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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
AGRICULTURE AND WATER & LAND

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SENATE BILL NO. 1215
RELATING TO NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS

Chairs Nishihara and Solomon, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1215. The purpose of this bill is to allow the department of agriculture (department) to select qualified applicants as backup lessees with whom the department may negotiate upon the failure by the highest offering bidder. The department supports the intent of this bill with the following changes.

We respectfully recommend that the proposed changes to Section 166E-8 be deleted and replaced with changes to Section 166E-11 (please see attached). In addition, similar changes would also be helpful to the Agricultural Parks program (Chapter 166) and we have attached recommended language accordingly. We understand that due to the addition of changes to the Agricultural Parks program, the title of this bill may no longer be adequate, and hope that an alternate can be found.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Attachment

