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Lorie Farrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Access to Affordable Water is a critical component of a sustainable agriculture Industry.

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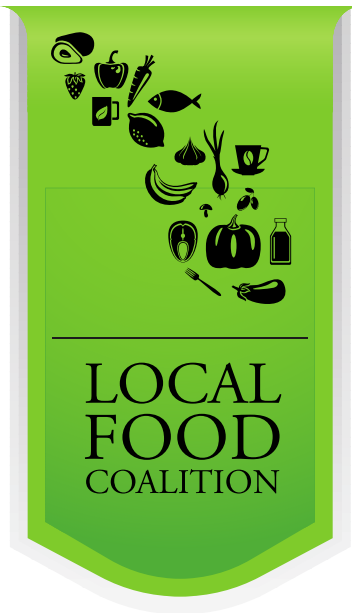
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Comments: No Water = No Farms = No Food

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 – 1:15 PM - Room 224

RE: HB 643 - Relating to Irrigation – In Support

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the
Committee:

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Hawai'i Aquaculture &
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

Kohala Center

Malama Kaua'i

Maui School Garden
Network

Ulupono Initiative

The Local Food Coalition is in strong support of HB 643, which authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to the Waiahole Irrigation System.

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 Waiahole Irrigation system is critical for many agricultural operations in central Oahu. There is a need to reduce water loss, increase water storage and secure a backup well in case of a failure in the system. The Agribusiness Development Corporation's Central Oahu Security Plan includes a reservoir and a backup well system that is estimated at \$8 million to \$10 million.

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

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