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Committee: House Agriculture

Department: Education

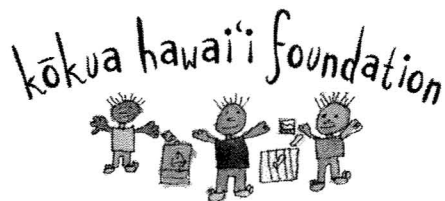
Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1475 RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH.

Purpose of Bill: Designates October as "Farm to School Month" in Hawai'i.

Department's Position: The Department of Education wholeheartedly endorses and supports the designation of October as "Farm to School Month" in Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011
10:00 AM, CONFERENCE ROOM 312

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 1475, FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Hashem, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express the Kokua Hawai'i Foundation's strong support of HB 1475, with the minor amendments suggested below.

My name is Kaliko Amona and am the director of the Kokua Hawai'i Foundation's 'AINA In Schools Program, a farm to school program dedicated to connecting children to their land, waters, and food in order to grow a healthier Hawai'i. I also represent the National Farm to School Network as the Hawai'i State Lead. Together with organizations such as the Hawai'i School Garden Hui, which includes School Garden Networks on Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i Island, as well as the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools' Grow Hawai'i Farm to School Initiative and the Healthy Hawai'i Initiative, we are working to promote the farm to school and school garden movement in the state.

In 2010, the United States Congress passed House Resolution 1655, which established October as National Farm to School Month. This bill recognizes Farm to School programs as a "proven effective strategy that can provide immediate and longer-term benefits to child health, small and medium-sized agricultural producer income, and community economic development."

Passing House Bill 1475 will provide further recognition of the value and priority of farm to school initiatives and help to raise awareness and garner support for farm to school initiatives in Hawai'i and beyond.

The only minor changes I suggest to the bill are:

Page 1, Line 9: ~~The Farm to School programs~~ provides (There are multiple "programs" utilizing the farm to school approach.)

Page 2, Lines 11-13: Kokua Hawai'i Foundation's 'AINA In Schools (Actively Integrating Nutrition & Agriculture In Schools) Program (This is the official name for the Kokua Hawai'i Foundation and 'AINA In Schools.)

We appreciate your continued support of the farm to school movement in Hawai'i and ask you support House Bill 1475.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Kaliko Amona
'AINA In Schools Program Director



RE: HB1475

To: House Committee on Agriculture

From: Malama Kaua`i

DATE: February 9, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 312

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Testimony to support HB 1475

Aloha Members of the Committee,

My name is Tiana Kamen and I am the director of Malama Kauai's Kaua'i School Garden Network and the manager of the Farm to Keiki Preschool Program, two programs dedicated to improving the health of Kauai's community, environment, and economy by supporting and sustaining school garden and farm to school programs on Kaua'i.

I am writing to express our support of HB 1475 as the measure will directly support the efforts of the Kaua'i School Garden Network and all involved parties. The designation of October as the Hawai'i State Farm to School Month will be an excellent leap in the goal focusing on healthier students and revitalizing our island agricultural economy.

My only amendment is that the bill would **establish a stronger commitment to supporting a "Garden In Every School"** initiative. The California Department of Education launched the "Garden in Every School" Initiative in 1995. Subsequently, the Governor and Legislature, acknowledging the value of school garden projects, enacted several bills that promote instructional school gardens:

- Assembly Bill 1014, *Instructional School Gardens* (1999) – establishes the instructional school garden program.



- Senate Bill 19, *The Pupil Health, Nutrition, and Achievement Act* (2001) – identifies school gardens as one way to increase student preferences for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Assembly Bill 1634, *Nutrition Education* (2002) – further supports school gardens through identifying best practices and supporting a grant program.
- Assembly Bill 1535, *California Instructional School Garden Program* (2006) – authorizes the CDE to award \$15 million for grants to promote, develop, and sustain instructional school gardens.

The “Garden in Every School” program has resulted in over 3,000 gardens in the state. This is a program with wide reach and is proven to effectively enhance education and health of our students and communities.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of the proposed amendment.
Thank you for helping to strengthen the health of our community.

