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Comments:

As a citizen advocate I believe we need to support those who pursue the livelihood of food farming and any agricultural endeavor that provides local food security and accomplishes the task of the reduction of import of food. I believe this bill should be deferred until the right language can be submitted clarifying this need to prevent abuse by those who take advantage of a general bill of this making. The bill should be specific in the purpose of the user especially regarding support for small family farms or those hindered due to the economies of scale that support the local farmer whose interest is dedicated to food security for Hawaii. We should consider the exclusion of this benefit for those who grow food with the potential to export their crops for higher profit gains that are offered for those out of State and abroad and the abuse that can come as an example of the current problems we have seen in the case of gentlemen farmers.