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April 20, 2010

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TESTIMONY OF LANI KAWAHARA  
KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON

H.C.R. No. 289 H.D.1, Resolution Requesting State Entities Commit to Healthier  
and More Nutritious Meals in their Programs by Purchasing Locally-Produced  
Agricultural Products

House Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources

April 20, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.C.R. No. 289 H.D.1 relating to a resolution to request various State entities to commit to healthier and more nutritious meals in their programs by purchasing locally-produced agricultural products. My testimony is submitted as an individual Kaua'i County Councilmember.

Children deserve the healthiest, freshest, and most nutritious products available for their growth and development. Providing products from our local farmers and ranchers will teach children how to eat healthfully while also teaching the concept of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

In addition, allowing an approximate \$3.1 billion to leave our state to support agribusiness elsewhere is a staggering number. In these current fiscal times, we should be identifying ways to support our local farmers and ranchers and keep our money "local."

For the reasons stated above, I support H.C.R. No. 289 H.D.1 and humbly request your further consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Lani Kawahara  
Councilmember

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