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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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SENATE BILL NO. 698 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No.698 SD1 that authorizes the State and counties the right, upon reasonable belief and after giving notice, to enter property subdivided with leasehold lots pursuant to Section 205-4.5(f). The owner or occupier of the subdivided land is required to notify the State and county agencies of the agricultural uses or activities on the land along with a subdivision or lease map. Failure to provide written notice to the county may void the subdivision, the lease, or both. State and county agencies may issue citations, and assess fines and liens on the property for violations. The Department of Agriculture supports this measure that promotes active monitoring and enforcement on certain subdivisions of agricultural land that are exempt from county subdivision standards.

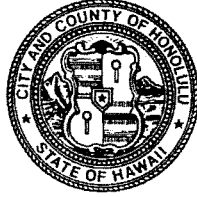
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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February 23, 2017

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 698, SD 1
Relating to Agricultural Lands

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **supports** Senate Bill No. 698, which provides additional safeguards for agricultural lands that may be subdivided and leased under subsection (f) of Section 205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The subdivision exemption under this law, in conjunction with the agricultural building permit exemption under Section 46-88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has resulted, as evidenced by the example of Kunia Loa Ridge Farmlands, in unregulated parceling, sale or lease of agricultural land, and unpermitted use of the land for non-agricultural purposes.

We welcome any efforts to improve the law and we appreciate that our recommendations in previous testimony were incorporated in the SD 1 version of this Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy K. Sokugawa".

Kathy K. Sokugawa
Acting Director

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