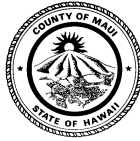


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February 28, 2018

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Crivello, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties

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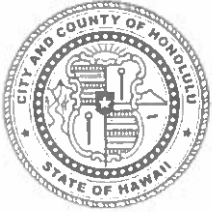
SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

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.

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TO: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2168

HEARING: Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211, 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 2168 and thank your committee for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2168
RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Room 211
11:00 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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, 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 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.

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

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

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TESTIMONY OF DRU KANUHA
HSAC PRESIDENT

ON SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz 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 Ways and Means 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

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Submitted on: 2/28/2018 10:05:52 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support testimony submitted by HSAC Secretary Stacy Crivello and urge you to support this legislation.