



SB 101 SD1
RELATING TO HEALTH
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 2, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB101, SD1, which exempts the preparation of hand-pounded poi from certain processing requirements and from Department of Health (DOH) regulation regarding food safety. The bill also imposes labeling requirements on hand-pounded poi made outside of certified food processing establishments and authorizes DOH to conduct inspections of hand-pounded poi producer's premises under certain conditions.

Our traditions hold that kalo is the elder sibling of the Native Hawaiian people. Poi, which is made from kalo, is the staple of our traditional diet. While poi mills have provided our communities with poi for many years, the traditional practice of hand-pounding poi is enjoying a powerful resurgence today. We must nurture this movement, as it supports our local agricultural industry, ensures food security and promotes a healthier diet, all while encouraging one of our most important Native Hawaiian cultural practices.

OHA understands and appreciates DOH's sanitation concerns relating to the preparation of pa'i 'ai that will be sold, and we commend DOH for working with the community to find a solution to this important issue. We believe that SB101, SD1, represents a reasonable compromise that allows for hand-pounded pa'i 'ai to be sold; preserves DOH's ability to protect public health; and informs consumers about the product.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS SB101, SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

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Testifier position: support
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Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kim Kido
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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:
I support this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Testimony in support of SB101

Submitted by Joan Lander

Feb. 27, 2011

I am in favor of exempting the preparation of poi using traditional Hawaiian cultural food preparation practices from Department of Health regulations regarding food safety. I urge you to require the Director of Health to adopt rules to this effect.

Centuries of experience can't be wrong!

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: palmtree7@earthlink.net
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jAnice palma-glennie
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: palmtree7@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:
please support local products and culture by voting "yes" on this bill.
mahalo.

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 7:00 PM
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Cc: iliwai34@hawaii.rr.com
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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael J. Duberstein
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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

I strongly support SB101 as a major step forward in retaining native culture and practices in our state. Please pass this important bill.

Aloha mai kakou,

Mahalo nui loa for taking the time to read my testimony in support of SB101. My name is Nick Needle. I'm a student at HPU, and a USCG-licensed boat captain, living and working in Kane'ohe, O'ahu. I urge the House of Representatives to hear SB 101, to legalize the sale of traditional hand-pounded poi to the public. As a consumer, I want my freedom to choose to buy hand-pounded poi. I know from personal experience that hand-pounded poi is a safe and wholesome food product that promotes good health, and there is absolutely no legitimate reason why it should not be made available to the public. And while the State Government prohibits the sale of this healthy, traditional food, it allows for the sale of products known to be dangerous to our health, such as tobacco, alcohol, and fast-food. This situation is backwards and horrendous, and it needs to be fixed.

On a broader level, I believe with the strongest conviction that the sale of hand-pounded poi must be legalized in order to strengthen our local agriculture, economy, and sustainability here in Hawai'i. We are far too dependent on food imports and dangerously vulnerable to the global market and forces beyond our own control. Legalizing hand-pounded poi presents an enormous opportunity for Hawai'i to get out of this situation and reclaim our food sovereignty. If the State legalizes its sale, the demand for taro will go up. This means more support for taro farmers. More people will have the opportunity to return to the 'aina and take care of it. The Hawai'i State legislature cannot ignore this potential opportunity for agricultural and economic growth.

I can attest to the strong public support backing SB 101. The DOH is now doing the right thing and supporting SB 101. It is time for the State Legislature to do the same. Please support and pass SB 101. Do not let this great opportunity for our community and our 'aina slip away.

Malama pono,

Nick Needle

clee2 - Matt

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Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: nikos enfiedjian
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I support the peoples right to choose what they ingest. Why not ban something more harmful like cigarettes. At the very maximum impose a mandatory fda health precaution.

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 329
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Daniel Bishop
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Conference room: 329
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Comments:

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Daniel Anthony
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Daniel Anthony and I support SB101. I pound kalo to feed my wife and three children. If this measure passes I will be able to again be a productive member of society. In 1977 the waiahole poi factory first started by hand pounding of kalo. The DOH stopped them. When I asked why they didn't contest? They said there was not enough awareness or support of issues regarding Hawaiian culture, cultural practice and the importance of both in modern Hawaiian society. In November of 2009 was the first time we were wanted by the DOH. Up until then we openly sold pa'i'ai to the community and had been hired by many large companies in Hawaii. Some of these companies are Sheraton Resorts, Outrigger Resorts, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Ward Warehouse, Haili's Hawaiian Food and many others. Since the DOH approached me in November of 2009, I stopped expansion of pa'i'ai sales and did education and private functions. In spite of DOH investigation on me, we still worked with countless government groups such as Hawaii Tourism Authority, Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association and University of Hawaii at Manoa, we even pounded kalo at the capitol for Hawaiian Caucus Day. Since October of 2010, I have not sold any pa'i'ai. I do continue to do ku'i'ai education and since October of 2010 I have participated, organized or supplied kalo for at least 20 community kalo pounding workshops.