Mahalo,

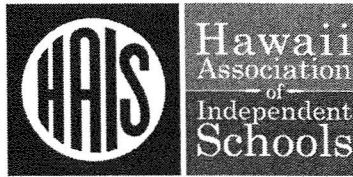
Tiana Kamen

Kaua'i School Garden Network Director

Farm to Keiki Preschool Program Manager

Malama Kaua'i

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Wednesday, February 9, 2011
10:00 am
Conference Room 312

TESTIMONY TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: HB 1475 - Relating to Farm to School Month

Dear Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Hashem, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt and I am executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

HAIS supports House Bill 1475 and finds that the aspirations expressed in this measure are aligned with the goals of our own new farm-to-school initiative, GROW HAWAII.

GROW HAWAII is a member of the Hawaii School Garden Hui that is dedicated to addressing educational needs in agricultural sustainability by supporting existing school gardens, implementing new school gardens and integrating locally grown and made foods into cafeterias, snack programs, and after school programs with community involvement.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony for HB 1475
AGR Room 312
2/9/11 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice-Chair Hashem, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Island School Garden Network representing 50 school garden programs and 30 garden teachers on the Island of Hawai'i is in full support of HB 1475 that designates the month of October 2011 as the first Hawai'i Farm to School Month. As a member of the Hawai'i School Garden Hui, we recognize the values that would be celebrated in the month long celebration of the renewal of local food agricultural education.

We **value** the health and well being of the People and the Land and Natural Resources of Hawai'i: Healthy agriculture, healthy soil, healthy food, healthy children and communities.

We **value** the creation of agricultural education programs from K-16 that will renew our relationship to and knowledge of food/health/environment/energy.

We **value** the idea of **Schooling for Sustainability**. Creating schools as models for sustainable and renewable community food/water/waste/energy systems and eco-literacy education for our keiki the future stewards of the land.

We **value** a vibrant and diversified local agricultural economy.

We **value** the idea of sustainable community food systems, the use of renewable energy, and development of soil health as the basis of community health.

We **value** the public/private partnership to rebuild and renew agricultural education.

We **value** the creation of a Farm to School Program that would create enormous economic opportunities for current and future farmers of Hawai'i and raise the level of health of our children and communities.

We **value** the wisdom of the Kupuna and the knowledge passed down through Hawaiian agriculture and community food systems: Aloha 'Aina, Malama 'Aina.

We look forward to creating the large coalition of agencies, institutions, organizations, and individuals that will come together to celebrate, educate, and create the vibrant local food system we are envisioning. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Nancy Redfeather
Director – Hawai'i Island School Garden Network-The Kohala Center

hashem1 - Angleica

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Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for AGR 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM HB1475

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Dear Legislators,
Please support this bill. Many states are using a farm to school plan to improve school lunches and give students a chance to experience growing food and tasting home grown food. Its one more way to raise awareness about the importance of eating locally and supporting local agriculture.
Mahalo for your consideration. I hope you will pass this bill.
Pualani Ramos

Honored Legislators;

As a parent of two children at Kainalu Elementary School, the Co-Sponsor for the after-school 'AINA IS Garden Club, and a nutrition docent for the farm to schools program at Kainalu, I strongly support House Bill 1475.

In the garden club, I see 20 or so keiki every Friday afternoon, along with several parents, teachers, and pre-school siblings tending our gardens. This group works their heart out to create a beautiful natural space that is respectful of the 'aina and brings vibrant life and beauty to our school. They learn how to measure and create, while building Pulelehua enclosures with wood and screening, and constructing an irrigation system from donated materials that they have measured and planned. They learn lessons in biology and ecology as they carefully monitor the Monarch butterfly lifecycle; from egg, to caterpillar, to pupae, to adult, releasing our first batch of butterflies grown from caterpillars last Friday. They dig into the soil to plant and nurture seeds that will actually produce food for harvest. This is a tangible relationship with our earth that, built in the farm to schools program, will last a lifetime.

As a nutrition docent, there have been real signs of success. When I have entered the cafeteria, several second graders call to me to let me know they are eating "close to the source". Recently, when I walked into school with a Dr. Pepper, I came upon a student that looked at me sideways and said, "Mrs. Heggarty, that looks like a "caution food." I think you could make a better choice."

One particular moment that gave me great pride, was when a teacher assistant announced that a finicky student (with special needs) tried each ingredient of our bird's nest salad. This included cabbage, grapes, and carrots. This student had a diet that was previously very limited, and had never tried any of these healthy foods before the day we visited the class. THAT was a real moment to celebrate.

