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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**
Friday, February 8, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
SB 755
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Chairs Gabbard and Chang, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment, and Senate Committee on Housing.

The Office of Planning (OP) offers **comments** on SB 755, which establishes an Agricultural Housing Task Force within OP to review State and county rules and processes for the construction of housing units within agricultural districts to identify barriers to construction of worker housing units on farms within agricultural districts. An unspecified appropriation is also proposed.

At this time, OP is uncertain as to what specific problems are being encountered at the county level relative to processing and approving farmworker housing units. We are, however, certainly willing to explore with the counties, State agencies and other stakeholders regarding how regulations and procedures can be improved to promote safe and affordable farmworker housing. Finally, we could consider this proposal provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT AND
HOUSING

FEBRUARY 8, 2019
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 755
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Gabbard and Chang and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 755 which establishes an 11-member Agricultural Housing Task Force in the Office of Planning. The Task Force is to identify barriers to construction of on-farm housing units within agricultural districts by studying existing relevant State and county laws, ordinances, rules, and processes; make recommendations; and propose a “master use application process to be applied throughout the State”. There is an appropriation. The Department of Agriculture offers comments and otherwise defers to the Office of Planning and to the counties, who have the primary responsibility for permitting habitable structures on agricultural land.

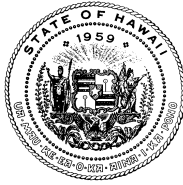
The outcome expected from the Task Force is recommendations to streamline the processes to authorize the construction of safe and sanitary housing units for residential use on farms that are engaged in agricultural production within agricultural districts. The Department prefers that the existing statutory language found in Chapter 205 describing “employee housing” (Section 205-4.5(a)(4)) that is related to farming and animal husbandry be used in place of “housing units for residential use on farms” to prevent any misunderstanding.



In response to previous legislation, the Department searched for evidence of the lack of affordable housing for farm workers needed by working farms to attract and retain employees and to operate farms in an economical manner on the Big Island. Available statistics show that the majority of hired farm laborers in Hawaii worked on Big Island farms and are the lowest paid farm laborers among the four counties.

- Statewide farm labor statistics (2007 and 2012 Census of Agriculture – Hawaii County Data; Table 7, pages 238 and 215, respectively) show increases in the number of farms with hired labor (1,783 to 1,977) and the total number of hired laborers (11,523 to 12,492). The statewide total number of farms was 7,521 in 2007 and 7,000 in 2012, so about 25% of Hawaii’s farms hired at least one farm laborer during both census periods.
- From 2007 to 2012, there was a 62% increase in the number of farms with one hired laborer. The Big Island accounted for the largest increase in farms with one farm laborer. Statewide, farms with 2, 3-4, and 5-9 hired laborers showed declines of 16% to 2%. One possible explanation for the increase in farms with one hired laborer is that farms with multiple hired laborers reduced their work force but kept at least one laborer.
- In 2012, the Big Island accounted for more than 50% of the statewide total of farms with hired labor, and the number of hired laborers. However, the total payroll for hired farm labor on the Big Island was 25% of the statewide total payroll for hired farm labor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Testimony COMMENTING on SB0755
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Hearing Date: February 8, 2019

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) would like to offer comments
3 for this measure. The Department has jurisdiction over regulating drinking water systems and
4 wastewater systems in Hawaii for the protection of public health and the environment.

5 Agricultural housing units proposed under this bill may, under certain circumstances,
6 meet the definition of a regulated public water system and become subject to review and
7 approval by the Safe Drinking Water Branch as stipulated under Hawaii Administrative Rules
8 (HAR), Chapter 11-20. The regulated water system would be required to hire certified operators
9 and perform regular compliance monitoring of the system's drinking water quality as required
10 under Federal and State law.

11 In addition, wastewater systems proposed for the agricultural housing units may be
12 required to comply with HAR Chapter 11-62, Wastewater Systems.

13 The Department looks forward to working with the agricultural housing task force to
14 develop a process that ensures compliance with environmental regulations for all housing units
15 developed under this measure.

16 **Offered Amendments:** None.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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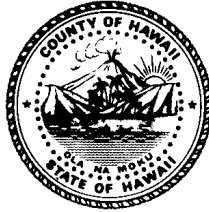
Chairs Gabbard and Chang, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment; and Housing.

The Land Use Commission (LUC) offers the following comments on SB 755, that would establish an Agricultural Housing Task Force within the State Office of Planning (OP) to review State and county rules and processes for the construction of housing units within agricultural districts and to identify barriers to construction of worker housing units on farms within agricultural districts. The LUC chairperson or their designee is identified as members of this task force.

We would suggest amending the language to identify the LUC's Executive Officer or designee. Participation by a sitting commission member could create potential conflicts of interest should any specific projects before the LUC be discussed during task force meetings. The LUC staff is willing to work with State, county agencies, and stakeholders towards improving the regulatory process. We defer to OP on the staffing and budgetary implications of the proposed measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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February 7, 2019

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Honorable Senator Russel E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

Committee on Housing

Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Honorable Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair

Submission via online testimony

RE: **Support of SB 755**
Hearing Date/Time: February 7, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senators:

As the Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Water, Energy, and Environmental Management for the Hawai'i County Council, I thank you for the opportunity to submit **testimony in SUPPORT of SB 755**. An Agricultural Housing Task Force is necessary within the Office of Planning in order to identify and overcome barriers to construction in agricultural districts.

Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss my position and knowledge of this matter further.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

TESTIMONY ON SB 755
RELATING AGRICULTURE

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Chang, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Kanuha, and Members of the Committees:

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 the intent of SB 755, which establishes the agricultural housing task force within the office of planning to study existing county and state laws, rules, and processes for construction of housing units within agricultural districts to identify barriers to construction, make recommendations, and propose one master use application process to be applied throughout the State.

HFB recognizes the need for agricultural workforce housing and believes that affordable housing is necessary to attract farm workers. This has been a major shortfall as we try to address labor needs for expanding agriculture. Agricultural employee housing does not just come under the jurisdiction of the State and County but under the Department of Labor. Farmers wishing to provide worker housing face their own challenges with extensive federal rules enforced by the Department of Labor, the State, and Counties. A streamlined process would encourage more farmers to develop farmworker housing.

We request that the bill clarifies that the intent of the task force is to address agricultural workforce housing and not residential housing on agricultural land. We suggest inserting the qualifying language in Section 2 (a) (2) into Section 2 (a) (1) and removing the reference to residential from Section 1.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau respectfully request that we are included as a member of the Agricultural Housing Task Force. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 3:29:39 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments:



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HAWAII STATE SENATE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING

Wednesday, February 8, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of SB755

Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Chang, Vice Chairs Ruderman & Kanuha and members of the Committees,

I am Chris Manfredi, President of Hawaii Coffee Association.

The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry, including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers located throughout the State of Hawaii. The HCA's primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffees. A major component of HCA's work is the continuing education of members and consumers.

The HCA STRONGLY supports SB755

The coffee industry is currently experiencing a significant labor crisis. The need for harvest labor is immediate. Some farms have been experienced crop losses on the magnitude of 30% due to an inability to harvest.

Fierce competition for labor drives up the cost of production, pushing prices higher, which in turn encourages crop thefts. Sadly these higher prices are driven by cost, which do not benefit the grower.

It's a vicious cycle. A farmer pours all his resources into producing a crop. Come harvest time, he or she can't get enough workers to pick the fruit. Bidding wars among neighbors are common, driving up costs, pinching cash flow, and squeezing the margins for the grower.

If a crop goes unharvested, coffee berries remain in the field, serving as a reservoir for Coffee Berry Borer. The infested cherries host dormant insects in the off season. These beetles emerge and infest the subsequent crop, leading to further cost increases, reduced yields and thinner margins for growers. Further, higher infestation levels hurt the overall quality of Hawaiian coffee. This can (and does) lead to price reductions that threaten the health of the industry.

The problem is not unique to the coffee industry. At the 2017 Ag Leadership Conference a panel of local, state and federal lawmakers, various agencies and key industry stakeholders concluded the following immediate needs:

1. Expanding the labor pool
2. Improving availability of affordable housing for laborers

Onerous housing regulations are a major barrier to securing and retaining a reliable agricultural workforce. SB 755 is precisely the type of legislation required to help make progress in this area.

