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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019
2:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 451, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

House Bill 451, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate an unspecified amount of general revenues for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Budget Request and offers the following comments.**

The purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Program is to educate, construct, maintain, and assist in the development of conservation plans to protect soil and water resources statewide. Each SWCD is operated by a five-member volunteer board. HACD is an umbrella organization formed by the 16 SWCDs under Chapters 180 and 180C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administratively attached to the Department. The Department notes that the SWCD Program has historically been general funded, and it does not have a base budget appropriation, therefore funding would be required for the continuance of their activities. The annual funding requirement for the program is \$500,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 20, 2019
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 451 HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 451 HD1. This bill appropriates funds to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) to assist with its staffing and operating costs. The Department of Agriculture supports this bill, but ultimately defers to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Proper conservation practices are essential to a farmer's success, and conservation plans are an important tool for farmers to use in order to maximize soil retention by implementing erosion and sediment control best management practices. HACD can provide farmers with the technical expertise needed to create their own conservation plans. With an approved conservation plan, farmers will be able to attain necessary permissions prior to clearing and grading their land to prepare it for planting and to put new lands into production. HACD provides an important service for the State of Hawaii and deserves consistent funding moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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February 20, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 451, HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Room 308
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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 strongly supports HB 451, HD1, which provides funding for the staffing and operations of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD).

HFB appreciates the support provided by the legislature to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts. This program is an excellent example of successful public-private partnerships that bring benefit not just to farmers and ranchers, but to everyone in the State of Hawaii.

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts were founded by farmers who saw the value in implementing conservation practices. It was natural for them to protect the resources that provided nutrients for the growth of their crops and raising livestock.

Over the years, the Districts have also originated major water projects across the State bringing in Federal dollars to be matched by State resources. Today, we have two projects remaining and HACD continues to work with our Congressional Delegation to complete the Upcountry Dual line and the Lahaina Flood Control Projects. Drought mitigation is a major concern for farmers and ranchers. We are constantly looking for ways in which we can partner with USDA NRCS to implement programs in Hawaii.

While the conservation districts are most often associated with the preparation and approval of conservation plans, the scope of their activities is much broader. As part of the National Association of Conservation Districts, we have access to material that can help state agencies meet regulatory requirements. For example, those Counties involved in MS4 or Municipal Stormwater requirements by EPA, have education requirements.

Each year, there is a focus area across the country. In 2017 topic was “Where does your Watershed?”. The purpose of this outreach program was to educate children about where water comes from and the need to be cognizant about practices, such as oil discharges from your cars that may end up in the storm drain or dumping hazardous wastes where it can end up in streams. Programs like these are adopted by each district as part of their outreach. By funding the Districts, you contribute to their capacity to carry out these tasks.

Another example is Soil Judging. Each year, students across the state enter a contest to test their abilities to correctly identify, evaluate, classify, and describe soil profiles and their applicability for various uses including housing. Did you know that Hawaii students have consistently placed in National competitions that take place in Oklahoma each year? Through these experiences, students have developed an interest in pursuing careers in agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 — 2:00 p.m. — Room 308

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 451 HD 1, Relating to the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing 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 manage waste and fresh water resources. 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 HB 451 HD 1, which provides funding to the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts (HACD), because it aligns with our goal to increase local food production.

The O'ahu chapter of HACD, the O'ahu Resource Conservation and Development Council, developed the 808 Planner tool via funding from Ulupono. This tool helps farmers and ranchers by creating customized online conservation plans with expedited approval. The conservation plans are designed to improve farming techniques and minimize environmental damage. HACD plays an integral part in keeping Hawai'i's agriculture land in a quality state.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become increasingly 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 through collaboration, 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.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – 2:00 PM - Room 308
Agenda #1

RE: HB 451 HD1 - Relating to The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts – In Support

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the committee:

Hawai'i Aquaculture &
Aquaponics Association
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council
Hawai'i Farm Bureau
Federation
Hawai'i Farmers' Union
United
Hawai'i Food Industry
Association
Hawai'i Food
Manufacturers Association
Kohala Center
Land Use Research
Foundation of Hawai'i
Malama Kaua'i
Maui School Garden
Network
Ulupono Initiative
College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human
Resources - University of
Hawai'i at Manoa

The Local Food Coalition **strongly supports HB 451 HD1**, which makes an appropriation for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) and the 16 Hawaii Soil and Water Conservations Districts (SWCD) play an important role in improving farm practices and ensuring the protection of Hawaii's environment. They assist farmers and ranchers with technical support, development and implementation of conservation plans, outreach and education. All of the SWCD Directors are volunteers. The demands of the HACD have increased and legislature's support of this \$500,000 request is vital to enable the HACD to continue its programs.

