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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**FEBRUARY 28, 2018
10:45 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2846 SD1
RELATING TO IRRIGATION**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2846 SD1, relating to irrigation. This bill transfers operational authority over the portions of the east Kauai irrigation system to the Department of Agriculture, establishes positions, and makes an appropriation. The Department supports this measure and recommends the following amendment.

The Department recommends changing the first sentence of SECTION 1(b) to read: "The portions of the east Kauai irrigation system operated and maintained by the east Kauai water users' cooperative as of July 1, 2018, [~~shall~~] may be placed under the operational authority of the department of agriculture until such time that adoption of rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are completed, or a determination is made that the system can be appropriately operated and maintained pursuant to chapters 167 and 168, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SB-2846-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support!

This measure will enable small diversified farmers on Kauai to continue to have access to the water they need to keep farming. Without State support of this system, these farms are in jeopardy. Please pass this bill.