Please pass SB755

Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to testify.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:45:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Mulinix	Testifying for Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

We support this legislation because we have been made aware by many small local farmers accross the State, who say it is essential that they live on their farmland so they can better attend to their crops and livestock.



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP)

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Russell Ruderman, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2019

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

RE: SB 755 Relating to Agriculture

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, the Honorable Russell Ruderman, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 755 relating to Agriculture.**

SB 755 establishes the agricultural housing task force within the office of planning to study existing county and state laws, rules, and processes for construction of housing units within agricultural districts to identify barriers to construction, make recommendations, and propose one master use application process to be applied throughout the State. SB 755 makes an appropriation toward this project.

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. DPH believes in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. DPH encourages the responsible development of ocean resources and aquaculture to achieve sustainability in our State of our marine resources an ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the Native Hawaiian concept of ahupua`a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, polices to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and

increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times. We need to ensure food safety, strive towards food security and strive to set the highest standards for food quality and nutrition. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018), p. 9, ln. 5-16.*

In addition, housing is a basic human right and we believe that adequate, accessible, affordable, and safe housing should be available to all residents of Hawai'i. Affordable housing that is fair in proportion to individual income is the basis of prosperity for our citizens and stability in our economy. Recent and past real estate bubbles have fueled disproportionate rent increases, a key contributor to homelessness. Therefore, DPH supports efforts to promote truly affordable housing for all citizens who rent. Hawai'i's residents also need economically affordable housing and DPH encourages increased support to this end including preservation of existing housing stock. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018), p. 13, ln. 48-53*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., to support the development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export while providing adequate, accessible, affordable, and safe housing available for residents of Hawai'i, OCCLP supports SB 755 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 7:39:51 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeri Di Pietro	Testifying for GMO Free Kaua'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:59:03 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Curt Banziger	Testifying for Kokuakats Farm	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 5:07:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING
Friday, February 8, 2019 — 1:15 p.m. — Room 224

Ulupono Initiative Supports SB 755, Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committees:

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 management of waste and fresh water. 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 supports SB 755, which establishes an agricultural housing task force within the Office of Planning, because it aligns with our goal of more locally produced food.

A lack of on-site housing for agricultural workers has helped to exacerbate Hawai'i's agricultural workforce shortage. Without a housing benefit, jobs in the agricultural field are often not as competitive compared to other sectors of the economy. Plus, being on-site will give farmers more time for operations, the ability to monitor growing challenges on the farm, and have a stronger presence to reduce agricultural theft.

We believe this task force is a good first step toward finding a solution to the complex issue of agricultural workforce housing.

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 these committees' 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

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 11:36:57 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Testifying for We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

Support cooperative, local, community, sustainable, organic agriculture, a living wage, and affordable housing.

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HAWAI'I
CENTER FOR
FOOD SAFETY

**Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Housing
Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: SB755**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Chang, Vice-Chairs and members of the committee,

My name is Autumn Ness and I am the Co-Director of the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety. CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on supporting the increase of sustainable local food production, and increasing public transparency in food production. We have over 1 million farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 10,000 in Hawai'i.

I am writing in support of SB 755, as I recognize it as an important step in providing tangible support of our farmers who are advancing the State of Hawai'i local food production goals, while also providing housing solutions.

I ask that the committee strengthen the language about giving special consideration to modular housing as a solution. I strongly believe that modular homes are not just a small part of the solution, but should be the focus of this task force, for a few reasons.

1. It's more economically realistic for a farm to build 1-4 modular homes for \$20-60,000 each than 1 'ohana unit for \$350,000.
2. Modular homes are less attractive to luxury, gentleman estate-type investors. If small, modular homes are the only type of structure allowed on ag. land as farmworker dwellings, developers are less likely to want to turn that land into a luxury investment property.
3. When and if that farm/ag. land changes ownership, the modular homes can be easily moved off property if needed, and there is no permanent loss of that ag land.

However, it is my understanding that, existing building codes and zoning regulations do not always support the building of such modular structures. **In my opinion, the bill should specify that the intent of the task force is to create a separate legal designation, as it relates to zoning, homes with a permanent foundation and modular homes without a permanent foundation.**



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HCFS also supports the proposed make-up of the task force, and I would be happy to answer an questions as to why each proposed representative is an important part of the task force's success.

