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in consideration of
SB1073 SD1
RELATING TO LAND USE

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

The Land Use Commission (LUC) supports SB 1073 SD1, an Administration bill. SB 1073 SD1 would amend Chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) to: clarify the provisions for agricultural tourism activities for bona fide farming operations in the State Agricultural District; and set uniform standards for defining bona fide farming operations for the purposes of regulating agricultural tourism statewide.

This bill provides a uniform standard and process for eligible farmer applicants and counties. The bill balances ease of administration—through the requirement for documentation of agricultural income—with setting appropriate standards for defining and regulating agricultural tourism and overnight accommodations in the State Agricultural District.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.