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BEFORE THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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ITEM D-3

AMEND GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4553 TO INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF A WELL SITE AND IRRIGATION WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, OPIHIPAU, NORTH KOHALA, HAWAII, TAX MAP KEY: (3) 5-5-006: PORTION OF 002

Chairperson Case and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this item. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) wishes to clarify that the service area and water system participants will be determined by the operator of the well and distribution system, subject to the prior approval of and any restrictions or conditions imposed by the HDOA. The operator and/or users will pay for all costs associated with operating, maintaining, and repairing the well and distribution system. Any appropriation received by the HDOA for the operation of this system will be used to operate, maintain, and repair the system, and may be used to pay for such activities performed by the HDOA, or its lessee, permittee, licensee, contractor, agent, or other representative. Please note that the storage tank discharge lines will end at the HDOA property line and individual users will need to properly connect their own lines to the system at their own expense.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this item.

