

**SB 1142**

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

TIME 2:45 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 229

SENATE BILL NO. 1142  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 1142. This bill provides a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the *4Ag Hawaii* non-profit corporation to expand the outreach and e-educational initiatives begun in 2010. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill.

The Department strongly supports the adoption of good agricultural practices to provide the safest food possible to consumers statewide and recognizes that this position is in alignment with the Food Safety Modernization Act, signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011.

The *4Ag Hawaii* efforts proposed is to provide additional outreach and education activities on all aspects of food safety to the visitor industry, the agricultural industry and the educational community. We concur with your committee's finding that these activities serve a public purpose and will help the state move towards improved food safety and food security.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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Testimony for Senate Bill 1142  
GAP for Safe Foods

February 3, 2011 2:45 p.m. Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Kahele, and members of the Committee:

My name is Susan Matsushima, owner of Alluvion, Inc., a diversified agricultural operation on the North Shore of Oahu. I would like to testify in **support of Senate Bill 1142.**

Safe food for all consumers in Hawaii is what we need. Once an outbreak occurs on the farms and consumers get ill, we will have a difficult time regaining confidence. We need to be proactive by having farms GAP certified so that all foods are produced safely.

The University of Hawaii and the Farm Bureau have measures in place to assist farmers to get Good Agricultural Practices certified. The outreach that this will support will get those in different industries aware and knowledgeable of why food safety is needed in Hawaii.

Please support Senate Bill 1142.

Sincerely,

Susan Matsushima, CEO.