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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to comment on SB 2400 SD1.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) have previously provided testimony in support of SB 2400. We support this interagency planning activity and will assist to the best of our abilities. As no funds are currently provided for the planning activity, and the lands in question are under the direct management of the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) and the Department of Agriculture (DOA), we ask that these agencies chair the interagency effort and absorb any planning costs.

We see a strong role for CTAHR in providing extension services to tenants as well as conducting relevant research to maximize the potential of this agricultural resource for the people of Hawai'i. Our ability to implement any additional assistance program for the lands managed by ADC and DOA, beyond the support and training that we provide to all agricultural producers in the State of Hawai'i, will be dependent upon the existence of personnel and resources required for such implementation.

We are pleased to participate in this important effort.