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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018
12:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2101, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

House Bill 2101, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate an unspecified amount of general revenues in 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 Supplemental 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. 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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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**FEBRUARY 28, 2018
12:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2101 HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2101 HD1. 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 management 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 testify on this measure.





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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 12:00PM Room 308

In **SUPPORT of HB 2101 HD1** Relating to the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts

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

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **supports HB 2101 HD1**, which would allocate funding to Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts (HACD).

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, which started as an outdoors and hiking club, has been active in nature conservation in the islands for 50 years. We are committed to supporting efforts that not only allow people to explore and enjoy these beautiful islands we call home, but also protect and preserve them from the various man-made environmental threats (e.g., increasing impacts from tourism, damaging agricultural practices, climate change).

This measure would allow for the support of these important efforts:

- **We must support farmers to maximize food production in Hawai'i.** We rely much too heavily agricultural imports, with around 90% of our food coming from the mainland or abroad. *This must change.* Now is the time to increase self-sufficiency and food independence across the islands.
- **We must restore, preserve, and protect our soil and water resources.** Soil health and water conservation are critical in maintaining and preserving flourishing ecosystems and healthy communities in Hawai'i. Every effort must be taken to support both as they are critical to our way of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support of HB 2101 HD1**, which will provide the funding necessary for HACD to continue their important work.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – 12:00 PM - Room 308
Agenda #2

**RE: HB 2101 HD1 - Relating to the Hawaii Association of
Conservation Districts – In Support**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition is in strong support of HB 2101 HD1, which 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.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawai'i's food supply.

The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) and the 16 Hawaii Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) play an important role in improving farm practices and ensuring the protection of Hawai'i's environment. They assist farmers and ranchers with technical support, development and implementation of conservation plans, and outreach and education. All of the SWCD Directors are volunteers. The demands of the HACD have increased and legislature's support of the \$450,000 request is vital to enable the HACD to continue its programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

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Aquaponics Association

Hawai'i Association of
Independent Schools

Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council

Hawai'i Farm Bureau
Federation

Hawai'i Farmers' Union
United

Hawai'i Food Industry
Association

Hawai'i Food
Manufacturers Association

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HB2101hd1, Relating to The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts
House FIN Committee
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018
12:00 pm
Conference Room 308

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs
Position: Support

Chair Luke, and Members of the House FIN 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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February 28, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 2101, HD1
RELATING TO HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Room 308
12:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, 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 HB 2101, HD1, which provides 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.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts was founded by farmers who saw the value in implementing conservation practices. It was natural for them to protect the resources that provided nutrients for the growth of their crops and raising livestock.

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 Storm water requirements by EPA, have education requirements.

Each year, there is a focus area across the country. In 2017 topic was “Where does your Water shed?”. The purpose of this outreach program was to educate 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. Programs like these are adopted by each district 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 for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2101-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2018 8:33:50 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2018 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



Board of Directors

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Alan Takemoto

In Support of HB 2101, HD1

Relating to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 28, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room 308

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Chair Luke and members of the committee:

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HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

Directors-at-Large

Adolf Helm

Mark Stoutemyer

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Gene Harrington

HCIA **strongly supports HB 2101, HD1**, which appropriates funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staff costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD).

President Emeritus

Kirby Kester

HACD has played a pivotal role in improving Hawaii's environment and economy through major projects and collaborative efforts with partners and government agencies. It has also provided educational and community support of conversation awareness through high school and elementary school outreach programs. However, it has struggled to keep pace with the demands of reviewing county grading permits and conservation plans with the increased population growth and land use changes.

Executive Director

Bennette Misalucha

Lack of funding has limited HACD's services to entities within priority watershed areas, where there are few farmlands. Hawaii's farmers should have the opportunity to be advised on measures related to conservation and environmental stewardship. It is especially critical to fund HACD's work in a time when Hawaii is looking to grow its agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha

Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2018
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 308

HB 2101 HD1 – 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 Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, 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 five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 140+ 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 **supports** HB 2101 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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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 — 12:00 p.m. — Room 308

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 2101 HD 1, Relating to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better management of waste and fresh water. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports HB 2101 HD 1, which provides funding to the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts (HACD), because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

HACD plays an integral part in keeping Hawai'i's agriculture land in a quality state. HACD helps to educate farmers and ranchers via a customized conservation plan, which educates them on improving their farming techniques to minimize environmental damage. Ulupono was supportive of a successful effort by O'ahu Resource Conservation and Development Council with HACD to develop conservation plans online to expedite the approval process.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that by collaborating, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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HB 2101, H.D.1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

House Committee on Finance

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 12:00 p.m. Conference Room 308

Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

Position: **Support HB2101, H.D.1**

As a board member of the Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council which works with farmers to develop soil conservation plans, I support HB210, H.D.1 because there is a need to provide funding for operational expenses and staffing costs for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts. The soil and water conservation districts provide an essential role in reviewing the conservation plans developed by Oahu RC&D and by farmers that use the Oahu RC&D online 808 Conservation Planner.

HACD reviews required conservation plans and grading permits and has a significant workload which can cause delays in this required step.

As a board member of the statewide Hawaii Farm Bureau, I am in support of this funding for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts because it provides funding to continue to work with farmers to implement farm practices that reduce erosion and improve on farm sustainable farming practices. HACD carries out projects to improve water quality, fight invasive species, and conserve water use. Funding HACD also provides support for education of farmers, students, and community members in the importance of conservation practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB2101, HD1.

HB-2101-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2018 11:53:09 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2018 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

FIN-Jo

From: Kenneth Kamiya <kamiyak002@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 3:24 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: I SUPPORT HB2101, HD 1

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Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 9:04 AM
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FIN-Jo

From: James Tavares <tavaresjam@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 10:21 PM
To: FINTestimony
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From: Kathie Stewart <dstewart5@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 3:28 PM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maggie Kramp	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Michelle Watkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

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