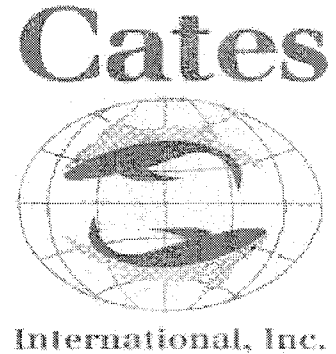


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REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui Vice-Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday March 24, 2010

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: Conference Room 211, State C capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of HB2409 HD2 SD1 – Relating to Aquaculture

Aloha Chair Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Committee Members,

I am the CEO of Hukilau Foods, LLC and Cates International, Inc. who was the first company to obtain an open ocean fish farm lease in the State of Hawaii and in the United States of America. I have been operating an open ocean fish farm for over 10 years now and know first hand of the need for this legislation. I have in the past experienced what it takes to raise capital for such a business, I know first hand the difficulties in financing for this unique Ag business and the need for a long term lease. I also know the true benefits of what our business is all about, producing seafood.

Currently over 90% of all of our seafood is imported into Hawaii, and 82% of all seafood consumed in the U.S. is now imported, there simply is no other choice but to learn how to farm our future needs. To fully understand this need, seafood imports is the second largest contributor to our National Debt. Second to oil!

The State of Hawaii under your leadership has taken the steps in allowing the Aquaculture Industry to lease the ocean and it has been very successful. I have had the opportunity to raise millions of pounds of Moi for the State of Hawaii, with over 99% of it remaining for our Community. While you will hear opponents make many false claims

against our Industry, I have yet to hear from any of them on a better, more sustainable way of meeting the needs of our Community in supplying safe, affordable seafood grown in Hawaii.

As Senators and Representative of this State, all of you must look into the future and find solutions not only to our current needs, but future needs. There is no doubt that Aquaculture will help in meeting the needs of our Citizens and Community with the supply of fresh seafood.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

Randy Cates
CEO Hukilau Foods, LLC.
CEO Cates International, Inc.

**West County Farm Bureau
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TESTIMONY

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West County Farm Bureau represents farmers, ranchers and aquaculture farmers from the Waianae Coast, Central Oahu and the North Shore of Oahu. strongly supports HB2409 HD2, SD1 because it would increase lease terms for aquaculture to 45 years; it would provide lessees in good standing the right of first refusal; and it would allow additional supportive aquaculture activities such as aquaponics, which would reuse aquaculture effluent water to grow additional plant products.

We respectfully request your support of HB 2309 HD 2, SD1 for our aquaculture farmers who have worked so hard to grow this industry over 30 years and contributed to the diversification of our economy by encouraging increased investment in land-based, coastal, and ocean aquaculture ventures.

Mahalo for your support of Hawaiian Agriculture.

kim2 - Jo Ann

From: Carla Buscaglia [raggamuffin100@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 5:07 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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From: Sidnie zari [Sidnie@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 7:19 AM
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From: Esta Marshall [feedora@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 6:22 AM
To: WAM Testimony
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Mahalo,

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kim5 - Deborah

From: Scarlett Mraz [scarlett6729@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 5:34 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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kim5 - Deborah

From: KU'ULEI KILIONA [KUULEIKILIONA@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 8:03 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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VOLCANO, HI 96785
NONE

kim5 - Deborah

From: Marita Strong [marita@ultimatehawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 8:45 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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kim5 - Deborah

From: Shannon Rudolph [shannonkona@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 9:58 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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Aloha Chair Kim and committee members,

My name is Jim Cain, my family and I farm taro in Waipi'o Valley. We also operate a family run poi shop, providing poi for our Big Island community. For the past year and a half, I have had the honor of sitting as chair of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force. I am writing in support of hb2409hd2sb1, which directs DOA and DLNR to conduct a study of lands held in the state inventory that are suitable for taro production. There is no shortage of lands suitable for taro production, however, access to these lands is limited. As we conducted our community meetings around the state, seeking input on how we can best increase taro production, access to affordable lands was one of the most oft mentioned recommendations. There is a tremendous desire by many to get back onto the land, to grow food. Getting people onto these idle lands and making these lands productive will have a very positive impact in the areas of job creation, food security, rural development, and improving overall health. As the taro task force moves forward with implementing the many solid recommendations contained in the task force report, we will continue to work with all stakeholders in both the public and private sector, and promote and advocate for Hawai'i's family farmers.

I would like to suggest the following amendment to this bill in the interest of actually implementing the recommendation of accessing idle state lands and putting them into taro production: Include a directive to DOA and DLNR to work with the Taro Security and Purity Task Force to develop a plan to lease the lands at affordable rates that are identified in the study.

On behalf of the taro community, mahalo for your support.

Me ke aloha, Jim Cain, Chair TSPTF

kim5 - Deborah

From: Paula Lombardo [lombardo.paula@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 8:10 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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kim5 - Deborah

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 9:02 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: shannonkona@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2409 on 3/24/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/24/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2409

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shannon Rudolph
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: shannonkona@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/24/2010

Comments:
No public hearings? No fair and shameful!

kim5 - Deborah

From: dumpnoco2@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 9:09 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Testimony for HB2409 on 3/24/2010 9:30:00 AM

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To: <WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Testifier position: oppose

amend the bill by deleting open ocean aquaculture from the bill.

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Gwen Ilaban

Organization: Coalition Against Co2 Dumping, Inc.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2010

kim2 - Jo Ann

From: Dave Kisor [panther_dave@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 12:59 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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kim2 - Jo Ann

From: Catherine Okimoto [phoenixr3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 5:48 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: PLEASE!! Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

Aloha,

JUST SAY NO!

Factory fish farms have had a demonstrable NEGATIVE impact on our environment - including introducing antibiotics into class AA waters, interference with dolphins and impeding cultural practices. In return, they have not increased our food independence or showed significant financial returns to the state. After all the grants and federal support, each job created in Hawaii has cost tax payers over \$84,000.

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Mahalo,

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Pahoa, HI 96778
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kim2 - Jo Ann

From: Mayumi Levesque [mootopia@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 8:46 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Mahalo,

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From: Marjorie & Duane Erway [erwayd001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 8:57 PM
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Mahalo,

Marjorie & Duane Erway
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Kailua Kona, HI 96745

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From: nadine Newlight [naiawailea@maui-maven.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 11:07 PM
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Wailea, HI 96753-6506
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kim5 - Deborah

From: Ann Strong [fff25@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:58 PM
To: WAM Testimony
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Mahalo,

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808-982-5954

From: [hawaii_prohoroff](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.
Date: Friday, March 26, 2010 6:41:16 AM

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Mahalo,

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kamuela, HI 96743
8086405392

From: [David Bates](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2010 11:39:05 PM

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