

The Attitudes of Hawaii Consumers Toward Genetically Modified Fruit

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## Introduction

Papaya and other fruit play an important role in Hawaii's agricultural sector. The 2003 farm value of pineapple, papaya, banana, avocado and other fruits in Hawaii totaled \$129.7 million, up three percent from 2002. Fresh fruit accounted for 96 percent of the total value, with exports accounting for 46 percent of the fresh fruit sold. Fresh papaya production totaled 40.8 million pounds in 2003, a four percent drop from 2002, which is the second year a decrease was recorded. As of August 2002, Hawaii's total papaya acreage was estimated at 2,145 acres, a 21 percent decrease compared to the previous year. Harvested acreage of papaya across the state decreased 24 percent from 2002 to 2003. The Big Island's 122 papaya farms accounted for 90 percent of the state's total acreage with growers planting mainly Rainbow and Kapoho varieties (United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 2003).

A large majority of the papayas in Hawaii are produced with genetically modified (GM) papaya seed that is resistant to the ringspot virus. According to the USDA, 2006, the GM variety Rainbow, which is resistant to Papaya Ringspot Virus (PRV), accounted for 53 percent of the total acres in 2005, up one percent from 2004. The Kapoho variety was the standard for the papaya industry for many years, however, Kapoho is susceptible to PRV.

No federal guidelines currently require labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMO) for US marketing channels. Only organic foods are required to be free of GMO, although GMO free labels may be used by a retailer or wholesaler as part of their individual marketing strategy. US labeling requirements may affect the exports of US fruit since international markets may demand that GMO products be labeled or may not accept them at all.

According to Pesante (2003), Hawaii has been losing market share in the Japanese papaya market to the Philippines. In 2002, the Philippines had 56 percent of the market, while Hawaii had 43 percent. The competitive disadvantage of Hawaiian papayas may stem from Hawaii's distance from Japan, the higher relative price of Hawaiian papaya, and a limited supply of non-GMO papayas from Hawaii. Papayas from the Philippines are roughly half the price of Hawaiian papayas, and the distance between the two countries is shorter, resulting in fresher, less damaged fruit. The U.S. government is making efforts to persuade the Japanese government to allow the importation of GMO-papayas. As of May 2003, the Japan Department of Agriculture has approved this measure, but Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare is still examining the issue.

Research indicates that consumers in Europe and Japan are concerned about food products made with GMO. In 2002, Hirohisa, et al. (2002) examined Japanese consumers' attitudes towards product made from GMO. They found that 69 percent of those surveyed felt that these products posed health risks, 38 percent felt they posed environmental risks, 60 percent were concerned about food allergies, and 60 percent had a fear of an unknown new disease. When asked whether they would consume GMO if they were safe, 32 percent would not, 32 percent still feared health risks, 31 percent did

not support the idea of genetically modifying any organism, and 30 percent were uneasy about the concept of GMO. More than 90 percent of those surveyed supported the labeling of GMO, 68 percent such labeling was needed, and 50 percent felt that not labeling GMO was a violation of the consumer's rights. Bredahl (1999) surveyed the consumers in Denmark, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Italy. Respondents generally did not prefer to use GMO products. Genetic modification was associated with negative consequences, such as damage to the environment and moral problems. Positive attributes were noted but were not enough to overcome negative associations.

Some research that examines US consumer attitudes toward GMO has also been completed. Baker and Burnham (2001) concluded that women tended to be more concerned with food safety than men and that consumers with a relatively high knowledge of biotech were more likely to accept GMO products. Lusk and Sullivan (2002) completed a study of consumer attitudes toward GMO products in Mississippi and found more than 70 percent believed that GM foods were acceptable. They also indicated that consumers have concerns about adverse health effects from GM products. The majority thought they were "somewhat knowledgeable" while 3 percent believed they were "very knowledgeable." Older consumers with relatively high incomes and more education were more positive about GM food. Hossein et al. (2003) found that 74 percent of respondents to a survey approve of the use of genetic modification of fruits and vegetables if the price is lower. They concluded that the respondent's level of knowledge about biotechnology was found to significantly affect approval and acceptance of GMO products. Consumers who check labels when shopping were less likely to accept genetically modified foods. Kaneko and Chern (2003) found similar results based on a survey of US mainland consumers. They found that 50-60 percent of the respondents were somewhat informed about GMO, and 50 percent thought that GMO products pose a risk to human health. Religious or ethical concerns about GMO were cited as an important for 40 percent of the respondents, while 80 percent felt that products containing GMO should be labeled. Younger consumers were more likely to accept GMO. Ferguson et al. (2002) surveyed Hawaii residents about their opinions of GMO and found that respondents rated GMO as more favorable if the GMO application contributed to increased environmental quality, a lowered cost of production, increased nutritional value or increased disease resistance. They also found respondents' opinions varied depending on their age, gender, education, ethnicity, county and income.

Given that Hawaii's papaya industry, which is showing signs of contraction, relies heavily upon GMO and that no specific information is available about the preferences Hawaii consumers toward GM fruit, the paper presents the results of a survey of Hawaii residents about their attitude toward GMO fruit. The results can be utilized to assess the present level of consumers' knowledge about the GMO fruit, and to design appropriate recommendations for policy makers.

A telephone survey (see Appendix I) was conducted from February to June 2006. Five hundred thirty eight residents were selected at random from the telephone directories of all the Hawaiian Islands. If the resident declined to participate, another was selected. The questionnaire asked about the respondent's opinions on health, safety and allergies,

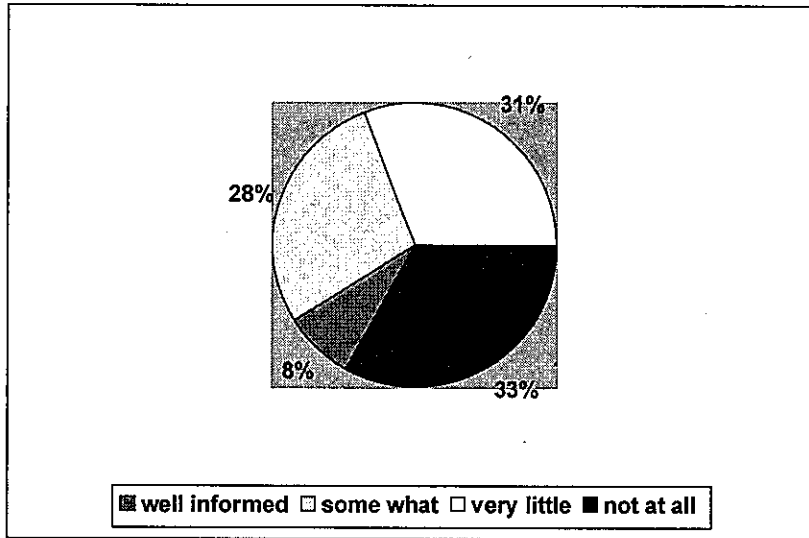
willingness to consume, willingness to purchase if genetic modification reduced the need for pesticides, willingness to purchase if GM fruits are as nutritious as non-genetically modified fruits, willingness to purchase if GMO cost ten percent more or cost ten percent less, consumer opinion about labeling the fruits, and demographic characteristics of the consumers. Chi-Square was used to test for significant differences in the results and the confidence level is 95 percent, leaving a five percent chance of error. While 538 people responded to the survey, not all respondents answered every question.

As indicated in Table 1, the survey represented a cross section of Hawaii residents. The respondents' characteristics generally represent the overall characteristics of the State's general population, although the State's urban population is generally larger than the urban population of the sample. It may be that respondents' definition of rural and urban are not the same as the US Census definition.

**Table 1: Survey demographic**

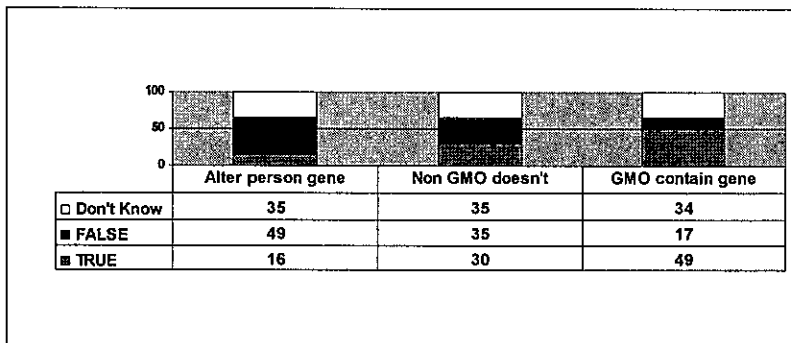
Variable		Number	%
Gender	Female	229	57
	Male	309	43
Age	Under 18	23	4
	18-30	93	17
	31-50	165	31
	56-60	122	23
	Over 60	134	25
County of residence	Hawaii	70	13
	Oahu	389	71
	Kauai	34	6
	Maui	59	11
Place of resident	Rural	228	43
	Urban	308	
Education	Less than High school	24	58
	High school graduate	240	45
	College Graduate	152	28
	Graduate Degree	120	22
Household annual Income	Less than \$15,000	4	14
	15,000 to 30,999	145	18
	31,000 to 60,999	157	33
	61,000 to 100,000	111	23
	Over 100,000	65	12

Eight percent of the respondents indicated that they are well informed about GM food products, 28 percent indicated they are somewhat informed, 31 percent very little and 33 percent not at all (Figure 1).



**Figure 1: Do you Feel well Informed about GM Food**

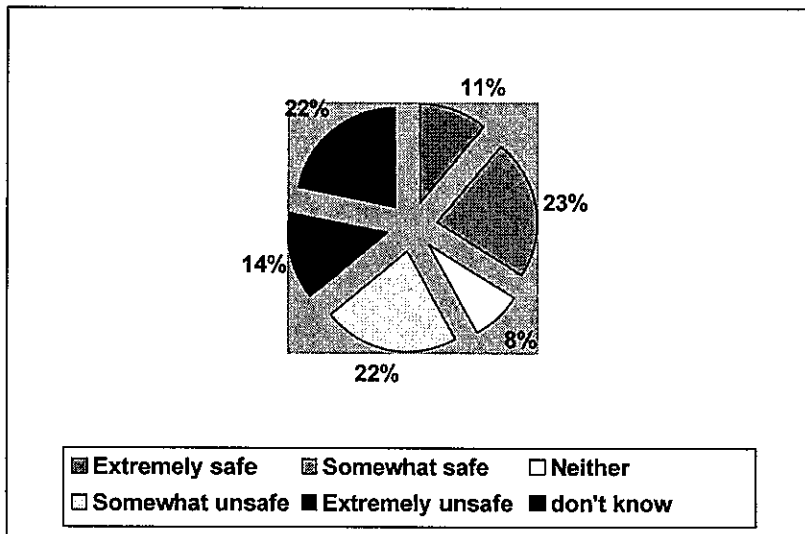
In order to determine if respondents were indeed knowledgeable about GMO, three questions were included on the questionnaire that required a true, false, or don't know answer. The first question asked whether or not GM fruit contain modified genes, which is true. As Figure 2 indicates, 49 percent of respondents answered it correctly, 17 percent answered it incorrectly, and 34 percent did not know the answer. The second question asked whether non-GM fruits do not contain modified genes, which is false. Thirty-five percent answered it correctly and 65 percent answered it incorrectly. The third question asked whether eating GMO fruit alters a person's genes, which is a question that cannot be answered at this point in time. Thirty-five percent answered it correctly and the remaining 65 percent did not. Thus, it appears that respondents were relatively accurate in their self-assessments about their knowledge of GMO



**Figure 2: True or False Question on Knowledge of GMO Fruits**

Respondents lack knowledge about GMO and therefore, have misconceptions. More consumer education is needed to ensure that consumers have a thorough understanding of GMO and the role they can and do play in the agricultural sector. This type of education is likely to increase the consumer acceptance of GMO products or, at the least, to minimize misconceptions.

With respect to their perceptions about the safety of GMO fruit, respondents were equally divided about the safety of GMO. Thirty-four percent thought they were extremely risky or somewhat risky and 36 percent believed they were extremely safe or somewhat safe to eat.

