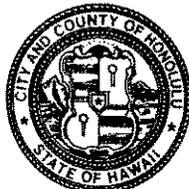


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Dear Chair Apo and Members:

The Administration is supportive of farmers and the intent of Bill 90 (2006) which proposes to allow landowners of agricultural lands to dedicate portions of their land for a 10-year vacant agricultural use. Under the current ordinance a farmer or owner is not allowed to dedicate a portion of his land for the vacant agricultural dedication and a portion of the land for a specific agricultural use. Bill 90 would correct this situation.

However, since we have already processed the applications for vacant agricultural dedications for the FY 2007-2008 tax year based on the existing ordinance, we do not support the section of the bill which proposes to remit 2007-2008 taxes due or paid for real property which would have qualified for an agricultural dedication under the provisions of this proposed bill. We would favor a prospective application of Bill 90 to conform to a uniform assessment process.

If you have any questions, please call me at 523-4617.

Sincerely,

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Mary Patricia Waterhouse, Director
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

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cc: Real Property Assessment Division

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Wayne M. Hashiro, P.E.
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