Cafeteria waste is reduced by composting. Hands-on learning is extremely fun and valuable. Television and video games are set aside. Kids look at, listen to, touch, smell and taste the outdoors. Agriculture becomes a joyful endeavor. Healthy eating is celebrated.

It would be great for this news to spread, for the programs to grow, and for young people to continue to care for the land and its inhabitants in a way that will maintain a healthy culture and foster sustainability.

Please pass House Bill 1475.

Best regards,

Catherine Heggarty

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Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Please support the Farm to School bill as we in The Big Island School Garden Network really will get behind it!

hashem1 - Angleica

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Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

House Bill 1475 will designate October as Hawai'i Farm to School Month. In 2010 Congress established National Farm to School Month. Na keiki at Ke Kula 'o 'Ehunuikaimalino has an acre garden which is an outdoor classroom. I am the garden coordinator and teach not only na keiki but na kumu how to teach and learn in the gardens. We grow traditional plants and foods which the kids eat and make healthy traditional foods which creates healthy keiki and societies. Mahalo for your time. clare loprinzi

hashem1 - Angleica

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Representative Clift Tsuji, Chair
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice-Chair
Agriculture Committee

Waikiki Food Farm
Waikiki School
3710 Leahi Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96815

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Support for H.B. No. 1475, Relating to Farm to School Month

I am writing in support of HB 1475 which if passed will designate the month of October as Farm to School Month in Hawaii. This is a great opportunity to bring awareness to our need for farm to school initiatives in our island state. The students at our school are learning firsthand the importance of growing local foods, supporting our local farmers and protecting our 'aina through the school's extensive Food Farm and 'AINA In Schools programs. I have seen how these young children quickly adapt their taste buds to fresh foods, I have heard them speak up about wanting fresh foods for lunch, and I know they would enjoy providing personal testimony today if they didn't need to be in school. By designating the month of October as Farm to School month, you will be supporting all of the work that has been done to educate Hawaii's students about eating locally grown food.

Please support this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Debbie Millikan
Garden and Nutrition Educator

Personal Testimony Presented before the
House Committee on Agriculture
February 9, 2011
10:00 am
by
Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D.

HB1475 Relating to Farm to School Month in Hawaii

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Hashem and Members of the Committee:

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Department Chair with the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences, with the University of Hawaii at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). I am pleased to provide personal testimony on HB1475. I support the passage of HB1475. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i, of CTAHR or my Department.

As the primary author of the Farm-to-School Report to consider the feasibility of establishing a statewide farm-to-school program in Hawaii's public schools for the 26th Legislature, in response to SCR121 SD1 HD1, SLH 2009, I have reviewed and studied farm-to-school programs throughout the United States.

The 2003 Hawai'i Food Security Task Force reported that over 19% of Hawai'i residents live in food insecure households and most of these households contain school-aged children. Food insecurity contributes to obesity rates. Many school children have limited exposure to the wide range of healthy, locally-grown foods that are available. School children frequently have no idea where food comes from or how it is prepared and are susceptible to the easy availability of "junk" food that surrounds them.

Farm-to-School programs, including school gardens, are innovative educational programs that can provide our children with opportunities to learn about and eat the highest quality, local food that not only nourishes children's bodies immediately, but also provide knowledge that enhances their educational experience and cultivate long-term healthy eating habits. HB 1475 would designate October as Farm-to-School Month and bring recognition to the programs throughout the State that are striving to improve our keiki's health and well-being. I support HB 1475.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

hashem2 - Dorothy

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Testifier position: support
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Submitted on: 2/5/2011

Comments:

Thank you to Gil Riviere for introducing HB1475.
Support and education of traditional farming is essential for our continued good health and prosperity.
Thank you.

hashem2 - Dorothy

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Submitted on: 2/5/2011

Comments:

Dear Chair Tsuji and members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

I support the designation of October as "Farm to School Month" will help promote agriculture, health, and nutrition education throughout our schools in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill..

hashem2 - Dorothy

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Comments:

hashem2 - Dorothy

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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I view a locally recognized Farm to School Month as an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and support for the farm to school movement in Hawai'i. Naming October as "Farm to School Month" is an important step toward bolstering local, sustainable agriculture and improving school/home nutrition. The Kokua Foundation's AINA IS program should be in all schools in our state. Students need healthy meals at school and at home - and the school is the starting place for future generations. I support HB 1475.

Testimony in Support of HB 1475 designating October “Farm to School Month in Hawai’i”

2/8/11

As a parent of students at Wai’alae Elementary Public Charter School and a volunteer docent with AINA In School, I have seen first-hand the positive impact that such education programs have on our youngest citizens. My children have become enthusiastic gardeners and are able to make better nutrition choices because of the things they have learned through this program and the emphasis their school places on these critical issues.

There is a positive economic effect of such education as well. My 8-year old son and I took some visiting friends to the KCC Farmers’ Market recently, and we purchased some Waimanalo honey. We made this selection purely because my son had been on a field trip to that area and he had seen the beehives in person.

Designating October as Farm to School Month in Hawai’i will help foster awareness and provide an excellent forum for discussion on these important topics.

I ask for your support of this bill.

Sandy Chesemore

hashem1 - Angleica

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
This is incredibly important, please support it!

hashem1 - Angleica

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Comments:

My name is Ilana Stout and I am a teacher at Kea'au High School. I am writing to declare my support of House Bill 1475, creating Hawaii Farm to School Month.

I taught Food Science and Nutrition at Kea'au for 3 years and was shocked to discover how little high school students understand about not only nutrition, but where our food comes from. Many of the teenagers that I work with eat diets that consist largely of packaged, processed foods and don't consider the path that those foods take to get to them. At the beginning of the year I pose the question, "Where does our food come from?" to my students. Answers may include "the store", "the gas station" or "McDonalds" but very rarely include the farmers markets, local farms or the aina itself.

It is not that students are unaware of the existence of farmers market and agriculture in our community, but flashy advertising and marketing of processed foods appeals to them so directly that "slow food" seems irrelevant and unimportant. Students suffer from a lack of connection to real food and real farmers. They are dependent upon the media to tell them what to eat, and the foods that are being pushed at them are largely high in sugar, salt, fat and empty calories.

Farm to School programs are organized in many different ways and can offer students a myriad of academic, nutritional and character lessons. They offer students an opportunity to learn more about nutrition and provide a meaningful understanding of the cycles of matter and energy. They can provide students hands-on learning opportunities in real world environments and can be invaluable experiences for students who choose to pursue a career in agriculture. They provide cafeteria managers with high quality ingredients and students with healthy, delicious food. They can provide markets to help local farmers sell their products. And perhaps most importantly, these programs instill in students a sense of stewardship for the earth, for their communities and for their own bodies.

Please declare the month of October "Hawaii Farm to School Month".

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011
10:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 1475, FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

Aloha Chair Tsuji and the House Agriculture Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1475, which would designate October as Farm to School Month.

Farm to School programs have multiple benefits and address children's' health and education, local farmers and economies, food security, and environmental sustainability.

Please pass this bill to help increase awareness and build support for farm to school in Hawai'i.

Thank you,

Natalie McKinney
Haleiwa, HI

hashem1 - Angleica

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Supporting HB1475 is an investment in our keiki's future and for the future of Hawaii. We cannot continue to rely on imported food when much of it can be produced here in the islands. I only buy Hawaii's Best Milk when possible because it is locally produced on the Big Island. My kids can taste the difference between imported organic milk and local milk. We don't eat a lot of beef, but when we do, we try to purchase locally raised beef as well. Land is the most important commodity in our islands and we need to teach our kids that a farm is a contributing assets in our community versus a sprawling development. Please support Farm to School education. Aloha.

hashem1 - Angleica

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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I want healthier food in our public schools. I want for our children to learn where their food come from. I want for our state to provide fresh homegrown products to our children and work on a new menu for our public schools. The food has not changed much since I was in attendance over 20 years ago.

hashem1 - Angleica

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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT the designation of October as "Farm to School Month" to promote agriculture, health, and nutrition education throughout our schools in Hawaii especially since it has no financial cost, creates no task force or other agency and adds no expense to state tax payers.

Programs like Kokua Foundation's Actively Integrate Nutrition and Agriculture In Schools program (AINA IS) has been an amazing program integrated in our schools and our communities.

hashem1 - Angleica

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Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

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Cc: josh.leinau@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joshua Leinau
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Phone:
E-mail: josh.leinau@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:27 PM
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Cc: ninaalena@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nina Beatty
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ninaalena@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I view a locally recognized Farm to School Month as an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and support for the farm to school movement in Hawai'i. Out of all the states, we should be most supportive of this bill, being on an island dependent on the continent for most of our food. We need to educate our children where our food comes from and how to make better choices for a healthier lifestyle.

