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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 28, 2019
3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

SENATE BILL NO. 1148 SD2
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 1148 SD2. This bill provides funding for loans to ranchers and farmers affected by natural disasters through the Department's Agricultural Loan Program. The Department of Agriculture supports this bill.

The Department believes that adequate funding be placed in the agricultural loan program to carry out the intent of this legislation in a timely manner. Supporting the many affected agriculturalists across the state is of the utmost importance to the Department. Recovery from natural disasters is a long road, and the Department will be there to support local farmers and ranchers in their efforts to revive agricultural production.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/25/2019 5:42:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
HERBERT M. "TIM" RICHARDS, III	Hawaii County Council	Support	No

Comments:



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

By
Nicholas Comerford
Dean, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
And
Michael Bruno
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellor for Research
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 1148 SD2 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the House Committee on Finance:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 1148 SD2 relating to agriculture. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources supports this bill and we respectfully provide the following information to substantiate our position that was provided in testimony to SB 1148 SD1 with comment that reflects the positive changes made in this revision.

2018 was a difficult year for agriculture. Torrential rains hurt the taro and ornamental plant industries on Kaua'i and O'ahu. Volcanic eruption decimated approximately 50% of the papaya industry and severely hurt the orchid industry, while also having a negative effect on the bee industry. Multiple hurricanes compounded the problems as did frequent wildfires. Hawai'i needs to be prepared for the certain eventuality that this is a foreboding of disasters to come as our climate continues to change due to human influence.

Disaster relief generally follows a pattern: (1) search and rescue, (2) emergency relief, (3) early recovery, (4) medium to long-term recovery, and (5) community development. These steps pertain to agriculture with the exception of the first. Steps 2 and 3 need to happen as quickly as possible. This bill addresses step 3 - early recovery by providing grants and loans.

We support the changes made in the previous version and thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. We also defer to the Department of Agriculture and their input on manpower and funding needs to accomplish the goal set by the legislature.



March 25, 2019

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

**Support of SB 1148, SD2, Relating to Agricultural Disaster Funds
(Appropriates funds into and out of the agricultural loan revolving fund for
the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to provide loans to local ranchers and
farmers negatively affected by natural disasters.)**

Thursday, March 28, 2019, 3:00 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 express its **support of SB 1148, SD2** and of the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including important agricultural lands (IAL) in Hawaii.

SB 1148, SD2. This bill appropriates funds in and out of the agricultural loan revolving loan fund for the DOA to provide loans to support local ranchers and farmers who have experienced losses caused by natural disasters.

LURF's Position. LURF members include farmers and ranchers who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider such assistance very helpful, if not critical to the conduct of their operations and to help sustain their businesses.

As this Committee is aware, in addition to the devastating costs and effects farmers and ranchers may suffer in connection with unavoidable natural disasters, the already unsustainable costs cast upon agricultural stakeholders by various safety and security standards, programs and regulations; onerous regulations relating to maintenance and operation of water systems and infrastructure; and growing and processing machinery and facilities, are all proving to be potentially counterproductive to the long-term

objective of sustainable agriculture. In the event of natural disaster, recovery efforts must be undertaken and implemented efficiently to ensure that damaged farm infrastructure, crops, and land are restored as quickly as possible.

The purpose of this bill is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, “to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.”

LURF therefore appreciates the objective of SB 1148, SD2, which is to support agriculture and provide needed assistance to agriculture-related or agribusinesses operations. Passage of the long-awaited IAL legislation would be meaningless without implementation of such measures. The appropriation of funds into and out of the agricultural loan revolving fund to provide loans for local ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters is critically needed to help support viable agricultural activity in this State.

By recognizing the significance of, and need to assist the local agriculture industry, and implement incentives and measures which help to support the growth and maintenance of agriculture in the State, this bill significantly helps to promote economically viable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of this measure.



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March 28, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON SB 1148, SD2
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 308
3:00 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 supports SB 1148, SD2, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

2018 was a particularly difficult year for Hawaii's farmers and ranchers. The historic torrential rains and disastrous floods on Kauai and Oahu in April, the Kilauea eruption which caused devastation from lava and ash on Hawaii Island, Hurricane Lane and Tropical Storm Olivia were major natural disasters that had a drastic impact to Hawaii's agriculture industry. Unfortunately, Hawaii farmers and ranchers have been and will continually be impacted by damaging weather or natural disasters such as epidemic disease, pest outbreaks, high wind, thunderstorms, hurricanes, fire, flood, earthquakes, lava flow, vog or other volcanic activity, droughts, and tidal waves.

An Agricultural Disaster Funds Program that offers grants and loans would enable HDOA to quickly respond to agricultural emergencies by assisting farmers and ranchers with funding to help repair damaged infrastructure, replant crops, or replace equipment and supplies allowing them to continue farming or ranching.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important subject.

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 10:50:42 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Thursday, March 28, 2019 – 3:00 PM - Room 308
Agenda #2

RE: SB 1148 SD2 - Relating to Agriculture – 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 SB 1148 SD2**, which appropriates funds into and out of the agricultural loan revolving fund for the Department of Agriculture to provide loans to local ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters.

2018 was a tough year for many farmers and ranchers. Growers faced the brunt of the heavy rainfall, hurricanes, tropical storms and Kilauea eruptions, flooding many viable crops and displacing many ranchers. Agricultural losses reported from Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu totaled \$47,600,000, which emphasizes the dire need for these recovery funds to help our ranchers and farmers restore their livelihoods.

Based on the October 2018 "Farm Disaster Survey Results" conducted by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, 87% of those surveyed indicated they are willing to start over and relocate.

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

We respectfully request your support of SB 1148 SD2. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

John Garibaldi
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SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 2:49:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:



Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

THE SENATE
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Thursday, March 28, 2019
3:00 P.M.

Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

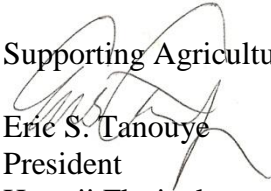
SB1148 SD2 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE: Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

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 Senate Bill 1148 SD2**

The Hawaii Floriculture and Ornamental Industry understands the recent hardships that are faced by nurserymen and women by forces that are outside of their control. We ask that you consider supporting this bill that supports our farmers and ranchers.

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,

Eric S. Tanouye
President
Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 1:48:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 11:05:50 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 11:14:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Hastings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 12:29:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 12:35:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 1:17:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 1:30:40 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 3:17:17 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

finance8 - Joy

From: J.Ashman <ashman.janet@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8:48 AM
To: FINtestimony
Subject: I Support SB 1148, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1148 SD2.

Local farmers who have been devastated by the recent natural disasters need timely grants and loans in order to get back on their feet.

Thank you for supporting Hawaii's farmers and ranchers who grow and raise the products we need.

Mahalo!

From: Vernon Inouye <vbinouye@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:34 AM
To: FINtestimony
Subject: I Support SB 1148, SD 2

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Mahalo!

From: Barry Kim <kimn001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:17 AM
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From: Lorie Obra <lorie@rustyshawaiian.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:45 AM
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From: Melvin Matsuda <melvin@kahukubrand.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:33 AM
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From: Donald Lau <whtmzda@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 9:14 PM
To: FINtestimony
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From: Frederick Mencher <fmencher@hawaii.rr.com>
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From: Bronson Yadao <byadao87@gmail.com>
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From: Alvin Tsuruda <waihale@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 7:42 PM
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From: Mark Phillipson <reelrelaxed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 6:07 PM
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From: Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:55 PM
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From: Larry Jeffs <ljefts@aloha.net>
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From: donald sommer <desommer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:23 PM
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From: ALAN TADA <flowersforever@hawaiiantel.biz>
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finance8 - Joy

From: John Giblin <jgiblinjr@aol.com>
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From: Pamela Takamiyashiro <pamtaka14@gmail.com>
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From: Sarah Styan
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:36 PM
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From: GLENN TOYAMA <gtoyama67@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:24 PM
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From: Cathleen Gleason <gleasonc001@gmail.com>
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From: Rodney/Karol Haraguchi <karol@haraguchiricemill.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:16 PM
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finance8 - Joy

From: Carolynn Lum <hawaii96766@yahoo.com>
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From: Leann Lum <mauiflorist@yahoo.com>
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From: Justin Cadiz <justin.cadiz16@gmail.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:44 AM
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From: LUANA BECK <hooluanaranch@yahoo.com>
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Submitted on: 3/27/2019 5:09:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/27/2019 6:24:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/27/2019 8:21:29 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recent farm losses to natural disaster demonstrate the need for disaster recovery funding

SB-1148-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/28/2019 8:29:28 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Soo Sun Choe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/28/2019 9:27:22 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Winslow	Hawaii Farmers Union	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/28/2019 9:49:22 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

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hugh johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair;
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Finance,

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1148 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of SB 1148.

Agriculture is a very important industry to our community, but it is a difficult industry to successfully start and sustain, given the many unpredictable factors and expenses. With the difficulty in sustaining an agricultural operation (including farming and ranching), a natural disaster can have a huge impact and can be devastating. Therefore, we support this bill to provide grants and loans to farmers negatively affected by natural disasters because without these grants and loans, we may see more agricultural operations cease and be unable to recover.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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President

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