I could probably go out and get a job. It would not be something I was passionate about and that I was good at. I would have to look for child care for my two young children. This would cause considerable stress on my family's social health, my children would be raised outside of the family and we would be forced to eat poi less, because if we had to pay for poi we could not afford to eat it.

Pounding kalo was a respectable occupation on Oahu until around 1910. In early time of the machine made poi, I have come across articles where Hawaii residents complain that the milled poi does not compare to that of the hand pounded.

Those were different times, with different understandings. We have had over 100 years of no pa'i'ai available to Oahu's residents and it's been over 40 years anywhere in Hawaii that you could not find and purchase pa'i'ai. Don't you think it's been long enough?

I ask you to support this bill, to support what we are all looking to attain, sustainability. If I can feed my family and feed my community through the land we live on and at the same time honor our host culture in a way that brings our most sacred food. Then what do we have to lose?

Me ka malamalama ia kakou,

Daniel Anthony
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clee2 - Matt

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Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: russell mcguire
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 11:02 PM
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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mayumi Levesque
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Comments:

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John-Paul Tai
Organization: Individual
Address:
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha! My name is John-Paul Tai and I support SB101. The practice of pounding kalo is a tradition our ancestors once shared and is now lost on today's keiki. There have been so many cultural practices taken from our people and heritage and it is my hope that maybe this will be a step towards educating our children and people in why this practice was so important. Learning the tradition forces you to learn: history, language and build community Mahalo for listening and I hope you will agree with my views and support SB101.

clee2 - Matt

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Testifier position: support
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Submitted by: Jansen Fukuda
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Hawaiian culture is going away one practice at a time. In order to help support and promote the Hawaiian culture, it is important to let everyone and anyone to advocate past practices. Even though it isn't the most sanitary thing in the world, pa'i'ai provides the root of most Hawaiian foods. Please please, let people continue cultural practices by letting them promote and sell their work. It is good for Hawaiian culture and it helps promote something what makes Hawaii special. The positives heavily outweigh the negatives. Thank you for your time, and please support this bill.

SB 101
The "right" to pound kalo

This testimony is in support of legalizing pa'i 'ai; or pounding kalo. As a person who has attended kalo pounding session(s) I can honestly say that the process in which the poi pounders are subjected to is thoroughly clean. It is pressure washed after each use and before the use of it again. So basically it is washed twice before being used to pound the kalo.

According to State Constitutional law Native Hawaiians are allowed and should be protected in their ancient customary and traditional practices. Pounding kalo is as traditional as you can get; furthermore the history of the Hawaiian Customs has always involved "cleanliness" especially in dealing with food, childbirth, and death. It is the State's responsibility to ensure the "well-being" of the Native Hawaiian and denying us our basic staple sustenance such as Kalo; is not fulfilling the responsibility of ensuring the perpetuation of the Native Hawaiian people and its traditional and customary practices.

I don't see how this bill has gotten so far because of the "practice" in question; or the sale of pounded kalo without a permit is ludicrous when on television you see rats having buffets in Chinatown; yet that place is still running.

I can say for a fact there are no rats running around the pounding of Kalo. Please uphold the State's responsibility in regards to this matter. It seems that it just boils down to the money issue involved with obtaining a State permit from the health department; when most of Chinatown is infested with rats, it seems like Native Hawaiians are being singled-out in this regard.

So please pass this bill SB 101 so that many Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians may enjoy the freshness and nutrition that stems from eating kalo.

Mahalo and All the Best -

Hoku Taroc

clee2 - Matt

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Submitted by: Sean Kent Hitchcock
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Traditional foods & medicines are culturally important and relevant to present and past societies. As a former U.S. Army Special Operations Advisor and Medic, I can attest to the use of various cultural and indigenous medicinal plants and foods in my practice in the field in various combat operations around the world. Various localized specimens were utilized in the treating of various diseases and local maladies around the world with success. It seems clear that the use of Paiai, or young, unfermented and undiluted taro has been utilized within the Polynesian culture for many hundreds of years without undue incidence. Clearly, many thousands of pounds of taro are created each year for consumption in the traditional manner without any health hazard being created or reported. The most simple answer to the resolution of this ensuing issue would be to allow the taro to continue to be produced in its culturally traditional manner and to label it as such. This will allow the potential consumer to make their own decision to consume this product as it is traditionally intended to be. We should also be mindful that in preserving this tradition we help to preserve not only history's integrity, but an entire people's integrity, and a way of life that harkens back to the very fundamentals of a society's sustainability, culture and unity.

clee2 - Matt

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Submitted by: Courtney Sue-Ako
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

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Testifier position: support
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Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Submitted by: Tom Hackett
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Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Hawaii Fathers-4-Justice

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March 1, 2011

Senators,

On behalf of the Local Fathers of Hawaii seeking equality in Hawaii Family Court Systems; we give our support in this equally pressing matter for the legalization of Pa'i ai. The traditional pounding of Poi is a tradition that needs to be upheld the same as fatherhood.

I and the 45 Father members of Hawaii Fathers-4-Justice and our families totaling 320 local resident of this Kingdom support this bill SB 101.

Scott K. Wong
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Submitted by: Connie Cornett
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Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Hawaii can lead the nation in the respectful oversight of traditionally prepared food that are uniquely nourishing.
Please support this bill to honor the ancestors and give the youth a chance to learn the tradition and eat pa'i'ai.

clee2 - Matt

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Craig Jerome
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Comments:
I strongly support this bill!

clee2 - Matt

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Comments:

clee2 - Matt

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chai Blair-Stahn
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: chai.blairstahn@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Pa'i 'ai is a traditional Hawaiian food and the traditional method of its preparation should be supported and perpetuated by the State of Hawai'i. I urge you to vote in favor of bill SB101.

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Adair Fincher
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Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

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Comments:

I strongly support SB 101! Pa'i'ai is rooted strong in our islands and delegating the act of pounding poi takes away a once common practice from our Kapuna.

clee2 - Matt

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Comments:

As a Hawaiian practitioner in the modern world, I do not have time to produce my own pa'i 'ai
I want to buy it and support our local farmers.

clee2 - Matt

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E-mail: dkapua@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Aloha e na komike,
I urge you to support this long standing cultural practice that sustained the Hawaiian people for many centuries. Ku'i i ke kalo is healthy for both the preparer -in that they must be physically healthy (fit) to perform the task, and the consumer - 1) in that its healthy for all ages and there are no preservatives added because the preparation method extends its consumption period naturally.

I commend you for ensuring the public's health and safety; however, this food preparation process is already safe and the labeling requirements informs the consumer of that process prior to their purchase and consumption.

Mahalo for allowing me to share my mana'o with you in hopes of your passing this bill into law.

Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:26 AM
To: HAWtestimony
Cc: tsgoddess808@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HAW 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM SB101

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kawaiola Deguilmo
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tsgoddess808@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Pa'i 'ai has and will always be the food staple for native Hawaiians and for the people of Hawai'i. I humbly ask that you approve pa'i 'ai to be sold to the general public. It is much more healthier than the poi we are eating today.

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:30 AM
To: HAWtestimony
Cc: tane_1@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HAW 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM SB101

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David M.K. Inciong, II
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tane_1@msn.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

I strongly support this bill which is also morally right to do.

I strongly urge you to exempt our poi from the rules due to cultural practices ongoing for generations.

I was raised on pai ai for over 67 years and should be able to continue without any hinderance from your insipid rules.

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 10:34 AM
To: HAWtestimony
Cc: goodyear@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: goodyear@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Please support traditional indigenous methods of preparing our staple food. I have personally seen the impact of getting kids and their families engaged in pounding poi. It is a great, healthy way to raise funds for further education and revitalization of kalo.

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 11:11 AM
To: HAWtestimony
Cc: pmcdee3@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HAW 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM SB101

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Paul McDonald
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: pmcdee3@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 12:35 PM
To: HAWtestimony
Cc: makana@kevcom.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HAW 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM SB101

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthew Swalinkavich
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: makana@kevcom.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Lee Ann Ānuenue Pūnua, a native of Kāneʻohe, Koʻolaupoko, Oʻahu mokupuni. Aloha nō. I humbly ask the representatives to vote in support of the SB101.

I'm a wife, mother, and educator. The legalization of the commercial sale of pa'i'ai, will provide opportunities for many to live the lifestyle that many would like to. A sustainable and healthy lifestyle!

As a wife and mother, I can testify that all three of my children have had poi and pa'i'ai as their first foods. They are healthy and very active individuals that rarely get sick. My husband, growing up in a kalo farming family himself, continues to ku'i 'ai (pound kalo) regularly to provide for our family and others in need. The high cost of purchasing poi has made our family become dependent on purchasing raw kalo to be cooked and prepared at home. We have also seen how much more "poi" you receive when you make it yourself.

This bill would allow my husband as well as many others to be able to do what they love and make a living doing it!

As an educator, the interest in ku'i 'ai and lo'i kalo farming is in high demand. In one year, my program serviced close to a 1000 people. We purchased 1800 to 2000 pounds of kalo last year to meet the need. This year the demand has doubled, however we are unable to meet the demand due to the lack of kalo being sold in Hawai'i.

Please support SB101, it will benefit all that live here in Hawai'i.

Na'u nō me ka ha'aha'a,

L. Ānuenue Pūnua

clee2 - Matt

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Testimony for HAW 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM SB101

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karisa Taketa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: skittlez26@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for HAW 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM SB101

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ashley Lawicki
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

clee2 - Matt

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/2/2011 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Terrilee Kekoolani
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: napua4u@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:
Thankfully the increased production of kalo and the traditional practice of preparing paiai is well and alive in Hawai'i. I support cultural practitioners selling their paiai under clean and safe conditions.