Mahalo nui loa for your support of SB 755.

Autumn Ness, Co-Director
Center for Food Safety, Hawai'i Program

CHARLES STRUWE
Research and Experimental Farmer
Oahu, Hawaii

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND
ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING

FEBRUARY 8, 2019
1:15PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL 755
A BILL RELATING TO AGRICULTURE
STRONG SUPPORT

Chairpersons Gabbard and Chang and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for hearing this important bill, SB755 A Bill Relating to Agriculture, which establishes the agricultural housing task force within the office of planning to study existing county and state laws, rules, and processes for construction of housing units within agricultural districts to identify barriers to construction, make recommendations, and propose one master use application process to be applied throughout the State and makes an appropriation.

I am a research and experimental farmer on Oahu and have prepared an Agricultural Site Development Plan for a 40 acre farm pursuant to the Revised Ordinance of Honolulu Section 21.8.30 Farm dwelling—Agricultural site development plans, mindful of the procedures for cluster housing, planned development housing or subdivision, Sections 21-3.50 Agricultural districts— Purpose and intent, 21-3.50-1 Agricultural clusters, 21-3.50-2 Agricultural cluster – Site standards, 21-3.50-3 Agricultural cluster – Application requirements, and 21-3.50-4 Agricultural uses and

development standards; Section 21-5.250 Farm dwellings as well as the Housing Code (Chapter 27).

Thanks to the good offices of the City and County of Honolulu's Agricultural Liaison, Dr. Po-Yung Lai, I was able to meet with representatives of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting to vet my plan. What I learned was that it is necessary to work with a licensed architect to get plans for housing produced that are approvable by the Department, thus it would be invaluable to obtain help from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's Office of Planning to prepare my plan before having to engage an architect.

Based upon this experience, I am presently working with a Professional Engineer and Architecture Doctorate to prepare plans for other farms here on Oahu.

Based upon my own experience, I strongly support the establishment of the Agricultural Housing Taskforce within the Office of Planning to facilitate my work and the work of all farmers to create housing on our farms.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 4:24:55 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kau'i Trainer	Testifying for Momilani Farm	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to build tiny homes for workers on my farm. I support legislation that would help me do that. It would even be better if there could be grants given to help fund the building of tiny homes on farms. Farming is expensive, hard work. There are people who want to do it but because the initial investment is high, it is difficult. To create food sovereignty, there needs to be better ways to help farmers get more people on the land growing food. There is also a housing shortage. Building tiny homes on farms would help with the housing shortage as well.

If there are plans to create legislation around these issues, please involve farmers in the discussions and decisions.

Kau'i Trainer

Momilani Farm, Hilo

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:14:51 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Testifying for Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

As an owner of a small farm in Kona for the past 40 years, I have recognized as many people have, the need to establish clear guidelines that will work for our farming families, to help house our agricultural workers. This is been a traditional stumbling block for the success of agriculture, gowing back to the early 1900s. We have talked aobut establishing a Task Force, and creating clear guidelines but that has not yet occurred. Perhaps now is the time. Mahalo Senator Gabbard and colleagues!

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:43:55 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Greenleaf	Testifying for Greenleaf Farm	Support	No

Comments:

This is a problem that limits the redevelopment of our Ag Sector. If you want to see more food grown in Hawaii, pass the bill. The point about the type of low cost structure not being appealing to those who want big houses and no food growing on Ag Lands is of key importance.



February 1, 2019

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell e. Ruderman, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

Comments in Support of SB 755 Relating to Agriculture (Establishes the agricultural housing task force within the office of planning. Makes an appropriation.)

Friday, February 8, 2019, 1:15 p.m., in Conference Room 224

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 755** 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 755. This bill articulates the need to establish an agricultural housing task force to analyze and provide recommendations that would streamline existing laws, rules, and processes to authorize the construction of safe and sanitary on-farm housing units for residential use within agricultural districts, on farms that are engaged in agricultural production.

LURF's Position. This bill will result in the establishment of an agricultural housing task force which is needed to help the State's agricultural industry develop economically affordable, safe and sanitary on-farm housing units which are critical to allow working farms to attract and retain long-term and short-term farm workers. Such a task force

would allow for construction of such on-farm housing units by assisting agricultural stakeholders to comply with complicated laws governing construction and varying layers of regulations at the federal, state and county levels.

Establishment of the task force will provide a practical means for the State to support agriculture and will assist the State in its effort to attain increased food self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Based on the above, LURF **supports SB 755**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and to express support for this measure.

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:14:23 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephany Cecil	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill to create a healthy foundation for our farm workers: living quarters. They work hard to provide our sustenance and deserve a good home for their labor. Mahalo!

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 8:45:58 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toby Neal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please consider an Agricultural Worker Housing task force to address the need for low-cost housing for agricultural workers in our expensive state. Without a workforce, agricultural practices that will help make our islands' food sources sustainable is unlikely and pressure to develop open space land will continue.

Please help us put supports in place to keep farming and agriculture as a viable option for our Hawaii economy. Development and tourism are not enough to protect our state and our people from economic hardship.

Thanks for considering,

Toby Neal, LCSW, USA Today, award-winning author

<http://www.tobyneal.net/>

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:36:07 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Obviously, farmworkers who are generally paid lower wages, need housing. Regulations must be in place which make it liveable, affordable, and safe for the inhabitants and the environment..

Also it should stay farmworker housing in perpetuity. It cannot become a vacation rental!!!

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:36:46 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	Testifying for A'a Li'i Farm	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:42:23 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Reid	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:50:39 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RONALD R RIESS	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is ridiculous that I am prohibited from building a house with a kitchen for a permanent worker or even temporary workers on my property. The agricultural property is non productive because I cannot work the property myself. Current laws prohibit agricultural production on agricultural land.

The governments fear of vacation rentals appears to take priority over enabling agricultural land to be productive by providing independent living for worker/workers.

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:56:51 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

On Maui we desparately need affordable farms for families that include healthy farm housing infrastucture. Especially if we are to turn local food production toward island food security.

Please pass and support SB755.

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:57:30 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott lacasse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:38:19 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:14:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Serena Kaldi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:28:57 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:53:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Aloï	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:44:03 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

I strongly support this bill.

This is long overdue,

Mahalo,

Barbara Barry

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 4:06:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
petra zoeller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 5:25:37 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

If homes were more appropriately placed, built, and used on ag. Land, I think it would make it much easier for many farmers.

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:16:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Forman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:33:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:35:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S. Case	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I write in support of SB755 to establish a task force to investigate the existence and programs to expand agricultural housing on farm lands. Among other things, removing barriers to such housing might enable farmers to maintain workers on their land as a labor benefit without directly increasing wages to an uneconomic level. I don't think, however it is necessary to take two years to complete this task and suggest that the due date for at least a preliminary report be the beginning of the 2020 legislative session.

Respectfully,

David S. Case

(808) 494-9588

casedavids@gmail.com

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 9:14:37 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:43:13 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Chee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:44:02 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Micah Chee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:52:17 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 10:07:00 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Boyne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 3:34:06 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 7:08:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 7:52:48 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolynn Bell-Tuttle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:30:34 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill which is a step in the right direction to identifying barriers to building agricultural housing for farms. I support supporting local farmers using eco-friendly farming practices be able to increase local food production.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:59:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Maupin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:01:58 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank DeGiacomo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:03:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Canales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Agree

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:06:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darlene Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. This bill can help small farmers develop suitable and up-to-code housing for farmworkers. We must do all we can to support the farmworkers and the farms.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this matter.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:18:50 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Micha'el Leventhal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT - thank you!

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:22:28 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill .

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:23:21 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Small	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:27:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:31:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
pat gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:40:30 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Coon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do whatever you can to ensure that farmers are able to provide housing for their employees within their farm lands, with appropriate controls to ensure such housing is not rented to persons who are not bona fide employees of the farm.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:51:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Ornellas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to see HEMP included as a focus of this task force. How to speed the public use & widespread adoption of hemp construction.

Additionally, I would like to see provisions made for allowance of prototyping, research, and development of carbon-negative or carbon-neutral building methods which can achieve passive climate control, shelter from hurricanes using natural locally-sourced or renewable materials including but not limited to: hemp, bamboo, timber, stone, recycled/reclaimed materials (i.e. Earthships).

Mahalo

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:52:28 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eliel Starbright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:52:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:01:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:07:33 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:13:02 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jun Shin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this measure. It's important that we as a state are self sufficient, especially in cases where hurricanes can cut us off from mainland imports. To do this, we have to encourage more people, notably young people to take on farming as we take on projects like taking care of our own food. With our high cost of living making it hard for people to live, having good and affordable housing units definitely would be an incentive for people to join farming, as well as a load off the backs of individuals who are already in the field.

Thank you for the oppurtunity to testify.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:25:58 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Any steps we can take to figure out how to provide our farmers with affordable housing so that they can make a living from the land benefits all of Hawaii. Please move this bill forward.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:34:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:36:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiana Laranio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:46:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie and Thomas Pasquale	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:08:31 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurel Quarton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:25:15 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:03:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Bojanowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Re. Hearing at 1:15 pm 2/8/19

Dear Sen. Gabbard, Sen. Chang, and other Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and Committee on Housing,

I am writing in support of SB755 relating to agricultural housing, as a trained farmer (via GoFarm Hawaii).

Respectfully,

Jennifer Bojanowski
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:29:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
william digiorgio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:58:28 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chairs Gabbard and Chang, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Kanuha and members of the committees,

I support SB755. There is a huge demand for farm worker housing in this state.

A task force to study the issue is a good first step. We need to encourage agriculture -- to grow more food for local consumption. We aren't going to do this if we make it difficult for workers to commute daily to their workplace (most likely a farm). Traffic on Oahu, as an example, is a huge barrier for workers commuting on a daily basis.

Providing housing for them will make it easier to retain workers in agriculture, for both commuting and economic reasons. Housing on ag zoned land is generally cheaper than housing in areas zoned urban.

Please pass SB755. Again, a good first step. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:42:41 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jessica murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii still has a large agricultural aspect that needs to be properly supported so that we can continue to increase the amount of food and industrial plant products we can offer the world. In order to become truly sustainable as an island chain, we must provide for the agricultural community. Individuals who choose the lifestyle of farm living deserve to have adequate living spaces. Please support this bill.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:03:53 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kris Bordessa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:45:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

Sherry Pollock

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:18:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Dunville	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:32:54 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Candice Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We should be supporting our farmers in any way we can so Hawaii can become self sufficient.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:10:37 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:41:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kai nishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:43:14 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Ampolos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:00:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elizabeth hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators:

As a full time resident and small farmer in the 96710 zip code, there is plenty of potential farm land available here. We need the State to thoroughly study and review the best way to handle future development in our area. I support this bill and hope you will also.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:04:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators:

I support this bill because how potential farm land in Hawaii is allocated is important to me, and to the entire state. As an owner of a small farm in Hakalau, Hawaii County, I see both positive and negative uses for available land, and want a comprehensive study to handle this issue.

Mahalo, Rodger Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 11:23:24 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:02:51 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

PUT CONVIENENT HOUSING REIGHT NEXT TO A WORKABLE FARM

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:10:18 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 8:18:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Furst	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Richard Furst, and I am writing to express my support for SB755. Hawai'i desperately needs to expand agricultural production in the islands, and safe, affordable on-farm housing is critical to the success of our working farms. Existing laws were written to stop the proliferation of "gentleman's estates," which pose as farms. But these laws have also made things difficult for the real farmers to get the housing they need to live, while the luxury developers will just find the loopholes they need to build their luxury homes anyway.

SB755 calls for a task force to be set up to explore ideas on how to meet this demand for real housing for real farm workers. We need to think outside the box to accommodate new forms of agricultural development. This bill is a good step towards that reality. Please support a strong agricultural movement in Hawai'i and pass SB755 to full vote.

Thank you,

Richard Furst, AIA

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:15:22 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth c McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB 755. Farming is hard work. Few can manage it alone. As Hawaii continues to make the transition from large export crops to smaller diversified ag production it is going to be essential that we provide a means for those working the land to live ON the land. This will become especially critical as we anticipate increasing incidences of extreme weather in the years ahead. Famers must be ON SITE to monitor and protect crops against big winds and rains, and to mitigate effects. If measues are put in place to confirm that actual farming is taking place, and that those living on the land are contirbuting substantially to that production we can avoid any abuse. Let's get this task force going so we can finally address this critical limiting factor for our ag sector. We need more people on our ag lands, taking care of those lands. Not fewer.

SB-755

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:29:21 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/8/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Bacon	Testifying for Rainbow Ridge West LLC	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is very much needed to help build sustainability in Hawaii. Rather than building farms, we currently see agricultural lands being turned into mini-estates with large fancy ohanas, often used as B&Bs for the tourist industry, rather than simple, small farmworker housing. The costs are prohibitive for farmers to develop housing for their workers, and agricultural work usually doesn't pay enough for the workers to afford liveable housing. It's time to examine the hurdles that exist to building sustainability, and help farmers build safe, affordable housing for their workers.

From: missvyle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Hoa Pantastico](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 12:04:35 PM

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Hoa Pantastico
23210 114th Way SE Kent, WA 98031-3429

From: trianne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Anne Lorenzo](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 11:52:14 AM

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Sincerely,
Anne Lorenzo
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From: dolphango@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Diane M. Welty](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:23:02 AM

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Sincerely,
Diane M. Welty
76 -4352 Leilani St Kailua Kona, HI 96740-8934

From: aleinac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Aleina Chun](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Aleina Chun
2441 Booth Rd Honolulu, HI 96813-1354

From: mowritesfilms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Maureen Fagan](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Maureen Fagan
PO Box 12 Kailua Kona, HI 96745-0012

From: mollymamaril@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Molly Mamaril](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Sincerely,
Molly Mamaril
1550 Wilder Ave Apt A405 Honolulu, HI 96822-4622

From: tabemonokansai@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Karly Burch](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Karly Burch
234 Alalani St Makawao, HI 96768-8304

From: wolfec004@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carlynn Wolfe](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Carlynn Wolfe
1020 Green St Honolulu, HI 96822-3619

From: der1way@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Donald Erway](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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From: doquinn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David O'Quinn](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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David O'Quinn
PO Box 2050 Kapaa, HI 96746-6050

From: detntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [H.G. Picher](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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From: haloa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nalei Kahakalau](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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From: haleioluke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Hiroko I](#)
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Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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47 -4507 Honokaa Waipio Rd Honokaa, HI 96727-7103

From: djrx.cares@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alex Oshiro](#)
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1508 Pensacola St Apt 309 Honolulu, HI 96822-5824

From: boyne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jonathan Boyne](#)
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Sincerely,
Jonathan Boyne
2013 Kakela Dr Honolulu, HI 96822-2158

From: nihipalim001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michele Nihipali](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Michele Nihipali
54 -74 Kamehameha Hwy # A Hauula, HI 96717-9647

From: bertzz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robert Wilcox](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Robert Wilcox
45 Pualu Loop Lahaina, HI 96761-9187

From: gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gregory Puppione](#)
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563 Kamoku St # A-5 Honolulu, HI 96826-5245

From: chai.blairstahn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Chai Blair-Stahn](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Chai Blair-Stahn
2115 Damon St Honolulu, HI 96822-2140

From: jdancer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Naylor](#)
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From: pwaiolena@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Pamela Wai'olena](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Pamela Wai'olena
PO Box 6416 Kamuela, HI 96743-6416

From: sgardner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sheryl Gardner](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Sheryl Gardner
95 -356 Nape Pl Mililani, HI 96789-1878

From: anne.freeman118@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Anne Freeman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Anne Freeman
2721 Poipu Rd Apt 332 Koloa, HI 96756-9585

From: lrhagan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laura Hagan](#)
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Laura Hagan
2455 Waipua St Paia, HI 96779-9749

From: lew@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lewis Whitney](#)
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Lewis Whitney
PO Box 340 Hawi, HI 96719-0340

From: mpexander@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Alexander](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Sincerely,
Michael Alexander
84 -6748-D MAMALAHOA Hwy Naalehu, HI 96772

From: twgourley1100@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tom Gourley](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:32:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Tom Gourley
16 Kumu Niu Pl Lahaina, HI 96761-5748

From: claire.kusakabe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Claire Kusakabe](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:49:56 PM

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Sincerely,
Claire Kusakabe
1114 Wilder Ave Apt 502 Honolulu, HI 96822-2742