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: laurenshipley@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lauren Shipley
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: laurenshipley@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:17 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: dlsonnenberg@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Donna Sonnenberg
Organization: Individual
Address: Napoopoo Road Kealahou HI
Phone: 8086405089
E-mail: dlsonnenberg@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Please support this bill for the education of Hawaii's future generations

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:58 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: panjoan@gmail.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joan Pan
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: panjoan@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: ivorykealani@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ivory McClintock
Organization: Individual
Address: 2344 Jasmine St Honolulu, HI
Phone:
E-mail: ivorykealani@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
Chair Tsuji and Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I am in strong support of HB1475 which will designate October as Hawai'i Farm to School Month for three reasons.

A recognized Farm to School Month in Hawai'i will:

- 1) Educate the students of Hawai'i about the importance of food production in Hawai'i.
- 2) As the youth learn more about food production we will be able to empower them to grow their own food and support local growers.
- 3) We need to integrate agriculture into the schools so that students learn how to care for the land.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this testimony.

Mahalo,
Ivory McClintock

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: wheresnoah@gmail.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Noah Nugent
Organization: Individual
Address: P.O. Box 635 Ka'a'awa HI 96730
Phone: 808-222-0269
E-mail: wheresnoah@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:
I support House Bill 1475

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:33 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: beachesandbackyards@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Vanessa Hollinger
Organization: Individual
Address: P.O. Box 635 Ka'a'awa HI 96730
Phone: 808-371-5179
E-mail: beachesandbackyards@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:
I support House Bill 1475

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:19 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: Biodynamichawaii@gmail.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Grimes
Organization: Individual
Address: PO box 107 Paauilo, HI. 96776
Phone: 808-443-9232
E-mail: Biodynamichawaii@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Please help support Nutritious Health promoting practices such as School Gardens, Farm to School and related works to support our children developing an awareness and appreciation for food grown by themselves. Please support HB1475 Mahalo, Bobby G

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:17 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: joschiller@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joanna Schiller
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: joschiller@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: klfallas@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kim & Anthony Fallas
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: klfallas@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

We support bill #1475 / Farm to School in October. I currently volunteer as a AINA IS docent for Waialua Elementary and have experienced first hand the positive connection this has had on our 2nd graders.

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: kohmingwei@gmail.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ming Wei Koh
Organization: Individual
Address: po box 107 HI
Phone: 808 4439231
E-mail: kohmingwei@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

As a school garden teacher, I have witnessed the positive health benefits of growing and eating real food. We meet all 6 of Hawaii General Learner Outcomes in the garden. As quality producers and community contributors, students who grow food enrich not only their own lives but that of family and friends. Farm to school programs will provide models for these children.

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:39 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: stuartnovick@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stuart Novick
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: stuartnovick@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Very important bill for the future of our community. I strongly support it.

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: hunakai5@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kelly Perry
Organization: Individual
Address: 68-056 Laau Paina Pl. Waialua, HI
Phone: 349-9736
E-mail: hunakai5@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I support designating October as Farm to School Month in Hawaii. It will increase awareness of the farm to school initiative that has already seen success in schools with partnerships between the community, school admin and teachers and parents.

A Farm to School month will educate the public about the need to connect students to where there food comes from, learn how to grow it, and have it served in the cafeteria. These issue are so Important on an island for our future food security.

Thank you,
Kelly Perry

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: holmbergr002@hawaii.rr.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ruth E. Holmberg
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: holmbergr002@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:12 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: NatalieJoyce1@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Natalie Joyce-Maeda
Organization: Individual
Address: 4755 Kikala Rd. Kalaheo, Kaua'i, HI
Phone: 808-332-5505
E-mail: NatalieJoyce1@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

As a person who works in 3 schools, Pre-school to 12 grade. I entirely support this bill. It is about time to take some steps like the ones introduced in this bill. The youth are interested and willing.

hashem1 - Angleica

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:42 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: Lcoltin@aol.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lillian Coltin
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Lcoltin@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This bill will build awareness about importance of getting the message of eating and buying local food to our keiki

hashem2 - Dorothy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:25 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: bsmitsvinci@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1475 on 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: bahiyyih smits
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bsmitsvinci@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

This is such an easy way to keep and create jobs for locals and support healthy island-style living. Do the right thing! Support Hawaii Farm to SchoolMonth.