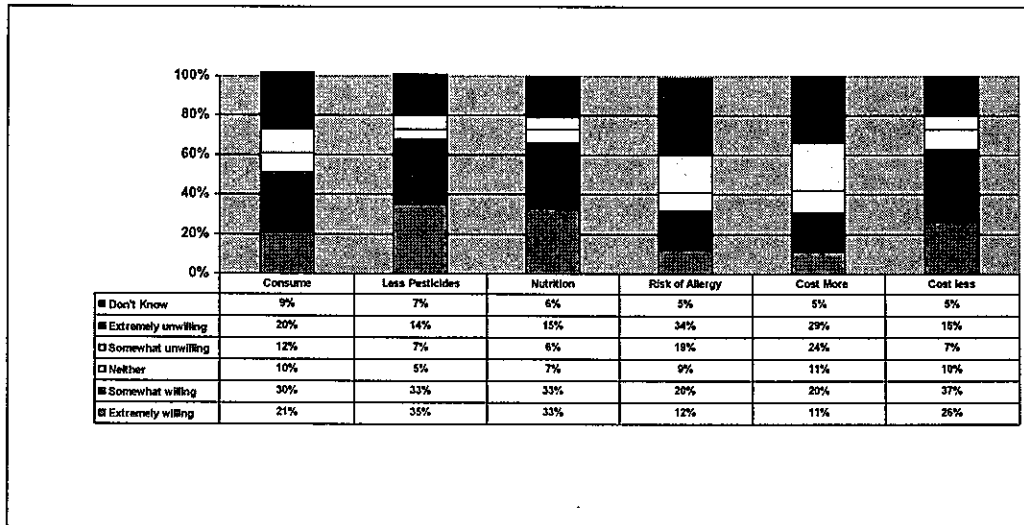


540 respondents answered the question

**Figure 3: Consumer Opinion of Safety of GMO Fruits**

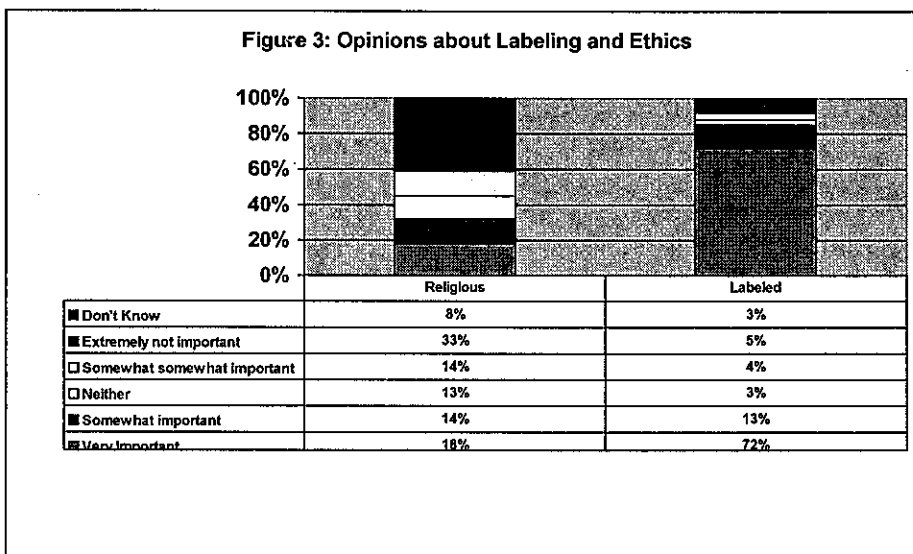
With respect to their willingness consume GMO fruits, 51 percent of the consumers were extremely willing or somewhat willing to consume the product, and 32 percent were extremely unwilling or somewhat unwilling (see Figure 4). If the GMO fruit production reduces the amount of pesticide used in its production, 68 percent of the respondents indicated they are extremely willing or somewhat willing to consume the fruit compared to 21 percent who are unwilling or extremely unwilling. If the GMO fruit production causes allergic reactions for some people, 53 percent of the respondents indicated they are extremely unwilling or somewhat unwilling to consume the fruits compared to 33 percent who are willing or extremely willing. With respect to nutritional value of GMO fruit as compared to as non-GMO fruits, 65 percent of the respondents indicated they are extremely willing or somewhat willing to consume the fruits compared to 21 percent who are unwilling or extremely unwilling to consume the fruits.

If the GMO fruit production prices are higher than non-GMO fruit, 31 percent of respondent indicated they are extremely unwilling or somewhat unwilling to consume the fruit as compared to 53 percent who are unwilling or extremely unwilling to consume the fruits. If the GMO price is lower, 63 percent of respondents indicated they are extremely willing or somewhat willing to consume the fruits compared to 22 percent who are unwilling or extremely unwilling to consume the fruit.



\*539 answered consumption, nutrition, pesticide questions, 526 answered the cost questions  
**Figure 4: Consumer Opinion of Various Markets Attributes**

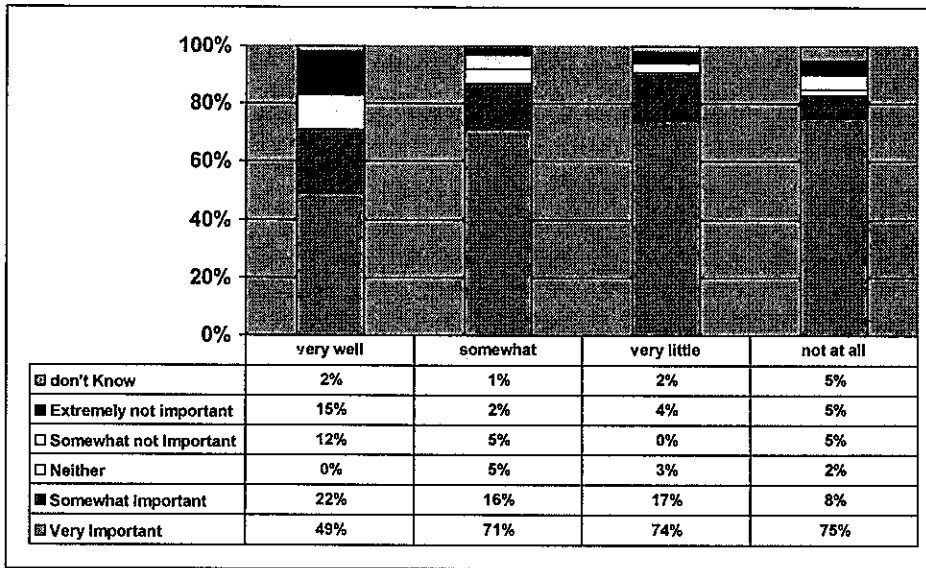
Respondents were asked how important are ethical or religious concerns when they decided whether or not to consume GMO fruits. As Figure 5 indicates, 18 percent considered it very important, as compared to 33 percent who did not consider it to be important. As far as the importance of labeling GMO fruit, a large percentage, 71 percent, of the respondents considered it very important as compared to 5 percent who said it was not important.



**Figure 5: Respondents Opinion on Ethics**

This survey provides important information about respondents' knowledge about GMO and attitudes toward labeling GMO. A cross tabulation between respondents who know about GMO and their attitudes toward labeling in Figure 6 found a significant relationship between these two variables. Among those that indicated that they are well

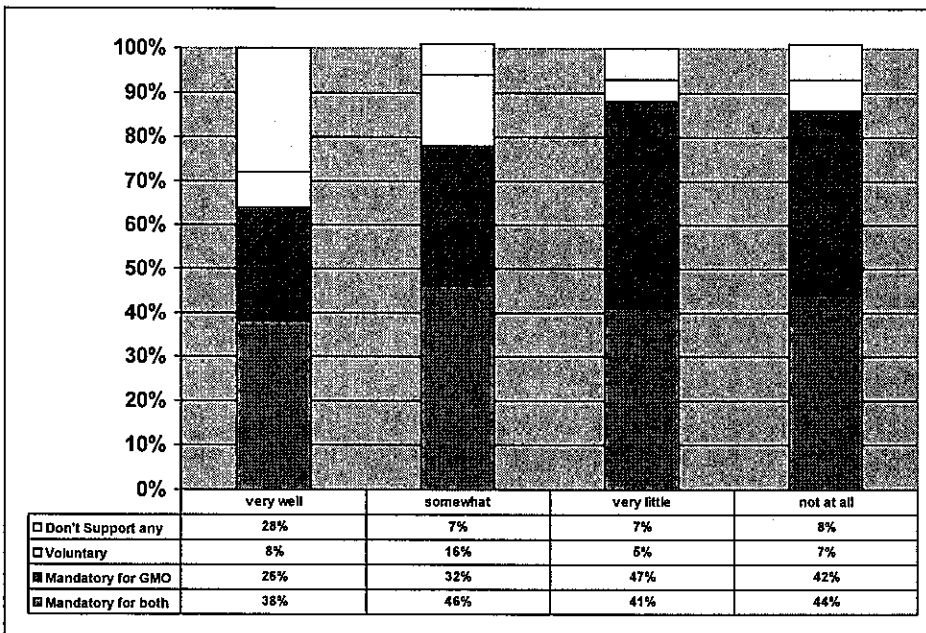
informed about the GMO, 49 percent supported labeling as compared to 71 percent who felt they were somewhat informed, 74 percent for these who indicated they are little informed and 75 percent among those who are not informed at all.



\*537 respondents, chi square estimated at 45.5 significant at .000 level

**Figure 6 : Respondents Knowledge and Opinion on Labeling**

With respect to what methods should policy makers adopt in dealing the labeling (see Figure 7), 38 percent of the well-informed respondents supporting labeling and wanted the labeling for both GMO and non-GMO, 26 percent want it for GMO only. In the case of uninformed respondents who wanted labeling, 44 percent wanted it for both GMO and non-GMO and 42 percent wanted labeling for GMO alone.

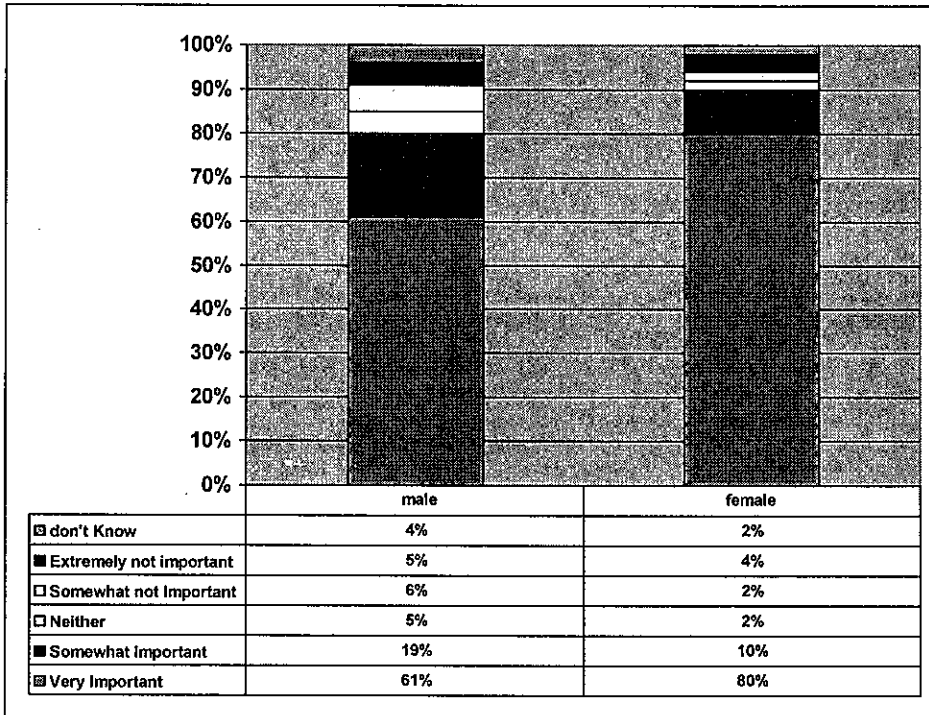


\*N=537, chi square estimated at 35.5 significant at .05 level



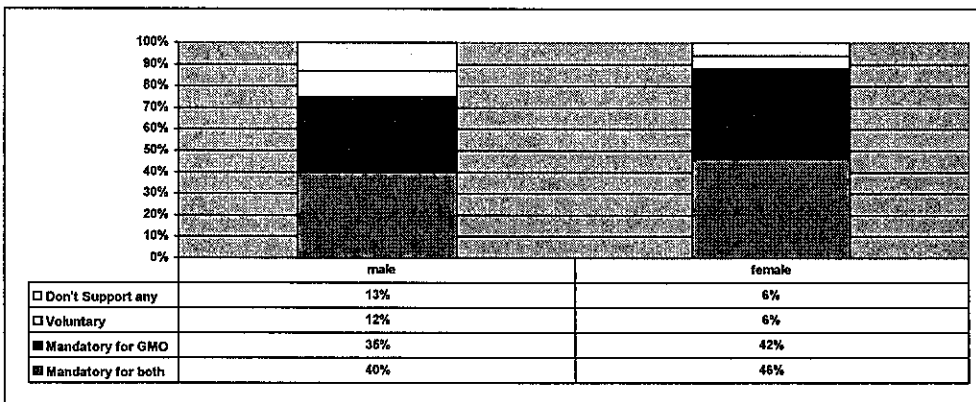
**Figure 7: Respondents Knowledge and Type of Labeling Policy**

As shown in Figure 8, the gender of the respondent was also significantly related their attitude toward labeling. Eighty percent of the females want the GM fruits to be labeled as compared to 61 percent of male respondents. At the same time, Figure 9 shows that 46 percent of the female respondents want the GMO labeling to be mandatory for all food products, compared to 40 percent of male respondents



**Figure 8: Gender and Labeling**

\*537 respondents, chi square estimated at 45.5 significant at .000 level



**Figure 9: Gender and Labeling Policy**

**Education**  
Education was divided into four categories: those with some high school, high school graduate, college graduate, and some post-graduate college. A positive correlation exists between the educational level of the respondent and their support for mandatory labeling.

