

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor



SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
Deputy to the Chairperson

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
1428 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512
Phone: (808) 973-9600 FAX: (808) 973-9613

TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIROMENT AND
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 5, 2018
1:35 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 2168
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Chairperson Gabbard, Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2168 that appropriates the sum of \$250,000 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. 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.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lieutenant Governor

LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director

MARY ALICE EVANS
Deputy Director



LAND USE COMMISSION
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
State of Hawai'i

DANIEL ORODENKER
Executive Officer

Bert K. Saruwatari
Planner
SCOTT A.K. DERRICKSON AICP
Planner

RILEY K. HAKODA
Chief Clerk/Planner

FRED A. TALON
Drafting Technician

Statement of
Daniel E. Orodenker
Executive Officer
Land Use Commission
Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment, and
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Monday February 5, 2018
1:35 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

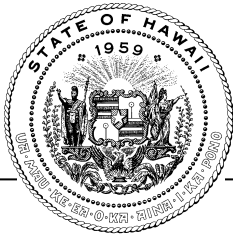
In consideration of
SB 2168
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Riviere and Wakai, and members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment; and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

The Land Use Commission supports SB 2168 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.



**OFFICE OF PLANNING
STATE OF HAWAII**

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

LEO R. ASUNCION
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PLANNING

235 South Beretania Street, 6th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Telephone: (808) 587-2846
Fax: (808) 587-2824
Web:
<http://planning.hawaii.gov/>

Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION
Director, Office of Planning
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Monday, February 5, 2018

1:35 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

SB 2168

RELATING TO RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Riviere and Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2168, provided the appropriation does not replace the Administration's priorities requested in the Executive Budget. SB 2168 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 appropriates \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-19, to be allocated equally 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. However, it is our understanding that the County of Kauai has completed their mapping studies and does not anticipate petitioning for the designation of additional IAL lands beyond what has already been designated under the voluntary petition process. The City and County of Honolulu is also nearing the completion of its identification and mapping process, and maps of proposed IAL are currently undergoing public review and comment prior to submittal to the Honolulu City Council.

This raises the question of whether grants-in-aid to the County of Kauai and the City and County of Honolulu would be allowed for reimbursement for work that has been completed. This may need to be clarified in the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR

MARY ALICE EVANS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Web site: www.hawaii.gov/dbedt

Telephone: (808) 586-2355
Fax: (808) 586-2377

Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**
Monday, February 5, 2018
1:35 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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

Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Riviere and Wakai, and Members of the Committees.

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

SB 2168 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Bldg A, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



February 1, 2018

TESTIMONY OF DRU KANUHA
HSAC PRESIDENT

ON SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Monday, February 5, 2018

1:35 p.m.

Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, 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 of \$250,000 would greatly 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 and Environment and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs 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.

DRU KANUHA
HSAC PRESIDENT

Council Chair
Mike White

Vice-Chair
Robert Carroll

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
Stacy Crivello

Councilmembers
Alika Atay
Elle Cochran
Don S. Guzman
Riki Hokama
Kelly T. King
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura




COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MAUI
200 S. HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793
www.MauiCounty.us

February 2, 2018

TO: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Stacy Crivello, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to implement Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 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.

This measure is included in the Hawaii State Association of Counties' ("HSAC") Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony as HSAC's Secretary.

I am aware that the President of HSAC has submitted testimony, on behalf of HSAC, in support of this measure. As Secretary, I concur with the testimony submitted by the President, and urge you to **support** this measure.

ocs:proj:legis:18legis:18testimony:sb2168_paf18-029_jgk

SB-2168

Submitted on: 2/2/2018 1:49:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/5/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Maui County Council	Support	No

Comments:

This bill implements Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 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. Thank you allowing me to provide testimony in support of this bill.



P.O. Box 253, Kunia, Hawai'i 96759
Phone: (808) 848-2074; Fax: (808) 848-1921
e-mail info@hfbf.org; www.hfbf.org

February 5, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2168
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Room 224
1:35 pm

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Riviere, Vice Chair Wakai, 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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 2168, 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), HFBF 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 Land Use Commission (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 LUC. 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.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS
Monday, February 5, 2018 — 1:35 p.m. — Room 224

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

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committees:

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, 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.

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

SB-2168

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 8:55:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/5/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2168

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 1:18:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/5/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
THE SENATE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Monday, February 5, 2018
1:35 p.m.**

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee (“OCC”) Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2168, relating to identification and mapping of Important Agricultural Lands. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2168 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2168, 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.

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 Senate Bill No. 2168 provides for identification and mapping of Important Agricultural Lands, 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

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

Email: legislativepriorities@gmail.com, Tel.: (808) 258-8889

SB-2168

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 11:55:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/5/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments: