



Maui County

November 7, 2019

TESTIMONY

**AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A, GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES -
SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS
AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 (OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (STATE OF
HAWAII - UPCOUNTRY MAUI AGRICULTURAL PARK, MAUI WATER SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS)) (EDB-45(3))**

Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice Chair King, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Warren Watanabe, Executive Director for the Maui County Farm Bureau. Maui County Farm Bureau on behalf of our member farmers, ranchers and agricultural organizations appreciates the support by the County to agriculture over the years. We are before you today in strong support of this measure to improve the water system providing the Agricultural Parks on Maui.

We urge you to accept this State funding which provides for moving the main pump for the Kula Ag Park reservoirs to a different location to achieve greater efficiency and consistency of water delivery to the 31 lots in the Ag park. Act 53, SLH 2018, appropriated funds for the Upcountry Maui Agricultural Park for plans, design, construction, and equipment for a water pump; ground and site improvements, equipment and appurtenances.

This project will ultimately save water and will protect the supply flow during drought conditions. This project has been listed as a priority for the Kula Ag Park all the way back to the Tavares administration, so we appreciate our state officials and the governor earmarking these funds, and finally bringing this project to a reality.

We respectfully urge your support on this measure.

Mahalo

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