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

FROM: Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2168

HEARING: Monday, February 5, 2018, 1:35 pm
Conference Room 224, Hawaii State Capitol

I am Testifying in **support** of SB 2168, relating to important agricultural lands.

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.

I **support** the passage of SB 2160 and thank your committee for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.