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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
SB 2168, SD1
RELATING TO RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports the intent of SB 2168, SD1, provided the appropriation does not replace or affect the Administration's priorities requested in the Executive Budget.

SB 2168, SD1 would appropriate funds for grants-in-aid to the counties for the identification and mapping of agricultural lands for designation as important agricultural lands (IAL) by the State Land Use Commission (LUC), pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 205-47.

Funding would incentivize and encourage the completion of the county IAL mapping process Statewide to fulfill the implementation of the IAL legislation as well as reimburse those counties that have completed the mapping work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB2168, SD1.

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Before the
Housee Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday March 21, 2018
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State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
SB 2168 SD1
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committee on Agriculture:

The Land Use Commission supports SB 2168 SD1 that would provide funds for grants-in-aid to the counties for the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands (IAL).

The IAL identification and mapping process for the counties as set out in Section 205-47, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) requires significant public involvement to include coordination with a broad range of stakeholders, public meetings, and citizen advisory groups. Adequate funding to complete this process could result in a quality product supported by a broad range of stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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March 13, 2018

TESTIMONY OF DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI
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ON
SB 2168, SD1, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS
House Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 312

Dear Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB 2168, SD1, Relating to Important Agricultural Lands. My testimony is submitted as Vice President of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, and in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council and Chair of the Council's Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

SB 2168, Relating to Important Agricultural Lands, is included in the 2018 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package. This measure will help to move forward the Important Agricultural Lands ("IAL") Law with respect to completion of the county mapping process and subsequent designation by the Land Use Commission. Once designated, agricultural operations on important agricultural lands are eligible for favorable benefits and regulations. Greater clarity on Important Agricultural Lands will help provide expanded opportunities for farmers and ranchers to obtain access to high quality land at affordable rates by protecting such land from development. The cost and availability of high quality land is a critical requirement for the success of local agriculture. As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. I also appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support local food production, and the consideration for reimbursing Kaua'i County and Honolulu City & County for their efforts in completing the IAL process.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the House Committee on Agriculture to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2018

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Committee on Agriculture
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 312
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Creagan and Committee Members:

Re: SB 2168, SD 1 Relating to Important Agriculture Lands
Hearing Date: 03-21-18 – 8:30 am; House Conference Room 312

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on SB 2168, SD 1, dealing with Important Agricultural Lands.

The County of Hawai'i's General Plan and various Community Development Plans have goals, objectives, and policies consistent with preserving viable and productive agricultural land for farming and ranching. This County supports the intent of IAL, and any funding assistance from the state is welcomed, but offer some concerns and suggested amendments to SB 2168, SD 1.

Simply put, there are a number of issues that will not be resolved by this bill unless the funding level is adequate:

- The County of Hawai'i has more than 1.2 million acres designated as state land use (SLU) agricultural, far more than any other county (followed by Maui having just over 400,000 acres on its three islands).
- With other critical priorities in play, this County does not foresee having the staff, funds, or capacity in the coming years to initiate the IAL study and extensive landowner and public outreach required by Act 183 (2005), especially given the size of our island.
- Pursuant to HRS 205-45, landowners can, at any time in the process, file a petition and lock out the county proceedings, thereby rendering moot any analysis, time, and expense already incurred by the counties.
- During Hawai'i County's last General Plan review in 2005, we took information from a study being done by USGS, which was an initial effort in the

direction of identifying IAL, but it did not include the level of research required for true IAL based on Act 183 and was not intended to substantiate going public with a petition to the LUC.

In consideration of the above, we request amendments to SB 2168, SD 1:

1. The preamble of SB 2168, SD 1 talks about identifying IAL "within sixty months of receipt of state funds." The sixty month timeframe was called for in Act 183 but we would ask that it be deleted. If it must remain, the clock should be triggered by petition of a county to the state to accept the funds, which must be approved by the appropriate County Council.
2. While any state contribution to the IAL effort is always welcomed, the amount of money proposed in the original SB 2168, and companion bill HB 1785, would be only a fraction of what is needed statewide. In consideration of what the other counties have spent on their IAL efforts, we respectfully request that the total sum in this bill be at least \$2 million.
3. The cost of a study is tied most closely to the amount of land studied and the number of parcels/landowners that will require review, consultation and coordination. We therefore request that you consider dividing whatever funds are appropriated based on a percentage of state land use agricultural lands in each county, rather than dividing the money equally.

We would add that we support the Senate's decision to expand the use of appropriated funds to reimburse the other counties for IAL efforts they have concluded or currently have in process.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry Kim
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

SB-2168-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqui Hoover	Hawaii Island Economic Development Board	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Comments:



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 — 8:30 a.m. — Room 312

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports SB 2168 SD 1, Relating to Important Agricultural Lands

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 SB 2168 SD 1, which provides grants to the counties for identifying and mapping important agricultural lands, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

The Important Agricultural Lands designation is one of the policies that helps to keep agricultural land in agriculture, especially as development grows. This funding will help counties to designate key lands for agriculture. Once designated, agricultural operations on important agricultural lands are eligible for favorable benefits and regulations. Greater clarity on Important Agricultural Lands will help provide expanded opportunities for farmers and ranchers to obtain access to high quality land at affordable rates by protecting such land from development. The cost and availability of high quality land is a critical requirement for the success of local agriculture.