As Figure 10 indicates, 63 percent of the respondents with some high school want the mandatory GMO labeling for all food products, compared to 81 percent of respondent that are high school graduate, 84 percent for college graduates, and 88 percent for those with some post-graduate college.

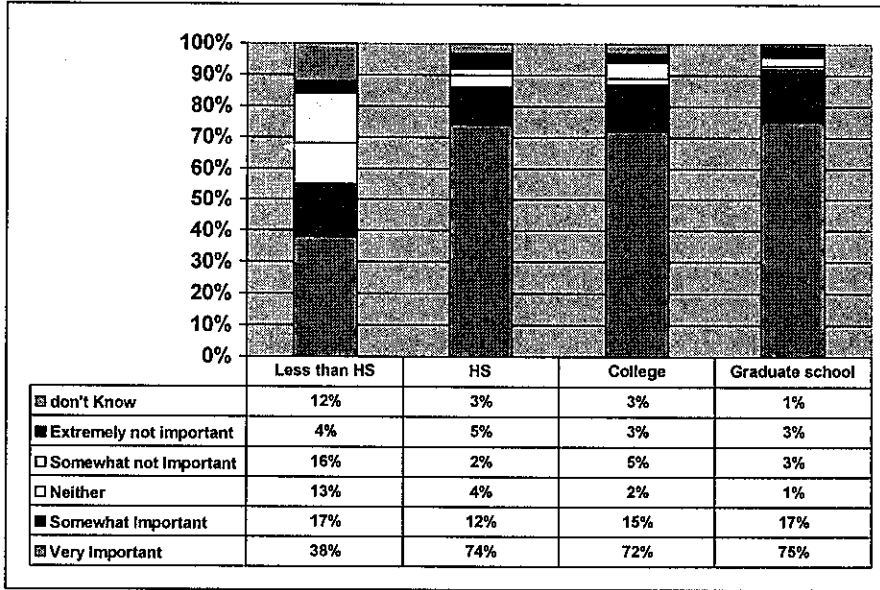


Figure 10: Education and Attitude toward Labeling

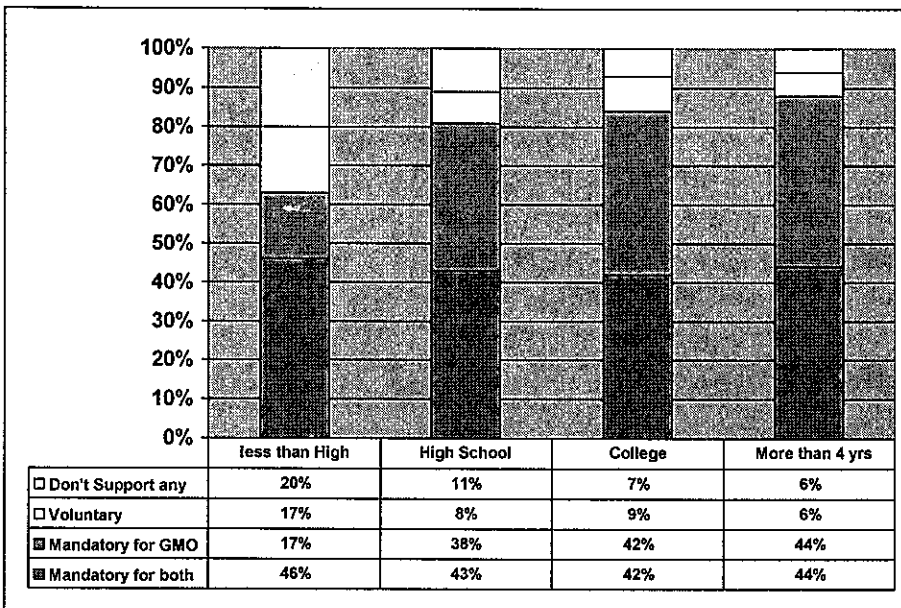


Figure 11: Educational Levels and Type of labeling Policy

The majority of the respondents feel labeling is very important (see Figure 12). Households that earn less than \$15,000 year feel labeling is less important than do households from the other income categories. However, the differences that were found between household income levels are not significant. As Figure 13 indicates, respondents

with lower income level are more supportive of *mandatory* labeling, although this result is not significant.

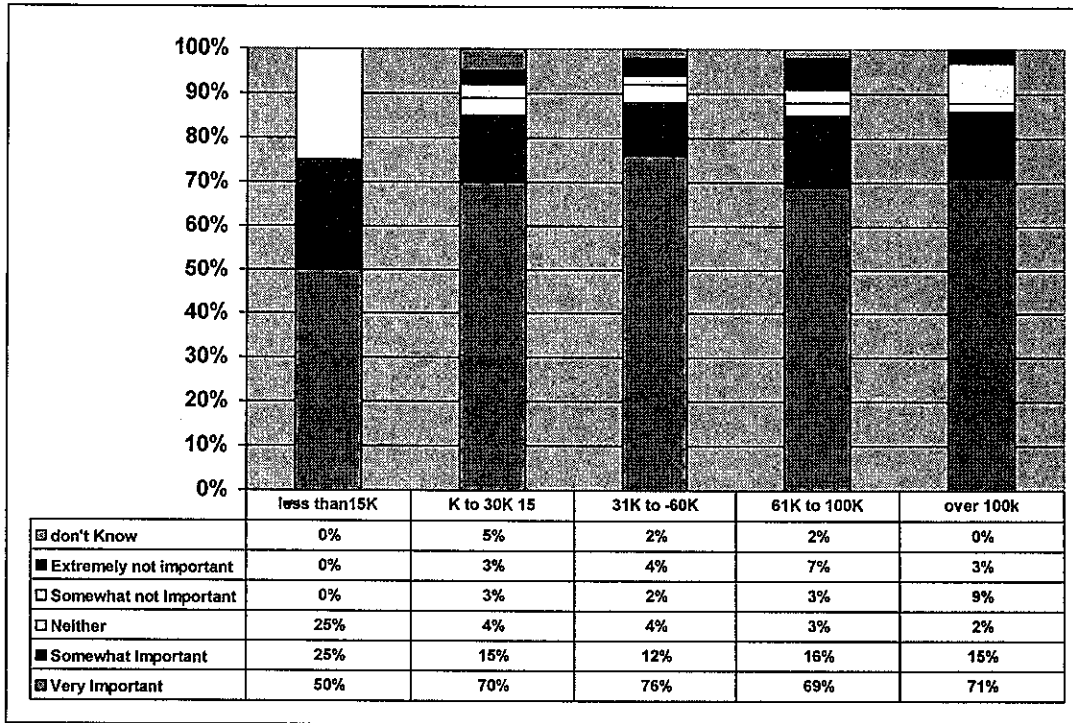


Figure 12: Labeling and Income Levels

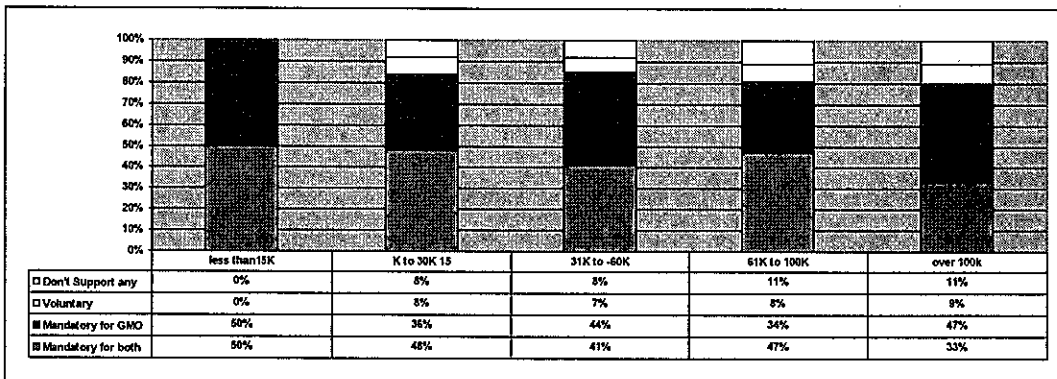


Figure 13: Income and Type of labeling Policy

## Discussion and Conclusion

A telephone survey was conducted to determine the attitude of Hawaii residents toward GMO fruits. Residents were selected at random from the telephone directories of all the Hawaiian Islands. The questionnaire asked about the respondent's opinions on health safety and allergies, willingness to consume, willingness to purchase if genetic modification reduced the amount of pesticides, willingness to purchase if genetically modified fruits are as nutritious as non-genetically modified fruits,

In general, respondents are not well informed about the GM food products and they are aware that they lack knowledge. Many are wary of consuming GMO because they feel they may be unsafe. This lack of knowledge about how GMO are scientifically produced may cause misconceptions. A strategic educational plan is needed plan to educate the consumers about GMO. The benefits of GMO for specific products, such as reductions in pesticide use, reductions in post harvesting losses, and improved nutritional value should be included. These benefits are very important market attributes that influence the consumer's decision making.

At the same time, educational materials should be developed to explain the risk of GMO pose the environment and to human health. This will increase consumer acceptance and minimize misconceptions about the GMO in food chain. Before introducing new GMO products, information about their benefit over the traditional varieties should be made known to the consumers.

The respondents strongly believe that GMO fruits should be labeled. Mandatory labeling of GMO appear to be an idea whose time has come. The cost of labeling will become a production cost and likely will not result a large price increase for consumers.

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## Appendix I: Survey

Do you feel you are well informed about genetically-modified food?

- a) Very well
- b) Somewhat
- c) Very little
- d) None at all

T or F: Genetically modified fruits contain genes.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Don't know

T or F: Non-genetically modified fruits do not contain genes.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Don't know

T or F: A person's genes could be altered by eating genetically modified foods.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Don't know

Do you think genetically modified food is safe or risky to human health?

- a) Extremely risky
- b) Somewhat risky
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat safe
- e) Extremely safe
- f) Don't know

How willing are you to consume fruits that have been genetically modified?

- a) Extremely willing
- b) Somewhat
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not willing
- e) Extremely not willing
- f) Don't know

How willing would you be to purchase them if GM reduced the amount of pesticides applied to crops?

- a) Extremely willing
- b) Somewhat
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not willing
- e) Extremely not willing
- f) Don't know

What if they are as nutritious as non-genetically modified fruits?

- a) Extremely willing
- b) Somewhat
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not willing
- e) Extremely not willing
- f) Don't know

How willing would you be to purchase them if there is a risk of causing allergic reactions for some people?

- a) Extremely willing
- b) Somewhat willing
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not willing
- e) Extremely not willing
- f) Don't know

How willing would you be to purchase GM fruit if it cost 10% more than non-GM fruit?

- a) Extremely willing
- b) Somewhat willing
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not willing
- e) Extremely not willing
- f) Don't know

How about if it cost 10% less than non-GM fruit?

- a) Extremely willing
- b) Somewhat willing
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not willing
- e) Extremely not willing
- f) Don't know

How important are ethical or religious concerns when you decide whether or not to consume GM fruit?

- a) Very important
- b) Somewhat important
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not important
- e) Extremely not important
- f) Don't know

How important is it to you that genetically modified fruits are specifically labeled?

- a) Very important
- b) Somewhat important
- c) Neither
- d) Somewhat not important
- e) Extremely not important
- f) Don't know

What type of labeling would you support?

- a) Mandatory for GM and non-GM fruits
- b) Mandatory for GM
- c) Voluntary
- d) Don't support any

**Demographic**

The shopper is

- a) Male
- b) Female

Did you grow up in rural area (farming community)?

- a) yes
- b) no

Is your age range:

- a) Under 18
- b) 18- 30
- c) 31-50
- d) 51-60
- e) Over 60

Is your educational level:

- a) Less than high school
- b) High school to some college
- c) College graduate
- d) More than four years college

Is your household income range:

- a) Less than \$15,000
- b) \$15,00 to \$30,000
- c) \$31,000 to \$60,000
- d) \$61,000 to \$100,000
- e) Over \$100,000

What is the number of people in your household? \_\_\_\_\_





## TESTIMONY

### RE: HCR178/HR154 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A LABELING SYSTEM FOR GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS

Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee:

MCFB on behalf of our commercial farm and ranch families and organizations is **strongly opposed** to HCR178 and HR154 requesting the Department of Health to report on the feasibility of implementing a labeling system for genetically engineered foods.

