

HB-1344

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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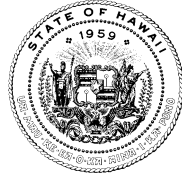
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I support HB 1344, relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commssion Act

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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 10:00AM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

HB 1344, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

February 5, 2021

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that removes acreage restrictions on leases of Hawaiian home lands for agricultural purposes; provides that the availability of the foregoing leases shall be subject to the availability of suitable tracts of land; and specifies that the foregoing leases may be for for-profit or non-profit purposes.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) as originally enacted by Congress authorized the Hawaiian Homes Commission to lease not less than twenty nor more than eighty acres of agricultural lands. The HHCA currently authorizes DHHL to lease no more than forty acres of agricultural lands. Removing acreage restrictions on leases of Hawaiian home lands for agricultural purposes should keep in mind that over 19,000 applicants are on the waitlist for an agriculture lease as of December 31, 2020 – 3,817 on Oahu; 4,666 on Maui; 7,269 on Hawaii Island; 2,235 on Kauai; and 1,097 on Molokai.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 11:47:39 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB 779, relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commssion Act.

Mahalo Rosie

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HB-1344

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 1:07:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamalei Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 1344 regarding the acreage restriction on agricultural leases of Hawaiian Homes land. I ask the committee to pass this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kamalei Davis.



The Molokai Farm Bureau serves as Molokai's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community. We are also an arm of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, organized in 1948 and comprised of 1800 farm families statewide.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
February 5, 2021 @ 10:00am, Room 325

TESTIMONY ON HB 779 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES
SUPPORT with comments

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and Respected Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony my name is Nate Oswald and I am the President of the Molokai Farm Bureau, serving our members on Molokai.

As farmers one of our biggest challenge is to sustain our crop's health and yields to harvest. Utilizing all tools available to us in timely coordination with our crops needs, is vital.

We respectfully **SUPPORT HB779, with the following COMMENTS:**

- We would like to suggest this program *not* be a “one-time” program, but suggest this be **considered as a permanent state program** – similar to other successfully implemented programs in states that are supportive of agriculture as Hawaii is.
- We recognize the long-term value a program like this can have for Hawaii agriculture, and how it can help Hawaii farmers support the state's goal towards food security and sustainability.
- We also recognize that a no cost (or low cost) State Pesticide Disposal Collection Program will assist famers with pesticide disposal compliance, and is a win/win solution for our communities in which we live and farm.
- Regarding the administrative penalties: while we support the intent of enforcement, having members who are both commercial and private applicators, we are concerned with the amount of the fines proposed. For this reason, we again would like to suggest adopting this as a permanent program for the state.

We respectfully SUPPORT HB 779, with our comments, and thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Molokai Farm Bureau,

Nate Oswald

Nathaniel Oswald
President, Molokai Farm Bureau