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,

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



Kyle Datta
General Partner



March 12, 2018

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

Comments in Support of SB 2168, SD1, Relating to Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) (Implements Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii [SLH] 2005, in accordance with the State’s constitutional duty to protect IAL by providing funds to the counties for the identification and mapping of IAL.)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 8:30 a.m., in Conference Room 312

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 **support of SB 2168, SD1** and of the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including IAL in Hawaii. The bill conveys the need for collaboration amongst diverse sectors of the community - business, government, and agricultural stakeholders - and the importance for them to work together cooperatively to identify and map potential IAL to improve the economic viability of the State’s agricultural industry.

SB 2168, SD1. The purpose of this bill is to implement Act 183 in accordance with the State’s constitutional duty to protect IAL by providing funds to the counties to identify and map IAL.

LURF’s Position. LURF believes that the proposed appropriation of general revenues for the operations of the Initiative is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes [HRS], Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in Article XI, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution, “to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.”

As noted in HRS Section 205-41, the intent of Act 183 (2005) was to develop agricultural incentive programs to promote agricultural viability, sustained growth of the agricultural industry, and the long-term use and protection of important agricultural lands for agricultural use.

Passage of the long-awaited IAL legislation would be pointless without complete implementation of the law which is intended to provide programs, incentives and inducements, and which requires the cooperation and support of agricultural, business, and educational organizations, as well as government agencies in order to become fully-realized.

LURF members include private property owners, farmers and ranchers who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider the identification and assured availability of IAL critical to the continued conduct of their operations and to help sustain and preserve their businesses into the future. Regrettably, interest in agriculture continues to decline in Hawaii, however, LURF believes efforts to fully implement and preserve IAL would greatly help to perpetuate the agricultural industry in this State by providing the industry with support through incentive programs including grants and other funding and training assistance; favorable infrastructure and permit requirements; and farm and business education assistance to provide knowledge and inspire interest in agriculture and educate youth about the importance of increasing Hawaii's long-term resilience and sustainability.

As the identification and mapping of IAL and implementation of Act 183, SLH 2005 will significantly help to promote economically viable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii, LURF is in **support of SB 2168, SD1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

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March 13, 2018

TESTIMONY OF DRU KANUHA
HSAC PRESIDENT
ON SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS
Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 312

Aloha Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties in **support** of Senate Bill 2168, relating to important agricultural lands which is included in the 2018 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

The purpose of this measure implements Act 183, SLH 2005, in accordance with the State's constitutional duty to protect important agricultural lands by providing funds to the counties for the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands.

In 2005, the legislature enacted Act 183 which directed each county to identify and map potential important agricultural lands. Designation would allow for a variety of incentive programs and favorable infrastructure and permit requirements. Most counties did not receive state funds to assist with the duties imposed by Act 183 and have not yet completed the identification and mapping process. The funding allocated would help implement and achieve the purposes and goals of the program.

HSAC supports this measure for the reasons stated above and we urge the Committee on Agriculture to support this measure as well. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 323-4267.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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DRU KANUHA
HSAC PRESIDENT

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kacey Pahukoa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF KACEY PAHUKOA CPhT

SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

MARCH 1, 2018

Good morning, my name is Kacey Pahukoa. I am a current senior attending college at the University of Hawaii West Oahu, I work as a Certified Pharmacy Technician full time, and I am a born resident of Hawaii with important ancestral and agriculture ties to the community of Hawaii having been raised under generations of kalo farmers in rural Hawaii.

I want to thank the Committee for taking the time in considering my written testimony on Senate Bill Number 2168 relating to important agricultural lands.

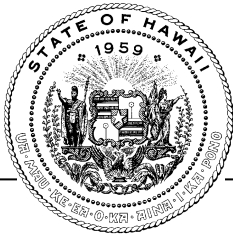
Senate Bill Number 2168 provides grants to counties for identifying and mapping important agricultural lands and designating key lands for agricultural use. These lands (once they are designated) become eligible for benefits and regulations such as, refundable qualified agricultural cost tax credit and loan guaranty. This would help to provide, obtain, or maintain access to crucial quality agricultural land at affordable rates for farmers, protect the land from development, create sustainable food sources within Hawaii, and aid in designating water resources to farmers who contribute to a sustainable Hawaii.

I believe that by supporting SB 2168 local farmers in Hawaii, especially those with generational ties to old Hawaiian agricultural would be able to perpetuate their heritage. Moreover I believe that by supporting SB 2168 we would also be building upon our agriculture industry while strengthening community ties and creating fresh locally grown food sources supporting local food production.

Thank you for your time.

