senators to join us in supporting Ag Parks in EVERY district on the island over the next 10 years.

Puna is a district with great, untapped ag potential for healthy foods. An Ag Park will yield great returns on the start-up investment. And serve as a model for other districts.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rene Siracusa	Malama O Puna	Support	No

Comments: Malama O Puna is a 501(c)(3) environmental volunteer service organization with a focus on Puna issues. Puna has the fastest growing population in the entire state and the new residents need jobs that will have a positive impact on the environment and on the economy. Hawaii imports way too much of its food, with that money leaving the state instead of staying here to fuel our economy. There are currently roadblocks that farmers face, such as high insurance rates, high cost of arable land, and availability of fertile land. SB839 will provide data so that the legislature can determine if planning and land acquisition for an Ag park in Puna is viable and desirable. For this reason we support this bill and hope that you will give it a fair hearing. mahalo, Rene Siracusa, President

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Luana Jones	Na Kanaka O Puna	Support	No

Comments: Aloha e Kakou, An Ag park promotes the State's goal toward sustainability and Puna not only has vast, suitable, and affordable land, Puna needs more opportunities of beneficial livelihood for our people and future generations. Therefor, I strongly support this bill!

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Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Protect People, Health, and 'Āina before toxic corporate profits and encourage corporations to act transparently, cooperatively, and responsibly (which is ultimately even more profitable). [www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

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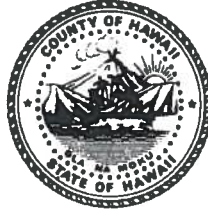
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Helmut Klauer	A'a Li'i Farm	Support	No

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February 8, 2017

Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
415 Beretania Street  
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Honolulu, Hawaii'i 96813

Re: S.B. No. 839 – Relating to the Puna District Agricultural Park

Honorable Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair Riviere:

Mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony. As Councilmember representing the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'u and Volcano Village (Council District 6), I strongly support SB 839. I believe agricultural parks provide rural communities with unique opportunities for small scale farming and much needed employment. I believe Puna is an excellent selection to conduct a feasibility study for planning and acquisition of an agricultural park.

For the above reasons, I therefore express my strong support of SB 839 and humbly request your committee's favorable consideration. Mahalo a nui loa.

Very truly yours,

*Maile David*

Maile David, Council Member  
Council District 6, S. Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Dencker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Considering the current national political situation, I believe an AG study should be done to include some provision for determining how Hawaii might be self sufficient because of farmers who feed us (should our island be cut off from other sources). Support in all ways for these farmers should be top most in our forward thinking. ckd

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**SB 839 and SB 830**

**Agricultural Parks in Puna District and  
Tax Credits for Land Leases for Community Food Forests**

**Hearing Date:** Feb. 10, 2017, 2:30 pm, Conf Rm 224  
**Name:** Karen K. Cobeen  
**From Senate District:** Senate, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
**Position:** *Strongly Support*  
**Committee:** Agriculture & Environment  
**Chair:** Mike Gabbard  
**Vice Chair:** Gil Riviera  
**Committee:** Water & Land  
**Chair:** Karl Rhoads  
**Vice Chair:** Mike Gabbard  
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**Vice Chair:** Mike Gabbard

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Date: Feb. 9, 2017 1:30 pm

Aloha Sen. Gabbard, Riviera and Rhoads and members of this committee:

My name is Karen Cobeen and I live on Hawaii Island. We are retired now, but had a small farm in Washington state for years. Agriculture is deep in our bones.

Both of these bills are an exciting proposal for Puna and other communities throughout the state. It would seem to be perfectly in alignment with Hawaii's continuing interest in creating sustainable living communities including multiple studies and research. Agricultural technology advancements together with the wisdom of indigenous communities will allow all of us the best of both worlds. We know we cannot continue to import everything here in Hawaii.

I urge the committees to vote yes on both of these bills.

Respectfully submitted,  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am wholly in favor of a feasibility study for the Puna Agricultural Park. This island system needs to ensure sustainable food for our population. allow this expenditure to go forward.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Marvin Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Karl Rhoads, & Committee Members, I support SB839 and the establishing of an agricultural park in the Puna district. We need to increase our food production and do everything possible to accomplish this. Mahalo for your concern in this matter. Mary Marvin Porter Island Eyes Video Kea'au, Hawai'i

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roger Guenette	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB839 as we need to promote Agriculture and Economic Development on the Big Island and the State of Hawaii. I have worked as an Economic Development Consultant for 35 years and am shocked at the lack of support available to farmers and small businesses in Hawaii. You may contact me @ roger@advanceresources1.com Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, please support this important bill and the funds for a feasibility study for planning and land acquisition for an agricultural park in the Puna district. The lessees are engaged in diversified agricultural crops or aquaculture and are small farming enterprises (under 20 acres). Creating ways for farmers to keep farming and to help our island have sustainable enterprise is crucial. mahalo.

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s reha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, to acquire and support agriculture for Puna residents. Actually good for entire island. Crucial we grow our own food.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vicki Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will help small local farmers and increase island food sustainability.

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Olivia Filoteo Kekipi	Individual	Support	No

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Tracy E Mills	Individual	Support	No

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scott lacasse	Individual	Support	No

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DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

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Zachary Mermel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure, for the benefit of future generations of Hawaii's residents, and the health of the 'aina in general.

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robin Stetson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Puna's recent and ongoing experience with lava flows shows us to prepare for the future. The harbor evaluation is the next logical step, and possibly the only feasible measure to take for an effective alternate route.

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JOHN ELKJER	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lloyd Kinsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Creating a boat harbor in Kapoho Bay would ruin both the bay and the beautiful coral gardens that are just south of the bay in the marine preserve. It would destroy one of the few areas for snorkeling on the eastern side of the Big Island. It would diminish the quality of life for those who live here. We have seen how dredging for a harbor in Oceanside, CA ruined beaches for many miles south. Please don't let that happen to one of the few water recreation areas we have on this side of the island. Please don't waste our tax money on a study of this bad idea. Lloyd Kinsey

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Bidleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Puna has the lowest per capita income in all of Hawaii. We need more jobs and I think we all agree that we need to produce more of our own food either for consumption or export. We, also, have thousands of acres of farmland to meet these needs and a healthy aquifer to support farming. This bill will provide funding to see just how we go about it.

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ALISA	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: if there absolutely must be increased boat sized traffic to which I am opposed, do not destroy precious clean KOPOHO Bay/POIKII where many locals swim and fish and have for generations, instead direct such traffic to the existing already dirty harbor in hilo. I would be opposed to development to POIKII PARK as many families, children swim in the warm waters there, there has long been a community of surfers, and there is now a delightful park there for enjoyment. the boats are a noxious smelly dirty oily danger to the families swimming and the surfers and a pollutant and should be directed to HILO BAY for a safe point of access. the KOPOHO Bay is less than 2 miles to one of hawaii's rare and precious underwater protected reef that is only just beginning to recover. the number and species of fish is increasing. both POIKII and KOPOHO BAY where many families and children have swam for generations should be designated as non-motor access. only used for swimming, surfing, kayaking, snorkling to protect the nearby less than 2 miles UNDERWATER PROTECTED PARK that locals fought for years to establish to protect an amazing world class area that drawl tourist dollars from all over the world. EXISITNG HILO BAY infrastructure can be increased to accommodate boaters. KOPOHO BAY AND POIKII are rare, unique and priceless beauty that must be protected due to rare and fragile UNDERWATER PARK AND NURSURY within 2 miles.

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Lee Eisenstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Build it and they will come. This area needs that harbor. Please move forward with it.

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

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Bill Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Steve Hirakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A great first step. Consideration should prioritize arable land. There are pockets of soil in Puna. Otherwise, just selecting land for agriculture will lead to non-soil crops like landscaping nurseries, flower production, orchard production. If we are to have sustainable food farming, then choose the right land. And, don't forget the infrastructure: water, electricity, and roads.

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Rosemarie Patronette	Individual	Support	No

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Rosemary Karlsson	Individual	Support	No

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Grace Laird	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Richard Koob	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please appropriate funds for a feasibility study for planning and land acquisition for an agricultural park in the Puna district. Agricultural parks are areas set aside specifically for agricultural activities to encourage continuation or initiation of such operations. The State's Agricultural Park Program makes land available to small farmers at reasonable cost with long-term tenure. The lessees are engaged in diversified agricultural crops or aquaculture and are small farming enterprises (under 20 acres).

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Lester Klungness	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have 23 years of experience in the University of Hawaii and USDA PBARC. I have seen the problems of land availability to farmers. Puna has the greatest need of land and the most willing farmers. If the state does not support growth of homegrown agriculture, it will be forever dependent on imported food.

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Scott Garris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a great idea. It encourages sharing and caring for the 'aina. That's the Spirit. \*HRS[§5-7.5]

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Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

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Colehour Bondera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members: As a small scale farmer in Honaunau (South Kona), it is with all due respect that I hereby request that you support this piece of legislation to help agriculture and especially small scale farmers make it here in Hawaii so that agriculture can get the respect that it deserves! Sincerely, Colehour Bondera  
KANALANI OHANA FARM PO Box 861 Honaunau, HI 96726

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Bill Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie Wingate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is really important for our area and food security for all the islands. I deeply appreciate your support!

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ag parks are a no brainer for All of Hawaii Nei!

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