

My name is Eve Hogan, I am part of the Ag Working Group and a member of the Maui Coffee Association and the Farmer's Union.

I am testifying in favor of one farm plan for Real Property, Planning and Water along with qualified inspectors. I'm also testifying in favor of one farm plan for multiple tax map keys that are part of the same farm.

My husband and I own two Tax Map Keys in Maliko Gulch we operate as part of the same farm which we call "The Sacred Garden." When we filed our farm plans it took over a year to get approval on one TMK and a visit to the mayor's office on the other due to discrepancies in opinion on what "counted" as a farm, whether the 51% was on the "whole parcel" or the "usable land", whether a surveyor's map, a county website map, a hand drawn map, drawn to scale or not to scale would suffice, and whether a farm plan was needed to execute an after-the-fact permit on cottage or an after-the-fact permit was needed to get a farm plan approved. These confusions on policy caused an immense amount of time, and paper work and I am grateful (hopeful) that the Planning Department has made significant improvements to the process. But that was just for Planning. Water has another set of requirements and an inspection and real property another. When you have multiple tax map keys on your farm, you have to multiply the farm plans by the 3 departments. 2 TMKs = 6 farm plans and inspections.

I don't want to repeat what others have said so I'd like to point out a possible solution. My husband and I have to get a DLNR permit for our dive boat business and it requires clearance from numerous agencies—the IRS, GE Tax, Unemployment, to name a few. We used to have to bring them proof of clearance from all the different agencies, but now they utilize the Hawaii Compliance Express web site in which we can request and prove clearance all in one simple-to-use portal.

I envision a county site in which farmers can submit a single farm plan with maps of all the TMK's that they use within the same farm, where we can submit photos, show our tax clearances and schedule F's. If the farm is obvious from Satellite, the farmer can request a satellite site inspection. If the farm is less conventional or grown under a canopy making it difficult to see from satellite, or where the cattle are rotated necessitating a deeper conversation to understand the land use, the farmer or rancher can request an inspection from a *knowledgeable* farm inspector. On that same site, we should be able to register our commercial agricultural business, farm stand, Ag tourism or Ag food service. We should also be able to upload any changes in land use and updated pictures and maps. Then, if needed ONE educated inspector could come and note clearance online for all the department's requirements. All the different departments would have to do is log in to see everything is in order, minimizing the manpower and resource expenditure needed for each farm and minimizing the headache and time required of the farmers/ranchers.

With qualified inspectors and a one farm plan portal, it would be simpler, more logical and utilize the technology that other government agencies have already harnessed for dealing with similar issues.

I deeply appreciate you and the departments going to task on this incredibly important change to the system.

Thank you.

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