MCFB strongly believes that genetic engineering is an important option for our farmers to grow agricultural crops to increase our local self sufficiency. Those who see value in identifying non-GM foods can do so and find a market advantage from the population that prefers such products.

Contrary to the preamble, **GM foods are tested extensively and for many years before becoming available in the marketplace. Most products sold undergo much less by FDA, EPA or other regulatory agencies, yet are deemed safe.** GM's rapidity in marketshare is due to the advantages the products provide.

This year, agencies such as the Department of Health is under SEVERE budgetary constraints. This is an unfunded mandate. Last year there was an outcry about the lack of inspections of restaurants by DOH. This measure will probably end in that branch of the agency which has been proven to be understaffed and underbudgeted.

Critical safety concerns should be addressed. This is NOT one of them. During this year of difficult budget decisions, measures such as this should not take precedence over critical duties by the department. This unfunded mandate will cost dollars and hours.

We respectfully request that this measure be held. Please do not impose an unfunded mandate on the Department of Health. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter.



March 28, 2011

The Honorable Ryan Yamane  
Chairman, House Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329

**RE: HCR 178 and HR154 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Yamane and Members of the Committee:

The Grocery Manufacturers Association<sup>1</sup> (GMA) and its more than three hundred members respectfully oppose HCR 178 and HR 154. As drafted, these measures direct the Department of Health to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of implementing a labeling system for food products that contain genetically engineered material. We oppose these measures because such a mandate presupposes an issue with food safety and does everything to discourage investment in science and technology that could bring about more efficient operations and better, more nutritious foods.

Mandatory labeling of food products containing genetically engineered ingredients are misguided and unnecessary. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) already regulates the introduction of and labeling of biotech foods. Producers are legally responsible to the FDA for the safety and wholesomeness of any food product placed on the market and all foods, regardless of whether they are produced using biotechnology or not, are regulated for their individual safety, toxicity and the presence of allergens.

Furthermore, after decades of scientific review, the FDA determined that genetically enhanced foods are equivalent to foods developed through crossbreeding, and other traditional methods. Thus, compulsory state labeling provides no additional significant or useful information to consumers. In fact,

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<sup>1</sup> Based in Washington, D.C., the Grocery Manufacturers Association is the voice of more than 300 leading food, beverage and consumer product companies that sustain and enhance the quality of life for hundreds of millions of people in the United States and around the globe.

Founded in 1908, GMA is an active, vocal advocate for its member companies and a trusted source of information about the industry and the products consumers rely on and enjoy every day. The association and its member companies are committed to meeting the needs of consumers through product innovation, responsible business practices and effective public policy solutions developed through a genuine partnership with policymakers and other stakeholders.

In keeping with its founding principles, GMA helps its members produce safe products through a strong and ongoing commitment to scientific research, testing and evaluation and to providing consumers with the products, tools and information they need to achieve a healthy diet and an active lifestyle.

The food, beverage and consumer packaged goods industry in the United States generates sales of \$2.1 trillion annually, employs 14 million workers and contributes \$1 trillion in added value to the economy every year.

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research shows that mandatory labeling of biotechnology products has the negative impact of misleading consumers to believe foods derived from biotechnology are harmful when the best current scientific evidence indicates, they are not.

GMA supports a consumer's right to obtain important information about the health and safety of food products and we are committed to informing consumers about modern biotechnology. GMA member companies have made information available through consumer "1-800" numbers, supermarket brochures and were instrumental in developing the Alliance for Better Foods which has a website where consumers can obtain comprehensive information about food biotechnology.

Simply put, labeling food derived through biotechnology goes beyond educating the consumer about food safety -- it is designed to require "warning labels" that focus upon the process by which a food was produced. Requiring warning labels for these products will create a false impression that there are dangers associated with consumption of such products or that their nutritional value has been diminished. Furthermore, mandatory labels for these products would present a tremendous and costly enforcement problem to the state and result in huge costs to food processors, retailers and ultimately, consumers, while producing absolutely no benefit.

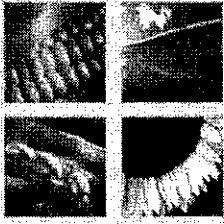
For these reasons, GMA respectfully opposes HCR 178 and HR 154.

Sincerely,

John Hewitt  
Western Region Director  
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# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii*

Testimony By: Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director  
HCR 178 & HR 154 – Requesting the Department of Health the feasibility of  
implementing a labeling system for genetically engineered foods  
Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
Room 329, 9:00 a.m.

## Position: Strongly Oppose

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, a nonprofit trade association representing the seed industry in Hawaii. HCIA strongly opposes HCR 178 and HR 154.

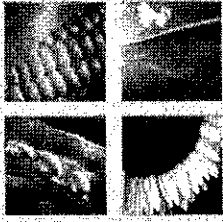
### Labeling Should Follow Established Federal Guidelines

State-based labeling requirements that differ from previously established, stringently enforced federal guidelines, provide no value for consumers and only serve to disparage foods improved by biotechnology. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration's labeling guidance requires that a food label must reveal all **material** facts about that food. They follow a stringent science-based approach in developing this guidance and have decided biotech foods do not inherently "present any different or greater safety concern than foods developed by [conventional methods]." FDA uses the principal of "substantial equivalence" — focusing on the final product, not the process used to develop a food product, to determine how it should be labeled. In addition, mandatory labeling requirements that vary from state-to-state would not only conflict with FDA guidelines, but would be costly to consumers, retailers and farmers.

### Consumers Already Have Choices

Today – consumers enjoy a variety of food choices and their choices of what to eat or not eat are based on a variety of personal reasons. Those that conform to the regulations of the Jewish faith choose to eat Kosher foods because they avoid ingredients derived from non-kosher animals or from kosher animals that were not properly slaughtered. These foods are appropriately labeled – at the request of those eating those foods – "Kosher." Vegans and vegetarians make nutritional choices for a variety of reasons that are void of meat and meat by-products. People who choose to NOT eat food created through biotechnology or that utilize biotech ingredients – which includes 70 percent of products sold in the supermarket – choose foods that are already appropriately labeled "organic" or "all natural" or "Non-GMO." Forcing a labeling system on GE foods only in Hawaii is simply unnecessary and would have economic consequences for the entire state.

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## Biotechnology Provides Solutions to World Challenges

While we don't advocate the tools of biotechnology to solve all our societal problems, it is clear – after almost 20 years of research – that the science is being used successfully and continues to be embraced throughout the world.

- Genetic engineering may help to fight banana disease in Uganda, the world's second largest producer of the crop. Thirty percent of Uganda's banana crop has been infected with the disease.
- Scientists from the Bangladesh are testing zinc-rich rice varieties with the goal of mass producing a GE crop within the next five years. Farmers in field trials are producing rice with high zinc content to control abnormalities like stunting, poor immune response and pregnancy complications which can result from too little iron.
- African farmers had low yields for crops such as sorghum and cassava, but the adoption of biotech sorghum has tripled yields and genetic research helps prevent the devastation of cassava from disease.
- Dr. Yuma, a professor and founder of the African Centre for Technology Studies, the first African NGO dedicated to promoting science and technology methods for sustainable development, currently directs the Agricultural Innovation Project at Harvard which is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He reports that the use of genetically modified BT corn and cotton has reduced pesticide use and increased crop yields in Burkina Faso, South Africa, and Egypt.

By now, the major concerns, both those with some basis in science and some without, have hugely been laid to rest, and it is time to get on with reality. **Facing a \$1.2 billion dollar deficit, there is absolutely no justifiable reason for the state to waste valuable resources on what amounts to a witch-hunt by a vocal minority opposed to biotechnology.**

We ask that you hold this resolution in committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

MARCH 29, 2011  
9:00 AM

TESTIMONY ON HCR 178 / HR 154  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT ON THE  
FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A LABELING SYSTEM  
FOR GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS

Chair Yamane and committee members:

My name is Fred Perlak, Vice President of Research and Business Operations for Monsanto Hawaii. We **strongly oppose** HCR 178 / HR 154 that requests the Dept. of Health to do a feasibility study on a labeling system for genetic engineered crops.

The requirement to label a genetically modified crop makes a false or negative assumption that a genetically engineered crop is somehow inferior to conventional or organic crops. Federal research and regulatory agencies have conducted years of studies that show no health or safety concerns that would call for the labeling of genetically modified crops. Quite the contrary, this research has found crops currently available from biotechnology to be as safe as those produced via other more conventional methods.

Federal law already requires accurate food labeling that provides information relevant to health, safety and nutrition of all food products sold in the United States. The FDA establishes uniform labeling requirements to be consistent with consumer protection and commerce on a nation wide basis. It will be difficult and nearly impossible for State and Federal regulators to inspect and test all products being sold or distributed in the State. Approximately 85% of our food products are imported into the State.

Hawaii's farming community, specifically the papaya farmers, will also be placed at a competitive disadvantage to imported products. The papaya industry relied on this technology to saved the industry from complete devastation due to the papaya ringspot virus. This labeling system will cause an economic hardship on our local farmers, wholesalers, and retailers. The State will need to seek additional funding to train and hire additional inspectors and specialists.

We respectfully ask that you hold this resolution in committee..

Thank you.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alan Gottlieb  
Organization: Hawaii Cattlemen's Council  
Address:  
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E-mail: [gottlieb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gottlieb@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jesse Law  
Organization: Sustainable Island Products LLC  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [info@1888sip2you.com](mailto:info@1888sip2you.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

As a citizen concerned about the health, environmental, ethical, and socio-economic hazards of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and industrial-scale factory farms or CAFOs (Confined Animal Feeding Operations), I feel strongly that consumers have an inalienable right to know whether the food we are purchasing likely contains GM ingredients or comes from animals confined in CAFOs.

Up to 90% of U.S. soybeans, corn, cotton, canola, and sugar beets are now genetically engineered and routinely inserted into human and animal foods with no labels or safety testing.

Approximately 80% of current grocery food items contain GMOs; while according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics, the majority of beef, pork, poultry, dairy, and eggs come from CAFOs.

Considering the growing concern over GMOs and CAFOs, all non-organic food products containing soy, corn, cottonseed oil, canola, sugar beets or GM growth hormones should be clearly identified with a label or shelf sign that says "May Contain GMOs"; and all meat, dairy, and eggs that come from CAFOs should be identified with a label or shelf sign that says "CAFO";.

Thank you for your attention to this important consumer concern.



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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: William Duffy  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [wtduffy@yahoo.com](mailto:wtduffy@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I would like labeling of GMO foods so that I can make a choice whether to consume them or not.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sarah Mumma  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Aloha Representative Morikawa,  
I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Sarah Mumma

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HCR178 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HCR178

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jody George  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jrgeorge6172@yahoo.com](mailto:jrgeorge6172@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

The reason I oppose this bill is that it claims that "the effort to incorporate genetically engineered foods into the general food supply is sometimes met with resistance from consumers" and this bill would presumably give the consumer more of a choice to avoid GE (genetically engineered) foods. This is not the case. Consumers currently have a choice because of the organic industry, which is by definition not GE. Consumers can choose to purchase certified organic foods which is already overseen by the USDA.

Secondly, the bill claims to "help mitigate consumers' fears and uncertainties" A labeling bill would only serve to enhance peoples unwarranted fears of the technology. Scientific bodies in industry and government around the world have embraced this technology as safe.

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Raymond J. Foster  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ray.foster@monsanto.com](mailto:ray.foster@monsanto.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

HR 154 is a waste of state resources and legislative effort to perpetuate the fear-based strategies of a small but vocal group of activists that have a philosophical opposition to genetically engineered food.

- Federal law already requires accurate food labels that communicate information relevant to health, safety and nutrition of all food products sold in the United States.
- In the scientific judgement of the FDA, there is no significant difference between foods produced using biotechnology and their conventional counterparts.
- With over one trillion servings of biotech foods consumed by the public, there has never been a documented incident of any harm to the health of consumers.
- Today, it is estimated that at least 70 percent of processed foods on grocery store shelves contain ingredients and oils from biotech crops.
- State-based labeling requirements that differ from established, stringently enforced federal guidelines would be costly to consumers, retailers and growers, and only serve to disparage biotechnology foods.
- Please hold HR 154 in committee.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: kathryn kiffmann  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kiffmanntkd@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kiffmanntkd@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Please don't threaten the health of Hawaii's youth with this terrible GMO NONSENSE. Not here, not in Hawaii. Do the right thing. Creating laws without integrity not only hurts others, but it hurts those of us that do nothing.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** duaneb74@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Duane P. Bartholomew  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [duaneb74@gmail.com](mailto:duaneb74@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

### Comments:

The already understaffed Dept. of Health has more important and pressing matters than to waste valuable staff time on biotech food labeling issues. Federal law already requires that food labels inform consumers about the health, safety and nutrition of all food products sold in the United States. Scientific organizations all over the world and the FDA have judged that is no difference between biotech and non-biotech foods. With over one trillion servings of foods with ingredients from GMO crops there has never been a documented incident of any harm to consumer health. State-based labeling requirements that differ from established, stringently enforced federal guidelines would duplicate what the Feds already do, would add extra costs to the state in regulating any such law, and increase costs to consumers, retailers and growers, and only serve to disparage biotechnology foods. Please hold HCR 178 and HR 154 in committee.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cachet T. Garrett  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ctgarrett@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:ctgarrett@uas.alaska.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Dear honorable Representatives of Hawaii, please hear my plea. I want you to ensure that any and all "food" items and products that are genetically modified or contain GMO's ARE in fact labeled as so. Please understand that the afore used word "food" is placed in quotations because real food is food that the Creator placed on the planet for us to consume, food that is natural, organic, healthy, free of pesticides and chemicals, and delicious tasting. Real food is grown in gardens and environmentally conscious farms. GMO "food" is not real food and I don't want it. Therefore, I demand that all "food" AND products containing GMO's be labeled accordingly. I thank you for your cooperation and conscientiousness of my health and well-being, and that of all our Hawaii Ohana. Mahalo.  
Thank you,  
Cachet Garrett

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** deninesavage@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Denine Savage  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [deninesavage@yahoo.com](mailto:deninesavage@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

If GMO's cannot be kept completely out, then PLEASE LABEL them. They are undermining the fitness of our bodies and of our agriculture. Please protect us and our Islands from the "easy way out" which will cause more health and wellness problems in the long run. Thank you. Denine Savage



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: April Fountain  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [aprilfountain@gmail.com](mailto:aprilfountain@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I fully support our right to have our food fully labeled if it is a GMO product or not.  
Thank you-

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 3/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha from Maui,  
I write as a member of the Organic Consumers Assoc. and a concerned citizen of Maui County.  
In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the recent studies revealing health risks due to the presence of GMOs growing on these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families, our health and the future of the world. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people.

It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Rebecca Sydney

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brigitte Kanani Kucher  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone:  
E-mail: [maui1224@mac.com](mailto:maui1224@mac.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:  
No GMO in the state of Hawaii and around the world!!!  
Labeling is a must to be able to avoid such things!

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: jenn wakefield  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jenn@jwakefield.com](mailto:jenn@jwakefield.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
jenn wakefield

This is testimony regarding proposed bill HR154

People deserve to know what is in their food. Nutrition labels became law and now labeling for ingredients with GMO's also needs to be on the product label.

We need to make INFORMED decisions about what we put into our bodies and be able to choose what we eat based on our culture, beliefs and knowledge.

We also need to have this disclosure surrounding how our food is grown in the situation around food allergies. Many GMO's have genes of foods spliced into them that are allergic to some and these people deserve to know what is in food before they purchase it.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** principal@sacredheartsschool.net  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan L. Hendricks  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [principal@sacredheartsschool.net](mailto:principal@sacredheartsschool.net) Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

As an aware consumer, I read labels and buy local produce whenever possible. Just because I am a busy citizen, I still take the time to care about what I eat. The public is ignorant of the damages that GMOs have already done and will continue to exponentially create in our world. Pass this piece of legislation. People have the right to know what they are consuming.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Chetanaa Zoeller  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chetanaa@hotmail.com](mailto:chetanaa@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Chetanaa Zoeller

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Taur Kiggins  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

WE ALL DESERVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW & CHOOSE.

We are requesting mandatory GMO labeling so that we know what's in the seeds we grow, the food we eat and feed to our families. Requiring GMO labels is the only way that we are granted the right to make the best choice for ourselves and our families.



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Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rosemaree Zazu  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rosemaryzazu@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemaryzazu@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

We have a right to know what's in our food. Label genetically modified foods and end Mansanto's messing with nature. We are simply asking for labeling. Our children deserve to live. The huge food suppliers will change if it's in the interest to do so. The people have spoken.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 9:46 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** ilsebillie@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ilse Menger  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ilsebillie@gmail.com](mailto:ilsebillie@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

WE ALL DESERVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW & CHOOSE.

We are requesting mandatory GMO labeling so that we know what's in the seeds we grow, the food we eat and feed to our families. Requiring GMO labels is the only way that we are granted the right to make the best choice for ourselves and our families.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 9:09 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** dolphinskin@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Annette Bard  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dolphinskin@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:dolphinskin@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods

Aloha Representative Morikawa,

I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Kauai County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating.

In many countries around the world GMO foods are labeled. For Instance, Australia and the European Union allow up to 1% of any ingredient in a food to be genetically engineered before it must be packaged as genetically altered. In Japan a food gets a GM label if 5% of any of its ingredient are genetically modified.

I find it interesting that if, I, a hawaiian resident and US citizen make anything for human consumption we have to list everything that is in the food we prepare onto a label. GMOs are technically, 'Prepared food'. The reason for labeling is our citizens the right to know if they are allergic an ingredient or give them the knowledge they would be eat something that goes against their religious beliefs. Without a label we are all left in the dark, without a label we don't have a choice. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food and what makes up the food we eat - so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families.

Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui,  
Annette Bard

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 9:08 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** honeybe@enlightenedscience.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Deborah Davis  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [honeybe@enlightenedscience.com](mailto:honeybe@enlightenedscience.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Aloha Representatives,  
Please hear our voices: Hawai'i residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Hawai'i County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk without knowledge. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawai'i.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Deborah Davis

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 8:19 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** triciaboulet@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Patricia Boulet  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [triciaboulet@yahoo.com](mailto:triciaboulet@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 7:12 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** momishells@msn.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Anna Subiono  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [momishells@msn.com](mailto:momishells@msn.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

I support any efforts to label pervasive gmo foods and goods. They have infringed on our health and well being as an island when the UH gmo papaya contaminated the islands papaya. I am urging you all to support all bills that make gmo companies accountable for their actions against our food chain. It is integral to the health of future generations that gmo foods and goods be labelled and it's time to take the step to protecting our food sovereignty now.

Mahalo,

Anna Subiono  
Hawaiian Ethnobotany Education  
89-709 Lani Kona Rd.  
Captain Cook, HI 96704

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 7:03 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** mandyblume@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: mandy blume  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mandyblume@hotmail.com](mailto:mandyblume@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### **Comments:**

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui

Mandy Blume



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 6:54 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** greatmystery33@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Beth Saxon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [greatmystery33@yahoo.com](mailto:greatmystery33@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 6:13 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** rorie@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Macario M Hernandez  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rorie@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:rorie@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

From: Macario Hernandez

Topic: The people and their right to know what we are eating and how affects our bodies. ( Label... any... product with Genetically Modified Organism or &quot;GMOs&quot; ... by Law )

Please forgive me for taking some of your time to read this note. I will start by saying an old phrase: ... there is no happiness like Freedom, there is no fire like Greed and Health is the greatest of Blessings!...

I just want you to take a look at the health of the people in the developed world and you will find out that the United States has about 50% of its people is under prescription drugs!... the most of any of the G8 countries, including the most expensive health care in the world as well... taking the people to bankruptcy and more suffering!... Why is that?

We are a group of committed people trying to make a change for a better health to all of us. We are working in communicating information about the food we eat to all the people that care about their own health and that of their love ones, including You and your family...

We are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, etc. etc. We love our families, they love us, we care about each other, we share our lives together and we certainly know that health is the greatest of blessing for us and the whole world.

We are just asking to put a truthful label on it and let us make the decision.... to eat it or not at our own risk, is that too much to ask for our health!

THANK YOU!

Resources:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/index_en.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food\\_labeling\\_regulations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food_labeling_regulations)

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/j6181138341622t7/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2793308/>

<http://www.nature.com/nbt/journal/v21/n7/full/nbt0703-739.html>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2706426/>

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 4:51 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR178 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HCR178

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mapuana Peterson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@gmail.com](mailto:hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 4:44 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** j.lilinoe@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Josephine Keliipio  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [j.lilinoe@gmail.com](mailto:j.lilinoe@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Mr. Morikawa,  
I SUPPORT H.R. 154. All GMO grown food should be labeled so that I can CHOOSE not to purchase them if I so wish. Altering a foods genes without proper legitimate, longterm human studies is EVIL, IRRESPONSIBLE, and DISRESPECTS the knowledge passed down from our ancestors from all around the world. Please STOP supporting the psychopathic behavior of big business and their bottom line agenda.  
Please vote in support of H.R. 154.  
Mahalo,

Josephine Keliipio  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 4:25 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** renesiracusa@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rene Siracusa  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [renesiracusa@hotmail.com](mailto:renesiracusa@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly support the proposed bill to label genetically modified food. As an observant Jew, I am aware that GMO food is not kosher. Without labelling, I am unable to make decisions as an educated consumer that will not compromise my religious beliefs and practices. The industry's refusal to label denies me the free ability to practice my religion - it therefore denies me my first amendment rights. Please right this wrong by requiring labelling of all foods with genetically modified content.

mahalo,  
Rene

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 4:16 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** mary@akamaipromotions.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mary Traynor  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mary@akamaipromotions.net](mailto:mary@akamaipromotions.net)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Representative Morikawa,

I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony regarding HR 154:

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, as well as its presence in the food that we are eating.

I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make informed choices. In my daily routine, I make sure to buy organic foods grown by local farmers. I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms because I do not believe it is healthy for me, or my environment. It is my right to make this choice for myself, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people.

It is still unclear what the long-term impact of genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk.

I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature will stand up for consumers' right to know, and for truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign into approval HR 154. Thank you for supporting measures that require labeling of Genetically Modified foods. We have the right to know.

Mahalo Nui,  
Mary Traynor

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 4:12 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** dbmvoices@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David Martin  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dbmvoices@gmail.com](mailto:dbmvoices@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:  
Please protect us and have mandatory GMO labeling, Mahalo



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 3:46 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** marcyfrommaui@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR178 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HCR178

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marcy Koltun-Crilley  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [marcyfrommaui@gmail.com](mailto:marcyfrommaui@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:  
I strongly SUPPORT HCR178

People deserve the right to know about their food and to choose what they want to buy.

Labeling GMO foods will also create a tracking system for doing research on GMO food. Without being able to track GMO foods there can never be accurate research about either Positive or Negative effects.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:38 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** coyote\_dolphin@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura DeNuccio  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [coyote\\_dolphin@yahoo.com](mailto:coyote_dolphin@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

for the health of my family, ohana, and commUnity at large, please pass this!

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:16 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** klkkhom@yahoo.co.uk  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leona Hompstead  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [klkkhom@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:klkkhom@yahoo.co.uk)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

How is it possible that a laboratory-created, patented life form can ever become sustainable? Why do a handful of large corporations control the entire food chain? If GMO foods are as safe and wholesome as their creators would have us believe then what is the problem with labeling them? Surely if it is so good they would view labeling as a selling point! Please make it possible for the people of Hawaii to chose for themselves as happened years ago in Europe!  
Thank you.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:08 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** anitaholualoahawaii@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Anita Anderson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [anitaholualoahawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:anitaholualoahawaii@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

I support the mandatory labeling of foods containing GMO ingredients. I believe it should be my choice to decide whether or not I wish to purchase GMO foods. Even though GMO seed corn has been economically profitable for Hawai'i, I think any GMO crop endangers the naturally occurring genetic diversity that cannot be replicated. Sincerely, Anita Anderson

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 11:06 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** scott@aloha.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Scott Crawford  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [scott@aloha.net](mailto:scott@aloha.net)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

I support the labeling of foods containing genetically modified ingredients. I believe consumers should have the right to know what is in our foods so we can make informed choices about what we consume.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 10:50 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** mel\_s\_gbf@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Melanie Stephens  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mel\\_s\\_gbf@yahoo.com](mailto:mel_s_gbf@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Respected Hawaii Representatives,  
Please support HR154. The citizens of Hawaii want a simple thing- knowledge of how their food is being grown, knowledge of where this radically new form of breeding (GMO) is being used and grown. Knowledge is power, the power to choose wisely. Please require labeling of GMO products.

Mahalo, Melanie Stephens

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 10:35 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** missdarque@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Amanda Schaefer  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [missdarque@gmail.com](mailto:missdarque@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am concerned about the potential health risks, and environmental risks, due to the presence of GMOs on our aina and in our food. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so we can make informed choices for our families and ourselves. I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but food labeling does not always make this easy. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. By not labeling these foods, citizens are playing a risky game when purchasing food to sustain their bodies, and the lands of the Hawaiian islands. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for our right to know, and for truth in product labeling. I humbly request you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply about this matter and I hope you all sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GMO products and foods.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui,

Amanda Schaefer

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 11:40 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** freetech1@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Freewinds For Humanity  
Organization:  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [freetech1@yahoo.com](mailto:freetech1@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:  
Please support the labeling of products with GMO contents.  
Thank you,  
Garry Fleet  
President  
Freewinds For Humanity



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 10:24 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** samsonlionheart@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Simon Flaherty  
Organization: Oneness  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [samsonlionheart@hotmail.com](mailto:samsonlionheart@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Aloha Representative Morikawa,  
I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods!!!

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Simon Flaherty

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 10:06 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dina Mezheritsky  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [respek1980@yahoo.com](mailto:respek1980@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods

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I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui,

Dina Mezheritsky

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 9:54 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Scott.Medeiros@ymail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Scott Medeiros  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Scott.Medeiros@ymail.com](mailto:Scott.Medeiros@ymail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :&#160;

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.&#160;

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.&#160;  
Mahalo Nui,&#160; Scott Medeiros

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 9:37 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** mauian44@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jim Wrzesinski  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mauian44@yahoo.com](mailto:mauian44@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Aloha Representative Morikawa,  
I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Jim Wrzesinski  
221 Waipahe Pl  
Kihei HI 96753

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 8:30 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** michael.benton@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Benton  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [michael.benton@earthlink.net](mailto:michael.benton@earthlink.net)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Michael Benton

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 8:29 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** shine97520@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Debbie Benton  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [shine97520@yahoo.com](mailto:shine97520@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Debbie Benton

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 8:11 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** peaceca@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Corinne Peace  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [peaceca@hotmail.com](mailto:peaceca@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Representative Morikawa,  
I am concerned citizen of MauiCounty. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Corinne Peace

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 7:33 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** jashana11@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: jacqueline kippert  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jashana11@yahoo.com](mailto:jashana11@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

WE NEED TO KNOW WHICH FOODS ARE GMO SO WE CAN MAKE A CHOICE...this is a democracy still!



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 7:32 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** pt7maryalice@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mary Alice Evans  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [pt7maryalice@yahoo.com](mailto:pt7maryalice@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods.

Aloha Representative Hirono,

I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Hawaii County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods.

We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui,  
Mary Alice Evans

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 6:28 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** everlybrophy@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position:  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Everly Brophy  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [everlybrophy@yahoo.com](mailto:everlybrophy@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Representative Morikawa,  
I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Everly Brophy

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 6:14 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Lindaeberry@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Linda Berry  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Lindaeberry@gmail.com](mailto:Lindaeberry@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

No GMO

## morikawa2 - Grant

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 5:21 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** firekin1982@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Havens  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [firekin1982@gmail.com](mailto:firekin1982@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Honolulu County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Robert Havens

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 1:41 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** juangiliberto@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Juan Giliberto  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [juangiliberto@hotmail.com](mailto:juangiliberto@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
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## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:30 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** felonjon@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jon Guerin  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [felonjon@gmail.com](mailto:felonjon@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:29 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** jessica3travel@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jessica Friedberg  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jessica3travel@yahoo.com](mailto:jessica3travel@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2011 11:45 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** chandra\_krown@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Chandra Krown  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chandra\\_krown@yahoo.com](mailto:chandra_krown@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

Comments:

Aloha,

Thank you for reading and considering my testimony.

I request that all foods containing genetically modified organisms be properly labelled so consumers such as myself can make conscious choices about what we eat.

Genetic modification foods have undergone no long- term safety testing, but animal feeding tests have shown worrying health effects.

With other novel foods like trans fats, it has taken decades to realize that they have caused millions of premature deaths.

I am not only concerned about my own health but also about the health and wellbeing of my fellow human beings!

Please sign the approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods so we can make the choice for ourselves whether or not to risk consuming these untested 'foods'.

Thank you so much!

Warm regards,  
Chandra Krown



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2011 10:15 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** bkdl@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brian Kd. Lehmann  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bkdl@hotmail.com](mailto:bkdl@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

**Comments:**

I write as a concerned citizen of Maui County.

The position of the US government has been that GMOs are substantially equivalent to unmodified varieties and therefore pose no safety risks, obviating the need for FDA to require labeling.

However, these substantially equivalent genes are patented, and because they are unlabeled, are not exactly blazing a trail observable to those researching their health effects.

I firmly believe this issue goes far beyond whatever the food industry is saying is safe to eat at any particular time. A variety of concerns might be considered by people in reaching a conclusion. It is therefore an issue of freedom of choice for those who wish to make informed consumer choices.

I am also concerned that, once these organisms are inserted into the environment, they cannot be withdrawn. Monsanto and other manufacturers have obtained patents over seeds. However, pollination and photosynthesis have not been patented. The manufacturers therefore have no right to contaminate the environment with their products.

I urge careful consideration and ultimate passage of this measure.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2011 10:08 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** kauaisimon@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Simon Russell  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kauaisimon@gmail.com](mailto:kauaisimon@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

**Comments:**

Honorable Hawaii State Representatives,  
Please support this bill for the labelling of GMO foods. It is of great concern to me what I eat.

Thank you,  
Simon Russell  
Haiku, HI

## morikawa2 - Grant

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2011 9:46 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** beherejoan@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Joan Nielsen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [beherejoan@gmail.com](mailto:beherejoan@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

### Comments:

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Joan Nielsen

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marilyn Jansen Lopes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Jamarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:Jamarilyn@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

**Comments:**

I feel it is absolutely necessary to label foods regarding genetic modification. We need to know what foods are going in our bodies. People deserve the chance to make a choice.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** amararochon@hawaiiintel.net  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Amara Rochon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [amararochon@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:amararochon@hawaiiintel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

**Comments:**

Please support the bill which enhance our freedom of rights to choose by providing more information about the food we eat.

We need to LABEL ALL GMO PRODUCTS.

Thank You

Amara Rochon

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2011 12:47 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** practical.dog@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leslie Williams  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [practical.dog@gmail.com](mailto:practical.dog@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/26/2011

**Comments:**

Please give us a way to identify GMO foods so we can make healthy food choices for our families. Thank you, Leslie Williams

**From:** Mary Jo Masters [maryjo@bestmedia.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:48 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony, HR154/HCR178

Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329

**STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because as human beings, it is our right to know what we eat. This labeling is crucial to make informed choices about our food.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Mary Jo Masters  
1265 Naalae Rd.  
Kula HI 96790  
(808) 878-1020

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** inspiritosinc@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: ruth goodfellow  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [inspiritosinc@gmail.com](mailto:inspiritosinc@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Please help to bring transparency to our food. We all have the right to know what we are eating and make our own choices. Thank you for your help.



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** zaffbryan@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Noel Bobilin  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [zaffbryan@yahoo.com](mailto:zaffbryan@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha,

Please hear my families voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods I write as a concerned citizen of Hawaii County.

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most citizens, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Noel Bobilin

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** rhondakash@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rhonda Kash  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rhondakash@hotmail.com](mailto:rhondakash@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

We as consumers have the right to know exactly where are food comes from so we can make the choices needed. Thank you!

## morikawa2 - Grant

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan Shimabukuro  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Equinemaui@gmail.com](mailto:Equinemaui@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

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[lotuslover@hotmail.com](mailto:lotuslover@hotmail.com)

is:

WE ALL DESERVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW & CHOOSE. We are requesting mandatory GMO labeling so that we know what's in the seeds we grow, the food we eat and feed to our families. Requiring GMO labels is the only way that we are granted the right to make the best choice for ourselves and our families. Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui

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## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**Cc:** kanemauka@hotmail.com  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bob White  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kanemauka@hotmail.com](mailto:kanemauka@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
Truth In Packaging PLEASE!

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** 23.diga@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Geoffrey Kern  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [23.diga@gmail.com](mailto:23.diga@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha,

Labeling of GMO foods has already been established in large parts of the world--Japan, Europe, & China--and makes sense for the US where consumers have the right to know what is in their foodstuffs. Such information would increase the fairness of our market economy by enhancing the effect of consumer choice upon production. Hawai'i could take the lead in the US by developing the systems necessary to implement GMO food labeling domestically. This report is an important step in that direction and deserves your support.

Mahalo, Geoff

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** oceania@oceaniamaui.com  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jenelle Castellini  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [oceania@oceaniamaui.com](mailto:oceania@oceaniamaui.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Jenelle Castellini

## morikawa2 - Grant

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** andrewcastellini@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Andrew Castellini  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [andrewcastellini@gmail.com](mailto:andrewcastellini@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Andrew Castellini



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** Laura Cancinos [skippy5858@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:28 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods

Aloha Representative Morikawa,

I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, on behalf of concerned citizens of EVERY Hawaiian County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,

Laura Cancinos

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Look back and thank God.

Look forward and trust God.

Look around and serve God.

Look within and find God!"

## morikawa2 - Grant

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Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mary Mcclung  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [observing@earthlink.net](mailto:observing@earthlink.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

It is reprehensible that anti-biotic resistant genes are used in GMOs and then we can not even know when they are in our food. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Ourgreenie@aol.com  
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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Frances Robertson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Ourgreenie@aol.com](mailto:Ourgreenie@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
I believe I have a right to know so t  
I can make a choice in the foods I wish to eat

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:55 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** alohamia7@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mia Nykoluk  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [alohamia7@yahoo.com](mailto:alohamia7@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I think people should have the choice of purchasing food that is GMO or not. If the product is so good then those who support GMO food shouldn't be worried about labeling products as GMO free.

To whom it may concern,

Please consider this. Organic food is labeled, those that grow Organic food like myself celebrate that we do in fact grow it Organically. GE companies say they are going to feed the world with their technology why then are they not celebrating their practice and label their products as such.

Please support them by labeling their products.

My family and I want to know who grew our food and how it was grown. Wwe consider our food our medicine. Mahalo and Please represent the folks that are counting on you to do what is pono. Label GMO!!! This testimony is in support of HR 154 realting to the labeling of GMO foods.

Organically Yours,  
Vincent Mina  
Co- Owner Kahanu Aina Greens

Aloha Representative Morikawa,

I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony : I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know. Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa no kou kokua,

e malama pono kakou,

Shelby Hansen

PETITION in support of HR 154

Please vote to resolve to require labeling on all GMO foods

Aloha Representative Morikawa,

I write as a long-time resident of Maui County, where many acres are planted in GMO crops. Mounting scientific evidence has convinced me about the high potential for danger to human health from these crops growing here and on all our islands. We have yet to know the comprehensive effects that genetically modifications to our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come.

I am especially concerned about the presence of GMO's hidden in the foods we purchase. ALL OF US have the right to know what's in our food so that we can make the best, most informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms but, **first, they must be labeled.** Lack of labeling requirements for these foods causes great uncertainty for consumers in Hawaii. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and I exhort you to act as an advocate for the people of Hawaii in this matter.

Please stand up for consumers' right to know and for truth in labeling--please vote in favor of this resolution requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Aloha Representative

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui,  
Jennifer Smith



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ferlin Slabaugh-Kauhane  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ferlin@starband.net](mailto:ferlin@starband.net)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Ferlin Slabaugh Kauhane

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 1:12 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** yhhaimes@yahoo.com  
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Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Yeshuah Kauhane  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [yhhaimes@yahoo.com](mailto:yhhaimes@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Representative

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Hawaii County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Yeshuah Kauhane

Testimony, **HR154/HCR178**  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329  
**STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154/HCR178 because GMO research has not been proven to be safe. While research has been conducted to ascertain genetically modified crop's resistance to insects, no research has been conducted to learn genetically modified produce's effect on human health. The other day a gentleman testified in the Finance Committee that the saying, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away" was true in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. At that time there was enough minerals in an apple to keep a person healthy. This is unfortunately no longer true. Our conventional methods of agriculture, and especially genetic modification, has stripped our food of essential nutrients.

The CDC is now reporting that instead of the gradual incline in our nation's health, it is actually beginning to decline. While medical technology is advancing, the nutrition of our citizens is backsliding. Even when one makes, "good choices" in food, the foods themselves are lacking nutrients. For the consumer to be able to make informed choices, it is imperative that food be properly labeled.

Please support this resolution, requiring labeling of GMO produce and products containing GMO produce.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

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Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods  
Aloha Representative Morikawa,  
I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Kauai County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

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Mahalo,

Harvest Edmonds

**Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods**

Aloha Representative Morikawa,

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Mahalo Nui,

Stephanie Weisman

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**Comments:**

Consumers have a right to know what's in our food, but as Mark Bittman wrote in his New York Times blog, "Why Aren't G.M.O. Foods Labeled?" "If you want to avoid sugar, aspartame, trans-fats, MSG, or just about anything else, you read the label. If you want to avoid G.M.O.'s – genetically modified organisms – you're out of luck. They're not listed."

