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IAL pubic testimony-w/ Japanese language interpreter request

Linda- this is the first request for language interpreter w/ ZOOM for me- logistically, an interpreter might be able to assist using the recorded meeting afterwards, but can't think of a way to provide it during the meeting- any suggestions?

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From: Yamamoto Mieko <ponoilio@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 12:59 PM  
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] To Land use Commission

To Land use Commission  
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism State of Hawaii

Dear Executive Officer/ Daniel Orodenker

Aloha!

My name is Mieko Yamamoto.

I received a letter about My Land redesignation proposal to agricultural land And was very upset and disappointed to hear of such a proposal.

I came here (Hawaii) 1999 from Tokyo Japan. I studied at Interior Design school in Tokyo Meguro.

Now I am 59 years old . I Moved to Waianae because I have to take care for my health from high-blood pressure. sense my background is Interior Design I don't want to become a farmer.

About 2 years ago I tried to grow a few vegetables for myself, Tomato, Eggplant, Japanese cucumber, Shiso ,Tokyo negi ,green onion, Hayato Uli also Avocado, Cacao, etc.

After Gardening I had Injured my Hip and shoulder. Also I got a tetanus shot To protect me from parasite and insect on the property.

Every morning and evening, I watered with a High water cost, But To no avail There's so much full sun Everything dry out completely before harvest.

Also so many stone. can't Even dig 5 cm.

This property need soil to be productive in agricultural Also Flooded occurs when we experience heavy rains.

Please do more research and rethink this proposed land map. As it includes residential lots churches graveyards etc.

I want to volunteer my time to helping people and society my religion with SGI-USA Buddhism organization now . Ours philosophy is human connections to environment ,this earth too.

I agreed agriculture is important but I believe, Here is America. We have freedom and respect for each other's life and culture, work and Property .

We bought this residence in August 2018.

Because this was not agriculture land with a history of the lot being a residential Single family lot for over 80 years with no fees or dues Associated with the purchase.

This is the reason we bought this Property Because it had no fees or dues. We had the opportunity to buy ag land when we were searching for this property. We could have bought 7 acres for \$420000 ( 1acre=\$60,000) In comparison to what we paid for our Residential lot that is less than an 1acre (0.85) for \$522,500 We bought a dilapidated home in need of remodeling greatly because of the size of the yard and it's-potential. My mortgage on this property is for a single-family home if the property is re-designated to ag land it would diminish my property

value greatly in my particular case I would not even be able to sell to a farmer for the simple fact that my land is too small full of rocks and has flooding problems soil condition problems along with no access to agricultural water. For these reasons we request an exemption from the proposed agricultural map designation.

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I resaved at April 28,29th ZOOM MTG.  
Can I have Japanese translator?

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