Kacey Pahukoa CPhT

SB NO 2168



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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in consideration of
SB 2168, SD1
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2168, SD1, provided the appropriation does not replace the Administration's priorities requested in the Executive Budget. SB 2168, SD1 would appropriate funds for grants-in-aid to the counties for the identification and mapping of agricultural lands for designation as important agricultural lands (IAL) by the State Land Use Commission (LUC), pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 205-47. SB 2168, SD1 appropriates an unspecified amount for Fiscal Year 2018-19, to be allocated among the four counties.

Funding would facilitate completion of the county IAL mapping process and possibly accelerate the timeframe for submittal of county petitions for IAL to the LUC. OP acknowledges the funding is being made available for work completed prior to the passage of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



ALEXANDER & BALDWIN
PARTNERS FOR HAWAII

**SB 2168 SD1
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

**PAUL T. OSHIRO
DIRECTOR – GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.**

MARCH 21, 2018

Chair Creagan and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

I am Paul Oshiro, testifying on behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (A&B) on SB 2168 SD1, “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.”

We support this bill.

After over twenty five years of debate, negotiation, and compromise, the IAL Law and process was finally enacted in July 2008. After years of pursuing a land-use approach to this constitutional mandate, the IAL Law that was successfully passed (Act 183 (2005) and Act 233 (2008)) was premised on the principle that the best way to preserve agricultural lands is to preserve agricultural businesses and agricultural viability. As such, the IAL Law not only provides the standards, criteria, and processes to identify and designate important agricultural lands to fulfill the intent and purpose of Article XI, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution, it also provides for a package of incentives designated to support and encourage sustained, viable agricultural activity on IAL.

The IAL Law presently authorizes the identification and designation of IAL in one of two ways --- by voluntary petition to the State Land Use Commission by the landowner or farmer; or subsequently by the Counties filing a petition to designate lands as IAL pursuant

to a County identification and mapping process. In either case, the LUC determines whether the petitioned lands qualify for IAL designation pursuant to the standards, criteria, objectives, and policies set forth in the IAL Law. To date, the voluntary petition process has resulted in the designation by the LUC of over 130,000 acres of agricultural lands as IAL from voluntary petitions by Alexander & Baldwin, Parker Ranch, Castle & Cooke, Mahaulepu Farm, Grove Farm, Monsanto, the Robinson Family, and Kamehameha Schools.

This bill provides grants in aid to the Counties for the identification and mapping of IAL. With the voluntary petition process already providing a significant amount of IAL throughout Hawaii, this appropriation will assist the Counties in fulfilling the second method of IAL designation, which will be initiated by the County identification and mapping of IAL. When completed, these County maps will be forwarded to the LUC which will enable them to designate qualified lands as IAL.

Based on the aforementioned, we respectfully request your favorable consideration on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**MARCH 21, 2018
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2168 SD1
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2168 SD1 that requests an appropriation for FY2018-19 to the Department of Business and Economic Development, and Tourism to be disbursed equally to each of the four counties as grants-in-aid in support of their responsibility to identify and map potential Important Agricultural Lands pursuant to Section 205-47. SD1 ensures that the counties of Kauai and Honolulu receive reimbursement for the IAL mapping that have completed. The Department of Agriculture supports this measure that will help to move forward the Important Agricultural Lands Law with respect to completion of the county mapping process and subsequent designation by the Land Use Commission, and allowing the owners and farmers of these lands to have access to the IAL Incentives in support of agricultural production.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair; the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SB2168 SD1** relating to Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Important Agricultural Lands; Appropriation; and Mapping.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SB2168 SD1** and support its passage.

SB2168 SD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it implements Act 183, SLH 2005, in accordance with the State's constitutional duty to protect important agricultural lands by providing funds to the counties for the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands, effective 7/1/2050.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states that "[w]e support the designation of Important Agricultural Lands as a step towards preserving high-grade productive lands for current and future needs." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 109-110 (2016)).

Given that **SB2168 SD1** implements Act 183, SLH 2005, in accordance with the State's constitutional duty to protect important agricultural lands by providing funds to the counties for the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands, effective 7/1/2050, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON SB 2168, SD1
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Room 312
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 supports SB 2168, SD1, which provides funds to the Counties for the identification and mapping of Important Agricultural Lands.

Since the enactment of the Constitutional Mandate in 1978 to preserve and protect Important Agricultural Lands (IAL), HFBB came before the Legislature every year with proposals of how this measure could be implemented. It was only in 2005 when the standards and criteria to designate IAL was finally passed and in 2008 when the incentives were passed. It was a long road.

We were pleased when the first lands were designated by Alexander and Baldwin in 2009 totaling nearly 4000 acres in Kauai. Today, we have over 100,000 acres that were voluntarily designated by landowners across the State. This year marks the ten-year anniversary since the passage of the State incentives in 2008. Counties are responsible for developing incentives, creating maps which after a due process, will be submitted to the LUC for designation as IAL. Act 183 (SLH 2005) states that the counties will work on identification and mapping of important agricultural lands via funding from the State disbursed through the Land Use Commission. Most Counties have yet to receive funding and in turn the county IAL identification and mapping has not progressed as anticipated.

HFB supports this measure implementing Act 183 by providing the funds necessary to identify and map IAL in each county.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments: