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HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In Support of HCR176/HR181

House Committee on Agriculture and Food Systems

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Gates, Vice Chair Kahaloa, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HCR176/HR181**, which urges the Department of Agriculture to designate Kunia, Leilehua Plateau, and Poamoho as the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor and to establish a list prioritizing potential agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would provide the most value to the state.

With the state's objective to double local food production by 2030, creating the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor and prioritizing infrastructure improvement projects could be valuable steps toward that goal. This initiative would have positive short-term and long-term impacts, and as companies with a vested interest in Central Oahu agriculture, we support this resolution.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and we urge you to pass this measure.

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.