From: makaneole@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laurie Makaneole](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:57:06 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I'm writing to ask you to support SB 755. We live on agriculture zoned land and trying to sustain farming- our current Kaua'i policies have so Many restrictions and have made it impossible for us to have a housing option for a person to help us farm ,, farmers affordable housing is so critical. Please help by supporting SB 755

Sincerely,
Laurie Makaneole
2555 Ala Kinoiki # A Koloa, HI 96756-8544

From: konakat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kathryn Reynolds](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:16:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Kathryn Reynolds
894 HAPAPA Rd Kula, HI 96790

From: konakat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kathryn Reynolds](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:17:45 PM

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Sincerely,
Kathryn Reynolds
594 Hapapa Rd Kula, HI 96790-8447

From: helmut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Helmut Klauer](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:51:26 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

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Sincerely,
Helmut Klauer
12 -4341 Lanai St Pahoehoe, HI 96778-7817

From: dsue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Donna Sue Shepherd](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:53:56 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

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Sincerely,
Donna Sue Shepherd
73 -1162 Oluolu St Kailua Kona, HI 96740-9445

From: bobfromoahu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robert H Stiver](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:43:02 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I write in excited support of SB755 in hopes that the task force can suggest creative ways to provide farmworkers housing while also preventing the loss of our precious agricultural land to luxury development. Our state and county governments must take bold action to realize our food sustainability goals. Allowing our local farmers to house their workers on their own farmland is a crucial step to achieving these goals.

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Mahalo for supporting the creation of this task force. If done well, this discussion can produce solutions that will help increase the production of food in the State of Hawai'i as well as provide dignified housing to those who are making it happen. My family is of (German) farming stock, and I support the agriculture industry in every way!

Sincerely,
Robert H Stiver
98 -434 Hoomailani St Pearl City, HI 96782-2334

From: idokek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ido Kek](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 2:49:18 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

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Sincerely,
Ido Kek
342 Pohaku Paho, HI 96778

From: bamboohale@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jeri Baumgardner](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:54:35 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I'm writing to support SB755 in hopes that the task force can suggest creative ways to provide farmworkers housing while also preventing the loss of our precious agricultural land to luxury development and vacation rentals. Our state and county governments must take bold action to realize our food sustainability goals. Allowing our local farmers to house their workers on their own farmland is a crucial step to achieving these goals.

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Sincerely,
Jeri Baumgardner
78 -6800 Alii Dr Kailua Kona, HI 96740-4400

From: ryninis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ninon Rynerson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:59:39 AM

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Sincerely,
Ninon Rynerson
1093 Wiliki Dr Honolulu, HI 96818-2823

From: d.sofio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Sofio](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:18:55 AM

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Sincerely,
David Sofio
2573 Lai Rd Honolulu, HI 96816-3513

From: garyruss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gary Russell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:08:23 AM

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Sincerely,
Gary Russell
PO Box 331 Laupahoehoe, HI 96764-0331

From: patriciazani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Patricia Zani](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:40:52 AM

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Sincerely,
Patricia Zani
8210 Iwipolena Rd Kekaha, HI 96752

From: jimcazelphoto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jim Cazel](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:01:14 AM

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Jim Cazel
1009 Alaea St Makawao, HI 96768-9307

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From: 2hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [April Peterson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:36:48 PM

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April Peterson
400 Hualani St Hilo, HI 96720-4378

From: jwm7r@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jordan Moniuszko](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Jordan Moniuszko
324 Kalama St Apt B Kailua, HI 96734-2065

From: rfsold@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ralph Filippo](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:50:46 AM

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Sincerely,
Ralph Filippo
415 Dairy Rd Ste E318 Kahului, HI 96732-2348

From: aleinac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Aleina Chun](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:17:07 AM

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Sincerely,
Aleina Chun
2441 Booth Rd Honolulu, HI 96813-1354

From: dolphango@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Diane M. Welty](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:23:02 AM

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Sincerely,
Diane M. Welty
76 -4352 Leilani St Kailua Kona, HI 96740-8934

From: marisgf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Maris Fukuya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
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Sincerely,
Maris Fukuya
1630 Liholiho St Honolulu, HI 96822-2977

From: jlee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joanna Lee](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: We need modular housing and an Agricultural Housing Task Force!
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:35:50 PM

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Joanna Lee
4460 Nehe Rd Lihue, HI 96766-9154