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

FEBRUARY 8, 2019  
11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 938  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

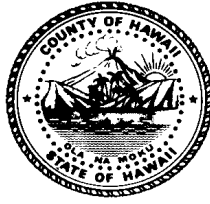
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 938. This bill provides funding for grants and loans to ranchers and farmers affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of the bill provided it does not impact the department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget and offers the following comments.

The Department supports the concept of a dedicated agricultural disaster fund to quickly assist during times of emergencies. The Department recommends that the funding be placed in the agricultural loan program which already has available staffing as well as an emergency loan program with existing statutes and rules to carry out the intent in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Council Member  
District 5 – Puna



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## MATT KANEALI`I-KLEINFELDER

*County of Hawai`i*

25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2405 • Hilo, Hawai`i 96720

February 7, 2019

Dr. Richard Creagan, Chair  
Committee on Agriculture  
Hawai`i State Legislature

RE: HB 938 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Dear Dr. Creagan and Committee Members:

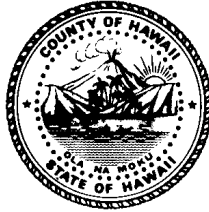
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB 938**. I feel strongly about assisting our farmers as they are the cornerstone of our civilization. I appreciate your efforts to recognize our needs in recovering the economy through agriculture.

Sincerely,

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Matt Kanealii`i-Kleinfelder  
Council Member  
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Council District 9 -  
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**Chair:** Committee on Agriculture,  
Water, Energy, and Environmental  
Management

**Vice Chair:** Committee on Finance

**HERBERT M. "TIM" RICHARDS, III**  
**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 9**  
25 Aupuni Street, Ste. 1402, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

February 6, 2019

House Committee on Agriculture  
Honorable Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Honorable Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
**Submission via online testimony**

RE: **Support of HB 938**  
Hearing Date/Time: February 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Dear Representatives:

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 HB 938**. It is critical that funds be appropriated 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.

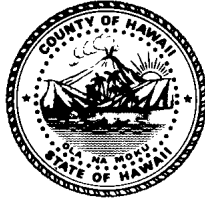
Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss my position and knowledge of this matter further.

Sincerely,

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HERBERT M. "TIM" RICHARDS, III  
Hawai'i County Council, District 9

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*Mayor*



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*Deputy Director*

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### DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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#### TESTIMONY OF DIANE LEY, KĪLAUEA RECOVERY MANAGER COUNTY OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

#### RE: HB938 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Dear Chair Creagan and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony for HB938 relating to agriculture. This bill proposes to provide State support in the form of grants and loans to local farmers and ranchers who experienced losses due disasters. The establishment of an agriculture disaster fund program would help to address the significant disasters experienced in 2018 on all islands.

Hawai'i Island producers were negatively impacted by Hurricane Lane which brought unprecedented rainfall and exceptional flooding which caused loss of crops, livestock, as well as destruction and damages to farm and ranch landscapes, roads, fences and building infrastructure.

The eruption of Kīlauea caused over \$27.9 million in damage to crops, livestock and infrastructure. Perhaps more significant for impacted producers is many had their operation completely covered by lava tens of feet deep and now face years of effort and significant financial investment to restore their operations. Those eligible for payments from the federal government have found regulatory caps result in very limited recovery assistance. Federal and State loans may be precluded by existing debt, including loans taken out to recover from Hurricane Iselle four years prior, and the lack of collateral due to physical losses from the eruption.

Recovery for producers will be a long and expensive; thus, additional recovery options will be greatly appreciated. The State's expanded support of agriculture following disasters will contribute significantly to the overall resiliency and continued growth and development of this important portion of the economy.

The Committee on Agriculture and Environment's support of HB938 would be sincerely appreciated.



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February 8, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 938**  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 312  
11:00 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 HB 938**, 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.

**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:44:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Winslow	Hawaii Farmers Union	Support	No

Comments:



# HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Support of HB938  
Relating to Agriculture

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
February 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 312

Chair Creagan and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) strongly supports HB938, which appropriates funding to the Department of Agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Hawaii farmers were devastated in 2018 by statewide floods and volcanic eruptions on Hawaii Island. It is estimated that the severe weather on Kauai and Oahu resulted in \$19.7 million in losses for farmers while the Kilauea eruptions caused \$27.9 million in farm losses.

This bill will provide our local farmers with the financial support needed to rebuild and restore damaged farm infrastructure, crops, and land, and, ultimately, meet the State's goal to double food production and ensure sustainable food production systems.

Please vote in support of HB938 to help local farmers succeed. 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.*



February 6, 2019

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture

**Support of HB 938, Relating to Agriculture (Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.)**

**Friday, February 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m., in Conference Room 312**

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 HB 938** 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.

**HB 938.** This bill appropriates funds for the DOA to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

**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 HB 938, 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 establishment of a disaster fund program for those 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.

**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:04:23 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:



**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:48:57 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Adam P.Killermann <apkajar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:12 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**From:** Alan Van Zee <alanvzee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:45 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Barbara Natale <kaupa4kalihi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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I'm not aware of the rate in Hawaii, but times of natural disaster can result in high suicide rates among farmers.

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**From:** Alvin Tsuruda <waihale@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:21 PM  
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**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Bill Beach <billbeach@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:09 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Barry Kim <kimn001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:37 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Bonnie Self <bschoneb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Carolyn Lum <hawaii96766@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:21 AM  
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**From:** celedonio burces <lukeburces@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Charles Hodell <chodell@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:24 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Clyde Fukuyama <clyde@kahukubrand.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:58 AM  
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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** diane HEINLEIN <diane5180@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:14 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Dustin Alderks <dusty.alderks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Efren Abellera <abelleras@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:29 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Esket Padeken <hawaiianextracts@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:03 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Frederick Mencher <fmencher@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:13 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Gerrit Takasaki <hawaiihybrids@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:12 AM  
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**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Harry Yamamoto <paty@aloha.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 11:01 AM  
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**From:** Harry Hashimoto <243hhh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Helene Lileikis <chuckhelene@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** James Tavares <tavaresjam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:40 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Jari Sugano <ncsugano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:01 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Jason T Okuhama <jokuhama@cblending.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:13 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Jeffrey McCall <mccalljeffreyw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:08 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Jill Mattos <jmattoshbp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:10 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Joanna Nobriga <heartofpalmhawaii@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:33 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** John Gordines <gordines@kauaiflowers.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:57 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Joni Kamiya <jonikamiya@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:18 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Joseph Kekedi <joeekedi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:07 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Judith Rivera <judith.rivera.rivera@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:53 PM  
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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Justin Cadiz <justin.cadiz16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:42 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** krishna bayyareddy <krishnareddy34@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:45 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Laila Jayyousi <kalua1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:36 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** LORAINE TERADA <loraineyumi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Luly Unemori <luly.unemori2@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:45 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Marc Beaulieu <marc.beaulieu@bayer.com>  
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**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Mark Phillipson <reelrelaxed@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:16 AM  
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**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Martha Lanoza <mpstop808@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Melvin Matsuda <melvin@kahukubrand.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:24 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Michelle Starke <robert.starke.007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:22 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Monica Ivey <monica.ivey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:55 AM  
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**From:** Nicole Correa <doubledfarmandranch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:27 AM  
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**From:** Owen OCallaghan <hawaiianhappycakes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 4:53 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Philippe Visintainer <philippe@coconutprotectors.com>  
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**From:** Randy Yokoyama <rjyoko@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Reid Yoshida <r-yoshida@hotmail.com>  
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**From:** Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:46 AM  
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**From:** Robert Wytosky <hookupuorchids@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:19 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Rodney & Karol Haraguchi <karol@haraguchiricemill.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Roy Asao <rasao777@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:19 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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**From:** Ronald Mckeehan <ronaldmckeehan@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Royanne Shiigi <royanne76@yahoo.com>  
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**From:** Stephanie Whalen <swhalen@harc-hspa.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:12 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, & members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Tina Tamanaha <tina.tamanaha@hikiola.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:35 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Valerie Correa <vcorrea71@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:41 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Verna Kuyper <verna@mauigoose.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:54 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Winifred Marcos <w1n1marc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:06 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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**From:** Yarrow Flower <yarrow621@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 9:25 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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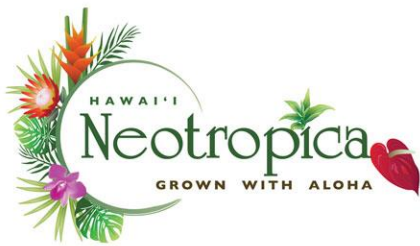
**From:** Ming-Li Wang <mlwdjr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:01 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support HB938

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## Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Friday, February 8, 2019  
11:00 am  
Conference Room 312  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**HB938 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 House Bill 938**

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](mailto:eric@greenpointnursery.com).

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

  
Eric S. Tanouye  
President  
Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:12:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 12:54:46 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 3:13:19 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristen Martinek	HFUU Haleakala	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:08:14 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Genevieve N Neumann	Lokoea Farms	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:12:43 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:21:35 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eloise Engman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:36:04 AM  
Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:24:40 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Autumn Ness	Hawai'i Center for Food Safety	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:38:02 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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VOICE OF BUSINESS

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 312  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair;  
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 938 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 HB 938.

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*

Pamela Tumpap  
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:58:10 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Hastings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:09:28 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nathalie Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-938**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:02:15 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Suellen Barton	Maui Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:21:04 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: