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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
January 24, 2011
10:00 A.M.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2076
RELATING TO MILK**

Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2076.

The bill proposes to allow unpasteurized milk for personal consumption or use by the owner producing the milk.

The Department of Agriculture appreciates the sentiment presented by the bill, however feels that the bill is not necessary. It is currently not unlawful for a milk producer to consume raw milk produced from his or her own animals. Currently, milk producers may only sell or distribute milk to an approved milk processing plant for public consumption.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Comments:

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee on Health:

Aloha, I live in Kau on the Big Island. I encourage the committee to amend this bill and allow customers the opportunity to choose if they would like to purchase milk that is not pasteurized. If it is safe for personal consumption, then others who do not have the opportunity of owning a cow should be able to enjoy this option as well. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2076.

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Comments:

I support this measure. Government is too invasive as to dictate the types of food and drink that can be consumed.