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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Chair: Yukio Kitagawa, Vice-chair: Alan Takemoto
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OAHU REAL PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION
RE: REPEAL OF ROH SEC. 8-7.3(c) DEDICATION OF LAND FOR AGRICULTURAL USE
NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Commission Chair Dennis Oshiro, Vice-Chair Nathan Okubo, and Commissioners,

Thank you for seeking the input of the Agricultural Development Task Force (ADTF) regarding the Real Property Assessment Division's recommendation to repeal Section 8-7.3(c), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990.

Following discussion at the ADTF meeting held on November 7, 2017, the ADTF was not comfortable with this amendment. Questions were raised as to how agricultural production rates are being calculated and how repealing this section would impact farmers and ranchers. The Real Property Assessment Division recently provided us with concrete examples of how this amendment will affect different segments of Oahu's agricultural industry. We are currently reviewing their data.

At this time, we suggest further discussion take place before this proposal goes forward. We want to make sure that there are no unintended consequences to the viability of bona fide famers on Oahu.

Thank you again for seeking our input. We appreciate the opportunity to work together to help promote and enhance our agricultural industry on Oahu.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

for 
Yukio Kitagawa, Chair
Agricultural Development Task Force