We respectfully request your support of HB 451 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:00:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Ah Mai/HACD	Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts	Support	Yes

Comments:

HACD services all counties with technical assistance to agriculture and conservation. It consistently returns the state allocation at a 3-to-1 ratio by incorporating county and federal funds. This is a net positive program. We strongly support HB 451 HD 1.

TESTIMONY

HB 451: Relating to Soil and Water Conservation Districts

House Committee on Finance

Room 308

2:00 PM

February 20, 2019

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts and Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation Districts strongly supports HB 451, appropriating operating funds for the districts, with a change in the source of funding from Special Land Development Funds (SLDF) to a recurring bases from State General Funds.

Hawaii's Soil and Water Conservation Districts (HACD) and the 16 Hawaii Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) appreciates your history of commitment to investing in us. Your commitment has made it possible to provide services that protect Hawaii's Land and Water resources from a multitude of threats, including erosion. In addition, the Conservation Plans developed by Conservation Specialists funded by these funds and leveraged with County and Federal funds, have provided cost share opportunities for farmers and ranchers, annually averaging \$8-\$9 million. These are Federal funds provided to offset costs by farmers and ranchers to increase the viability of their operations while protecting the lands from erosion, and waters from pollution. Conservation is good business for the islands, as well as it's people.

Our mission is required by law in HRS Ch. 180 that was put into place by Federal legislation requiring States to develop programs to address soil conservation. The State of Hawaii adopted the requirement to have a soil and water conservation program and required the Counties to adopt ordinances to carry out the intent. As a result, all counties have ordinances and the 16 SWCDs were created across the State. This program is an excellent example of how programs that benefit Hawaii can be implemented. It is a shared responsibility between Federal, State and County governments leveraged by local on the ground volunteers that carry out the program. There is consistency as Conservation Plans are developed and approved using USDA-NRCS guidelines and approved by NRCS conservationists.

While HACD funding has not been in the base budget of DLNR, HACD is required to submit its' budget to the agency by statute. This requirement would appear to result in the inclusion of HACD funding needs in the agency's budget. In the past, funding was for HACD and the SWCDs were partially covered by Title 319 funds from the Department of Health, Clean Water Branch. These 319 monies specifically covered the Conservation Specialists until 2011. The agency felt, it was not an appropriate use of funds and for a year, until Hawaii Farm Bureau assisted the Districts with legislation, the Department of Agriculture provided interim funding. While farmers and ranchers are major beneficiaries of our programs, we serve the entire State.

The following items are some examples of the services that we provide to our communities and why we are assigned as a part of DLNR:

- Flood Control Projects
- Watershed Protection Planning
- Conservation Planning
- Education and Community Outreach

We respectfully request your support of this measure on a **recurring bases and replacing General Funds as the source of funding**, to help the districts expand our services for the welfare of Hawaii's natural resources. We appreciate this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter. If there are questions, please contact HACD President, Ka'u Water Conservation District Chairperson, Brenda Iokepa-Moses at 808-896-3932.



February 19, 2019

Representative Sylvia J. Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Comments in Support of HB 451, HD1, Relating to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (Makes an appropriation for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts [HACD]).

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room 308

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to submit comments regarding, and a recommended amendment to **HB 451, HD1**.

HB 451, HD1. This bill proposes to appropriate funds from the State's General Fund for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the HACD.

LURF's Position. Members of LURF are participants of the HACD, which is comprised of sixteen districts representing each community on all major islands of Hawaii. Testimony has been presented to the Legislature confirming that the HACDs are authorized by law to operate as government subdivisions to educate the public and construct and maintain conservation projects and programs in Hawaii, and that the HACDs have worked to improve Hawaii's environment and economy through collaborative efforts with partners and government agencies that have brought millions of dollars to the State to improve farm practices, reduce erosion, improve ocean and drinking water quality, fight invasive species, improve public safety, protect property, conserve water, and strengthen the economy.