Unfortunately, the federal government has taken a stand contrary to consumers' right to know and public health. The U.S.D.A. and the F.D.A. continue to approve new G.M.O.'s even when the science indicates that these foods are less nutritious, more likely to trigger allergies, increase herbicide use, and raise cancer risk. And, the federal government won't require them to be labeled.

Consumers need the states to act. HR154 is the first state law introduced this year to label foods that contain genetically modified organisms.

I hope that you will express your support for food safety and our right to know what's in our food.

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### Comments:

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Anthony Simmons

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**From:** Jim Loomis [alohaloomis@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:18 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RIGHT TO KNOW

Hi,  
We have a right to know what we're eating and gmo might be our ruin.  
Truth in labelling is basic. Let's not let gmo go underground. I don't know how this gmo and nuclear- are going to turn out for humanity, and no one else does either. But corporations, acting immortal, don't care. PLEASE VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW.  
THANK YOU  
JIM LOOMIS



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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I want you to know that I support the truth in labelling act and want to require that all GMO products be labelled. It is appalling to me that this even has to go before a vote. Isn't it obvious? People have the right to know if the food or plant stock or seeds they are purchasing contains any GMO's in them. It is amazing to me that this has not been all over the front pages of the papers for people to have the information and the opportunity to comment. Of course the companies that make and promote GMO have the most money and will do all that they can to keep this vote quiet. There is a place for GMO but not in our food supply and not outdoors cross-pollinating with anything that it can cross with.

Thank you,  
Megan Powers

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**From:** Mirsyl [mirsyl@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** hr154

I am strongly in favor of making any company that sells gmo food to label it as such. I as a consumer demand honesty about the food I choose to eat.

Thank you for your support of this bill.

Richard J Coleman

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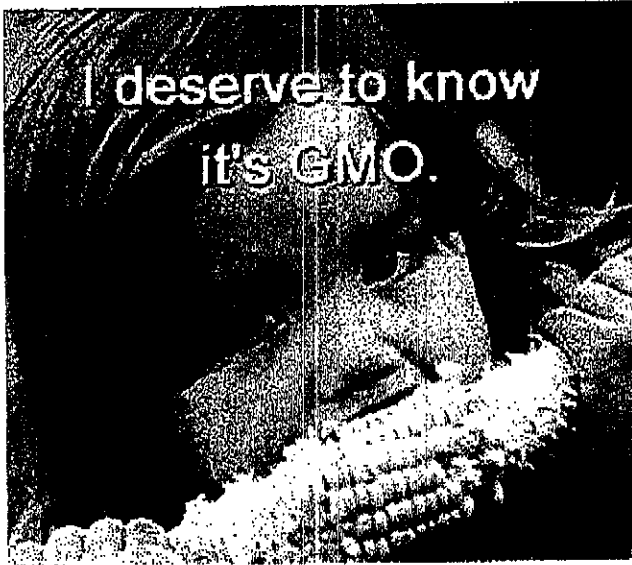
Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 in order to provide stronger protection to the health & welfare of Hawai'i's residents & visitors for current & future generations.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawai'i's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Randal Tadashi Bartlett



Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

**Our right to know: Hawaii State Residents call for the labeling of GMO**

**foods HR 154/HCR178**

**Aloha Representative Yamane & Representative Morikawa,**

We write as members of the Hawai'i Ohana, and as concerned citizens of Maui, Oahu, & the Big Island, Kauai, Molokai, & Lanai. In order that our voices be heard, we hereby add our testimony on HR154/HCR 178:

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Thank you for hearing us, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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Kim Mosley, Kihei, HI, 96753, 03/28/2011  
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Holly Broman, Holualoa, HI, 96725, 03/28/2011  
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Diana Dahl, Haiku, HI, 96708, 03/28/2011  
Laura Cushman, Holualoa, HI, 96725, 03/28/2011  
Cynthia Carpenter, Hilo, HI, 96720, 03/28/2011

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Kim Hoffman, Hilo, HI, 96721, 03/28/2011  
Scott Larson, Kealahou, HI, 96750, 03/28/2011

**The Residents of Hawaii feel strongly about this.**

**Non- Residents who signed the petition in solidarity with the people of Hawaii demanding labeling of GMO's and testimony provided in approval of HR154/HCR178.**

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Jennifer Hall, Greeneville, TN, 37745, 03/27/2011  
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**From:** Albert Sikirdji [sol33king@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:03 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** About HR 154

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because I feel it is important to KNOW where our food comes from and HOW it is grown  
Personally I am AGAINST any GMO foods I have been doing research for years now and I am NOT convinced it is not  
harmful to us Therefor I am TOTALLY against GMO foods  
I have lived in HAWAII now for 32 Years So this is HOME  
I would love to see Hawaii be ALL ORGANIC and Natural  
If you remember there was an attempt to make Taro GMO and it was stopped  
We have a RIGHT to KNOW the truth

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Albert J Sikirdji  
Makawao, HI

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** mwillman@illinoisalumni.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR178 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HCR178

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mark Willman  
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E-mail: [mwillman@illinoisalumni.org](mailto:mwillman@illinoisalumni.org)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

If you balance your budget by taking a pay-cut I will support this bill. Because jobs will be cut in the industry in order to pay for the labelling, so plan to use taxpayer dollars you save by cutting your budget to pay for other programs to find work for displaced workers.

I dont think you will take a pay cut. So I oppose this bill.

This bill is unecessary because:• Federal law already requires accurate food labels that communicate information relevant to health, safety and nutrition of all food products sold in the United States.

- In the scientific judgement of the FDA, there is no significant difference between foods produced using biotechnology and their conventional counterparts.
- With over one trillion servings of biotech foods consumed by the public, there has never been a documented incident of any harm to the health of consumers.
- Today, it is estimated that at least 70 percent of processed foods on grocery store shelves contain ingredients and oils from biotech crops.
- State-based labeling requirements that differ from established, stringently enforced federal guidelines would be costly to consumers, retailers and growers, and only serve to disparage biotechnology foods.
- Please hold HCR 178 and HR 154 in committee.

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**From:** jeanice barcelo [jeanicebarcelo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 11:13 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* I STRONGLY SUPPORT HR154

Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HR154 because GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS ARE CAUSING GENETICALLY MODIFIED HUMANS. Babies who are born to mothers who eat genetically-modified soy, for example, are being born with deformed placentas and abnormally short umbilical cords.

THEY ARE PLAYING WITH THE GENETIC INTEGRITY OF OUR SPECIES. IT MUST END AND PEOPLE MUST KNOW WHAT IS IN THEIR FOOD.

WE DESERVE CHOICE.

Please support this resolution and support the well-being of humanity.

Mahalo!

Jeanice Barcelo  
Kihe, HI 96753

Jeanice Barcelo, M.A.  
Conscious Birth Educator  
Prenatal and Birth Trauma Prevention Specialist  
TV Show Host - Birth of a New Earth  
Empowering Men During the Childbearing Year  
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Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Debra Mack  
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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Debra Mack

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: jon berk  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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E-mail: [jon@whitebuffalovisions.com](mailto:jon@whitebuffalovisions.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

I think it is our right to know what kind of food we are putting in our bodies. It seems so weird to me that we can be fed food that may possibly have terminator genes or make people sterile or have animal genes without any knowledge of this. What if you are like a kosher person and have religious guidelines. This is only fair to label GMO foods please consider this sirs and madams

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods Aloha Representative Morikawa, I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Maui County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

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Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,

Audrey Vanderschoot

I would like to voice my strong opposition to resolutions HR 178 and HR 154. Everyone knows that the only reason they want to specifically label foods as genetically engineered is because they want to scare people into not buying them, and therefore hurt the bio-tech industry. This would be fine if it were indeed true that genetically engineered foods are unsafe to eat. However the TRUTH is that genetically engineered foods have saved millions, if not billions of lives over the past 15 years by allowing growers to increase yields and produce more food than ever before. And through all of it, there has never been a single documented case of harm to a person's health by eating GMO food. All genetically engineered food already goes through extremely stringent environmental and food safety testing before it is ever de-regulated in the first place, and now to then stamp a label of fear on the food is ridiculous. Please do not allow this resolution to go any further, and stop wasting time on resolutions that are brought up by activists who wish to push through regulations and legislation that is based on emotions and fear, rather than facts and science.

Thank you,

Lance Atkins

Hanapepe, HI

Testimony, HR154/HCR178

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair

Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Tuesday, 03-29-11

9:00AM in conference room 329

**STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I strongly support HR154. I have served on the Upcountry Sustainability Core Committee for two years and am a Maui resident of 12 years. I am an advocate for sustainability and organic, locally grown food. I studied permaculture at Heartwood Institute in CA. I have volunteered at Native American Reservations in the SW. I have studied the impact of genetically modified seeds on many cultures. I have watched many documentaries including "The World According to Monsanto" that portray the many atrocities related to the presence of multi national chemical companies patenting the world's seeds and trying to own the world's food supply. The message is clearly written on the wall. It only takes a bit of research.

This is not as Mother Nature intended. These farming practices are poisoning our soil, water, air, bodies, babies and future generations. There are countries that won't buy our papaya because they have been cross contaminated with GMO. GMO practices have possibility of undermining organic produce and dairy/livestock/fish such as cows and salmon. By genetically modifying alfalfa and corn, two of the primary feeds for livestock,

an animal food product or bi-product is not considered organic. This destroys the organic industry, small farmer and home organic gardens.

Many people that live and visit Maui are interested in healthy life style and are appalled that the island's allow open field GE experimentation. The word is getting out. Children's schools in Kaua'i and Oahu have reported illnesses due to what they believe to be toxic drift coming from GE facilities.

Sometimes I feel that Monsanto and other GE companies have Hawaii in their back pocket. The history of plantation crops and the decrease in the sugar cane and pineapple industry has left many unemployed and looking for jobs. Many of these people speak very little English and are in the 50-60 year age bracket. They may have little idea of the health implications they are subjecting themselves and other to, working in the GE industry in HI.

GE companies give money to UH and other organizations. Their money isn't worth jeopardizing our health and the health of the future generations. What we allow them to do in HI effects the whole world. Many GE companies claim they are "saving the world". Many Nations have refused GE seed donations and many farmer's in India are committing suicide because they bought into GE farming. They mortgaged their land, the crops didn't produce as promised and that have no seed for future plantings.

We are so blessed to live in Hawaii. Our year long growing season offers us the ability to grow organic food for many. We deserve the Right to Know if the food and pharmaceuticals we

buy contain GMO. The label should CLEARLY STATE this truth so we know what we're eating and can make a responsible choice for ourselves and our families.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Courtney Bruch, B.F.A., L.M.T.  
Kipahulu, HI

Here's a link to "The World According to Monsanto"  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7McbOMEbu8>

Please watch it.

Testimony, HR154/HCR178

□ COMMITTEE ON HEALTH □

Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair

□ Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair □

Tuesday, 03-29-11 □ 9:00AM in conference room 329 □

**STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee, □ □

I support HR154 because in America our capitalist economic perspective means that in our market economy choice is paramount in whether products and services are accepted and prosperous. Most important in the application of this principle is providing key information that allows an individual to make a better and more informed choice. Here is where this bill is so important. By properly labeling GMO products, the consumer has the opportunity to make an informed choice and therefore this allows market forces to ultimately decide whether or not GMO is socially acceptable (and therefore prosperous). Oftentimes corporations and scientists (and sometimes government) choose for the individual what is best. I believe the individual, when properly informed, knows exactly what is best for themselves. Please give us the power of knowledge!

Please support this resolution.

□ □ Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

James A Yunker IV,  
Pukalani, Maui, Hawaii.



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**From:** Suzy Allegra [suzy@suzyallegra.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony, HR154/HCR178

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329  
STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

My husband and I support HR154 because we believe that GMO seeds/foods have not been tested enough to know how dangerous they might be. Rather than clean up a mess after the fact (like with nuclear power), let's not let our health get bowled over by big corporations and money-making interests. Let's keep our local agriculture alive and well! It's all we really have.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our residents' health.

Suzy Allegra/Robert Diener

Haiku

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**From:** Goodwin [suzzana@hawaiiintel.net]  
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**Subject:** HR154/HCR 178

Aloha, The food we eat determines our health. It should be a human right to have full disclosure about the source and quality of our seeds and the foods they propagate. Label GMO seeds and food and allow the public to make informed decisions, anything else is a dirty secret if not a lie. I would ask two key questions. Why are so many other labels required by law, but not this very important issue? Why are the corporations responsible for GMO seeds and food so opposed to claiming their products? What do they have to hide and how will labeling impact their bottom line? The answers to these questions should tell a responsible person how to act. Please support the full truth by labeling GMO foods in Hawaii and setting an example that I pray others will follow. Thanks, Mary Suzzana Goodwin

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**From:** Maha Conyers [mahaconyers@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony, HR154/HCR178 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because I am opposed to practices of genetic engineered food growth. The dangers and risks of this industry is cause for strongly objecting it. As a consumer I wish to be able to make safe food choices for my family and myself.

Please support the resolution of labeling GMO food.  
Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Rev. Maha Conyers  
P.O.Box 1465  
Makawao, Hi, 96768

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Angela Hughes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [aria406@gmail.com](mailto:aria406@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha,

Please support the labeling of GMO foods so that at least consumers can be more protected from consuming harmful foods. The best measure would be to do away with these globally risky crops, and require 100% contained studies by neutral 3rd parties to determine all health risks before releasing crops to be spread by wind and pollinators on our planet. Playing with genetics is no joke and support for this GMO business is backed by huge money- the only reason theyve gotten this far. Please protect us and our childrens children from genetically mutated food! Many thanks & mahalo for being the voice of the people. I know it isnt an easy job!

Angela

PS feel free to reach me w/ any questions/ comments anytime.

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**From:** Nina Cherry [nina.cherry@vistage.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:14 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** We need to know if we are eating GMO food.

Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because I DO NOT want to have anything to do with GMO food in my body.

It is a travesty and will eventually kill all the bees in the world. Albert Einstein said we have four years left of life on this planet after the bees die.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Nina Cherry  
Makawao, Maui 96768

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**From:** Jasmyne Boswell [jasmyne@jasmyneconsulting.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:17 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HR154

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because I do not want GMO's in our food. We owe this to our children and our children's children

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Joan Boswell  
Haiku, HI

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**From:** George Simon [mauigeorge13@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:31 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony, HR154/HCR178

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because it is very important to me that I be informed as to what I am eating and what I feed my family. Since I do not want to eat GMO food products, it is very important a labeling law be passed so I can make a informed buying decision. As it stands now there is no such law which makes shopping for non-GMO food very time consuming. Also I must trust that the food producers (without fear of penalty) will be honest with their "organic" labels of which there seems to be some "gray area" as to whether or not a Organic product can or cannot contain GMO ingredients. A GMO labeling law would remove all the doubt.

Furthermore if GMOs are as good as their producer's say they are, they should have no problem labeling them as such. Containing GMO ingredients would be a good selling feature. Otherwise what are they trying to hide?

In closing, please support this resolution to Label food with GMO ingredients.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Sincerely

George T. Simon

Haiku Hawaii

**morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** Mark McMillan [mark@waste-conversion.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:31 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** GMO

I stand behind GMO clearly identifying the use in ALL products

Mark McMillan



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**From:** Denine Savage [deninesavage@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** No GMO

If we cannot keep the GMO's completely out, then PLEASE LABEL - This is poison on a cellular level and undoing the genetic fitness of nature and all life.

Please help protect our bodies and beautiful islands.

Sincerely,  
Denine Savage

588 Anekona St.  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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**From:** Darlene & David Waddell [dwaddell@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Mandatory informing of GMO ingredients in our foods

We have a basic human right to healthy & wholesome foods, so please make mandatory to inform the public of GMO ingredients in our foods in Hawaii

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:26 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** jsb@courtyardmaui.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: joan selix berman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jsb@courtyardmaui.com](mailto:jsb@courtyardmaui.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

STRONG SUPPORT for HR154

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because I believe in our need for healthy foods, and a healthy environment. Please help us do so by supporting this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Sincerely,  
joan selix berman  
Kula, Maui, Hawai'i



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:15 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** shannon.wianecki@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shannon Wianecki  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [shannon.wianecki@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.wianecki@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:10 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** helenaberg.maui@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Helena Berg  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [helenaberg.maui@gmail.com](mailto:helenaberg.maui@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

We need to have the right to know if our food is genetically modified. This is a serious health issue.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:09 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** adrienne.mccurdy@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Adrienne McCurdy  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [adrienne.mccurdy@gmail.com](mailto:adrienne.mccurdy@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

The labels give people the ability to be informed of what goes into their bodies and make a choice. This label will make the world of difference for many people. Thank you for representing our best interest!!

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** Vaughn Paul Manley [vaughnpaul108@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:03 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Yes to HR154

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because we need to know what's in our food. GMO foods should be a choice not infringed on the public unknowingly.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

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Namaste,  
Vaughn Paul

(808) 573-6577

<http://www.lightonvedicastrology.com>



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**From:** Michael Shapiro [shappy@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HR154/HCR178

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because as a consumer, I should have the choice of whether to buy GMO food. There is no logical argument against labeling; it costs almost nothing and it empowers individuals. If the industry has nothing to hide, if GMO food is safe, as it insists, then why would oppose labeling?

Apart from any risks to personal health that have yet to be proved or disproved, GMO foods present ethical, economic and moral questions that consumers should be empowered to answer for themselves. Should GMO strains be released into the environment, where it could contaminate non-GMO organisms? And if a company like Monsanto has copyrighted GMO DNA, and that DNA then shows up in a farmer's crop, Monsanto can then sue that farmer. This modus operandi has been applied in other countries around the world; it's criminal and should not be permitted in Hawaii, where we need to support small, independent, organic farmers for the future and sustainable wellbeing of these Islands.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Dr. Michael Shapiro  
Kailua, HI

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** cogitatinglife@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Matthew Turner  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cogitatinglife@gmail.com](mailto:cogitatinglife@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I am in full favor of a bill such as this that would require GMO foods to be labeled as such and even further, to precisely describe in scientific terms that would be easy to look up online (if possible and not violating intellectual/ proprietary rights issues) the modifications that were made and the reasons behind them. I am perplexed as to how not labeling foods that are genetically modified is somehow viewed as being 'ok'. Please support your constituents. Aloha

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:52 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** lafleurjourneys@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Steve LaFleur  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lafleurjourneys@yahoo.com](mailto:lafleurjourneys@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** Rochelle Coop [rochellecoop@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:51 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Peoples voice heard RE: GMO

Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I believe citizens have a right to know if the produce they are buying is GMO or NOT. Please help voice our opinion and freedom to know and choose.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

With love and aloha,  
Rochelle  
32 Alanui pl.  
Kula, Maui, HI. 96790

(808) 280-2666  
[Rochellecoop@gmail.com](mailto:Rochellecoop@gmail.com)

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to ones courage."  
Anias Nin

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**From:** alexa sunshine rose [alexasunshinerose@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:40 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HR154!!!

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because I believe that GMO crops and foods made from them are potentially dangerous to our health and the health of our world.

Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

Alexa Nadeau,  
Honokaa, HI

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:40 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** harmonymarya@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: harmony corse clark  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [harmonymarya@gmail.com](mailto:harmonymarya@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** helen kritzler [haikuhelen@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:38 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** must have

labeling for gmo products.  
we need to know what we are buyuing.  
this is outrageous

mahalo  
helen kritzler  
21 maklani place  
makawao hi 96768  
let hope big corporations haven brought everyone out

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:33 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** bett@bidleman.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bett Bidleman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bett@bidleman.net](mailto:bett@bidleman.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
HR154

I support mandated labeling on all GMO foods I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of Hawaii County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
Bett Bidleman



## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** andrea giammattei [andreagia2004@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:57 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** GMO LABELING -

Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329  
STRONG SUPPORT (this is just an example~you fill in your choice support/do not support)

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

I support HR154 because research has shown the detrements of gmo foods to the human body, and I assert that it is my right to know what I am consuming and feeding my family. It is my7 right to choose. ANd I also wish for a banning and ceasing of the very dangerous process of creating gmo, that will eventually ruin our eco system, and life as we know it.  
Please support this resolution.

Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

(Andrea Giammattei

Kula Hawaii)

Jeanice Barcelo, M.A.  
Conscious Birth Educator  
Prenatal and Birth Trauma Prevention Specialist  
TV Show Host - Birth of a New Earth  
Empowering Men During the Childbearing Year  
<http://www.BirthofaNewEarth.com>

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Only when the power of love becomes greater than the love of power will the world know peace. Jimi Hendrix

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:50 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** paul.massey@ribg.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Paul Massey  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [paul.massey@ribg.org](mailto:paul.massey@ribg.org)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

It is so important that we can be informed about what genetically modified ingredients are in our food.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:50 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** greenhi3@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Phil Barnes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [greenhi3@yahoo.com](mailto:greenhi3@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly feel that all of Hawaii's citizens have a right to know if the foods that they are eating contain GMO ingredients. If you are for or against genetically modified foods does not matter. Just give people the ability to choose to consume these food stuffs or not by requiring the labeling of all foods including GMO ingredients. Thank you for your consideration.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** jkkrumpe@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ken and Janet Krumpe  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jkkrumpe@yahoo.com](mailto:jkkrumpe@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

We strongly oppose GMO's in Hawaii and further support any attempt to disclose to the consumer if foods do contain gmo materials.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:35 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** KeelyHompstead@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HR154 on 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/29/2011 9:00:00 AM HR154

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Keely Hompstead  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [KeelyHompstead@yahoo.com](mailto:KeelyHompstead@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods I write as a member of the Hawai'i Ohana, and a concerned citizen of \_Hawaii\_ County. In order that my voice be heard, I hereby add my testimony :

I am very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. I feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW what's in our food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. I humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. We have the right to know.

Thank you for hearing me, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.  
Mahalo Nui,  
[Your name]

Keely Hompstead

**From:** Aya Megan Marie [littlemiracle@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:26 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Ryan Yamane; Rep. Daynette Morikawa  
**Subject:** 49 more residents of Hawaii sign testimony in favor of HR 154 labeling of GMO foods/products

Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Aloha, Representative Yamane, Chair and Representative Morikawa, Vice Chair, below you will see the names of 49 more HI residents who have signed in favor of HR154/HCR178

## **Our right to know: Hawaii State Residents call for the labeling of GMO foods HR 154/HCR178**

**Please hear our voices: Hawaii residents want mandated labeling on all GMO foods**

Aloha Representative Yamane & Representative Morikawa,

We write as members of the Hawai'i Ohana, and as concerned citizens of Maui, Oahu, & the Big Island, & Kauai. In order that our voices be heard, we hereby add our testimony on HR154/HCR 178:

We are very concerned about the potential health risks due to the possible presence of GMOs growing on the Aina of these Hawaiian Islands, and in the food that we are eating. We feel strongly that we have the RIGHT TO KNOW

what's in OUR food so that we can make the best, informed choices for our families. Like most consumers, we want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not yet labeled. It is our right to make this choice for ourselves, and it is the duty of the government to advocate for the people. It is still unclear what the true magnitude of impact genetically modifying our food will have on our health, our land, and the well-being of our families for generations to come. By not labeling these foods, citizens are being led into uncertain risk. we are hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling. We humbly request that you acknowledge the voices of the people who care deeply on this matter and sign in approval of the current measures requiring labeling of GM foods. **We have the right to know.**

Thank you for hearing us, and making the choice that empowers the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Debbie Dela

Cruz,Kihei,HI,96753,03/28/2011

Karen

Young,Wai'anae,HI,96792,03/28/2011

Orlando

Smith,Honokaa,HI,96727,03/28/2011

richard

akama,lihue,HI,96766,03/28/2011

ali toxtli,honolulu,HI,96826,03/28/2011

Letisha Boyle,Paia,HI,96779,03/28/2011

Janelle

Williams,Kamuela,HI,96743,03/28/2011

Rae

isaacs,Honolulu,HI,96813,03/28/2011

Kent

Kobakoff,Hanapepe,HI,96716,03/28/2011

Aaron

Feinberg,princeville,HI,96722,03/28/2011

Jennifer

Rodwell,Waianae,HI,96792,03/28/2011

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Tucker,Keaau,HI,96749,03/28/2011  
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kippert,Haiku,HI,96708,03/28/2011  
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Koegel,Honolulu,HI,96816,03/28/2011  
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sandrine  
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Bishop,Kaneohe,HI,96744,03/28/2011  
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eberhardt,paia,HI,96779,03/28/2011  
Jean StavRue-  
Peahi,Honolulu,HI,96822,03/28/2011  
Chandi  
Dockstader,Naalehu,HI,96772,03/28/2011  
Melissa  
Michaels,Lahaina,HI,96761,03/28/2011  
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William  
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 Marcus,Waimanalo,HI,96795,03/28/2011  
 Daniel  
 Bishop,Kaneohe,HI,96744,03/28/2011  
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**Mahalo!**

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Testimony, HR154/HCR178  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Representative Ryan Yemane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, 03-29-11  
9:00AM in conference room 329

Position on this bill: STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Yemane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee,

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Mahalo for your concern for Hawaii's agriculture, and our resident's health.

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