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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 1/28/2010

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Committee Members;

HB2410 is an important link in improving local food self-sufficiency. The bill calls for the formation of an agriculture working group established at the University of Hawaii to assess the vertical integration of the food industry in the State, more specifically the development of agricultural products and processing plants. The Taro Security and Purity Task Force 2010 Report to the Legislature also outlines the need for improved supports for small-scale poi and value-added processing facilities. That report also strongly advocates for an improved relationship with the University of Hawaii, Department of Agriculture and other agriculture decision-making bodies, as well as better representation for taro growers in agriculture development discussions. I urge that this bill not be limited to naming the conventional list of agriculture partners of the past, but create the potential for great success by the inclusion in the named core group of new partners who can bring a fresh perspectives and broader representation to the table.

I support HB2410 with the following amendments:

As a member of the Taro Task Force (submitting testimony as an individual), I strongly recommend that the named members of the working group also include:

1. the Chair, or its representative, of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force as an unrepresented but critical partner in the state's food self-sufficiency efforts; and as a group established and recognized by the legislature as representing the taro farming community; and 2. the Chair of the Hawaii Farmers Union. In Maui County, both the HFU and the HFB are at the table in dialogues about the future of food and farming. The HFU represents many small farmers across the state who are not represented by the Hawaii Farm Bureau but are an important link in local food production and processing.

Mahalo.
Penny Levin
Wailuku, Maui

Tish Mercado

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From: Jay Ogden [ojay25@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2010 7:52 AM
To: Tish Mercado
Subject: Fwd: TODAY (friday)! pls.call /send testimony Testimony on HB2410
Attachments: Testimony on HB2410.doc

The attached is my testimony for the HB 2410 in committee today. Aloha, Jay Ogden, President, Ogden Agri-Services Corporation. (808)590-3592

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--- On Fri, 1/29/10, **Eden Peart** <hawaiifarmersunion@gmail.com> wrote:

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Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 7:27 AM

Aloha no Ag advocates and all kua'aina~ [fwd. as you're led...]

Please call Rep. McKelvey 586-6160 and Rep Tsuji 586-8480
and draw his attention to our testimony and urge this amendment to include ..US guys!

Mahalo!,
Eden

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lydi Morgan** <lydimorgan@gmail.com>
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Here's the hearing notice, with directions for submitting testimony on the bottom.
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Testimony on HB2410, Relating to Agriculture

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Friday, January 29, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 312

Chair Tsuji, Chair McKelvey, and Members of the Committees,

I support HB2410 with amendments.

The formation of an agricultural working group to assess agricultural issues in the State is a critical and timely step toward improving our ability to feed ourselves. With the price of oil projected to rise dramatically over the next decade, *it is imperative that we take coordinated steps to grow our food security now.*

I support this bill if amended to include a representative of the Hawaii Farmers Union as a member of the working group. Hawaii Farmers Union is the newest branch of the National Farmers Union – America’s oldest and most distinguished farming organization, representing nearly 300,000 members nationwide and advocating for family farmers, ranchers, fishers and rural communities since 1902.

National Farmers Union’s focus on the viability and prosperity of family farmers extends to a concern for healthy communities, stewardship of natural resources and a just distribution of economic resources – beyond borders and for urban as well as rural people everywhere.

Established as a subdivision of the California Farmers Union in 2008, Hawaii Farmers Union now has active chapters on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii Island, with membership and interest growing rapidly. **Because of the strength and significance of this organization as a voice for farmers and communities, and our history as a respected voice in national and international matters, we respectfully request at seat at the table for this important working group.**

Thank you for your attention to this most pressing issue for our state.

Sincerely,

Lydi Morgan
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Submitted on: 1/29/2010

Comments:

I support HB2410 if amended to include a representative of the Hawaii Farmers Union as a member of the working group.

See www.HawaiiFarmersUnion.org.

Thank you, Patti

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Comments:

aloha,
in order to have a fair and broad working group to assess agriculture issues in hawaii, i ask that you include representatives from HOFA, HFU (Hawaii Farmers Union, and the Taro Security Purity Task Force. otherwise, don't waste time and funding on a one sided view of agriculture. in order for hawaii to truly become sustainable, we need to advocate and encourage small family farms and safe growing methods like ie. organics where the input into our environment does no harm but rather enhances and enlivens our soils, waters and our people's health. thank you.

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