The HACDs reportedly also provide educational and community support for conservation awareness, participate in resource conservation and development projects with high school programs statewide, and also introduce conservation principles in elementary schools.

LURF understands, however, that the HACDs unfortunately do not have a base budget appropriation under the budget of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and that an appropriation is necessary to provide necessary funding in order that the HACD may continue its important activities.

The lack of funding for the HACD results in many negative impacts on agriculture at a time when staunch efforts are being made to build and support the agricultural industry in Hawaii. Funding shortages limit the services and assistance provided by the HACD, which are invaluable to farmers and to the economic viability of agriculture in this State.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports HB 451, HD1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.

TESTIMONY

HB 451: Relating to Soil and Water Conservation Districts

House Committee on Finance

Room 308

2:00 PM

February 13, 2019

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- Conservation Planning
- Education and Community Outreach

We respectfully request your support of this measure on a **recurring bases and replacing General Funds as the source of funding**, to help the districts expand our services for the welfare of Hawaii's natural resources. We appreciate this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter. If there are questions, please contact HACD Executive Director, Michelle Watkins at 808-230-4228.

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 9:44:43 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

We support the recommendations of HACD. Thank you.



HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Support of HB451 HD1
Relating to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308

Chair Luke and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) strongly supports HB451 HD1, which makes an appropriation from the special land and development fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD).

Funding of HACD is critical to the viability of the 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the State. In the past, collaborative efforts with partners have helped to improve farm practices, reduce erosion, fight invasive species, protect property and conserve water. However, a lack of funding has limited HACD's services to priority watershed areas that have approved watershed plans. Efforts need to be expanded to educate all farmers and ranchers on the value of implementing conservation practices to protect resources. Additional funding will allow for this.

Please vote in support of HB451, HD1. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 6:10:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 4:01:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:48:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Howard Greene	West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:59:37 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:41:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harry von Holt	Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 3:18:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Takemoto	Bayer	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Luke and committee members,

We respectfully urge your support of HB 451 that provides funds for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD). HACD is an important organization that supports soil and water conservation programs for farmers and ranchers statewide.

Thank you,

Dan Clegg

Bayer Hawaii Operations Lead

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 11:30:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 1:19:59 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 1:34:05 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo Kimm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 2:58:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 4:13:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 5:24:41 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 6:48:22 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 10:35:30 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:46:57 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a former member of the Hana conservation district board, I support the HACD and the work they do to support our soil and water resources.

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 7:57:18 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of HB451, providing funding for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the State.

The Conservation Plans and review processes are required in State Law in HRS 180 to protect Hawaii's land resources from erosion and waters from sediment runoff. Coastal reefs are a big issue and the health of coral reefs and clarity of waters often are discussed. The work that the SWCDs do are to minimize sediment runoffs not only from agriculture but from all human activities e.g. construction. The law requires that we submit our budget to the Department each year. Therefore, it makes sense that this request becomes part of the base budget of the Department. These funds do not operate alone. They are leveraged with county and federal funds and resources along with thousands of volunteer hours. It is an example of use of public funds where \$1 is multiplied many times over for the benefit of the environment and people of Hawaii.

I respectfully request your support to include this as part of DLNR's base budget. We see your support every year before the Legislature. Your continued support tells us that you understand our role and importance. Your inclusion of this measure will help facilitate our work vs. the uncertainty associated with year to year funding. Please support this measure and include us in the DLNR base budget using general funds and not their existing special funds.

Your consideration of this measure is appreciated. Thank you.

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:11:15 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:11:30 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hunter Heavilin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The HACD have long provided important services to our agricultural communities across the State and their work requires further support.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:35:32 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanoë Malani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:09:58 AM

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

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:22:21 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:31:45 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aileen K . F. Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-451-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michelle watkins	Individual	Support	No

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HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:08:55 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gwen Morinaga-Kama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-451-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:31:26 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John C. Cross	Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments:



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Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
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HB451HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS: Makes an appropriation from the special land and development fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

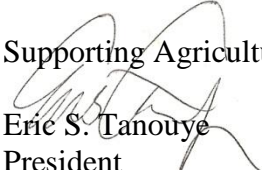
My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA) **SUPPORTS House Bill 451 HD1**

The Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts plays an important role in helping to maintain Hawaii's environment. Hawaii's Nurserymen and women understand the importance of being good stewards of the land and support funding the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,


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