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Submitted by: B.A. McClintock
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Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

Please vote Yes on HB2703, which commits Hawai'i to double the amount of food grown locally by 2020. It could help kick start a farming revolution, boost our economy by more than \$300 million per year and create more than 2300 jobs.

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Jeanne Vana
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April 3, 2012

Chair Ige and Ways and Means Committee

Dear Chair Ige and Ways and Means Committee:

Testimony to the Senate Ways and Means Committee
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
9:10 a.m.
Room 211

Re: HB 466 HD3 SD1 re Workers' Compensation

I fully support the Chamber of Commerce Position. Therefore I am not reiterating common sense points already made that will not be counter productive to all your other on-going legislative efforts, to effectuate bills such as HB 2703!

This bill is an example of doing everything within your power to keep the cost of doing business in Hawaii low, otherwise we cannot grow more food at an affordable price to remain competitive in our effort to reduce mainland food imports, so we can sustain our island economy!

We do not need to burden any business with more regulation that restricts our ability to compete and achieve all the other things your committee wants to pursue for the greater good of our island economy.

Please do not take away our ability to conduct business in a way so we can continue to stay in business!

Passage of this bill will be harmful and result in being out of sync to effectuate the best direction we want to go.

Respectfully submitted,

North Shore Farms, LLC

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Vana
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HB 2703 HD 2 SD 1 HEARING

Wednesday, 04 April, 2012

9:10 am, Conference Room, 211

Aloha Committee Chair and Committee Members,

03 April, 2012

My name is Jeanne Vana, I am a grower with a small family 9 acre farm.

I am a member of Waialua Farmers Cooperative, Hawaii Farmers Union and West Oahu County Farm Bureau. **Where is The Prime Agriculture Farm Land?**

STRONGLY SUPPORT THE INTENT OF HB 2703 that promotes local food for local consumption

Passage of this bill means establishing conditions & incentives necessary for this plan to be successful.

- **Affordable Ag lands with potable water.** (Currently, farmers are wait-listed for land)
- Ag lands at **low elevation** are **needed to provide diversified crops**
- Access to affordable means of energy and ability to afford capitol improvements
- Access to farm labor partnerships (non unionized) to keep cost of production low
- **Simple Rules** that allow farmers to tend to their crops not paperwork, to keep cost of goods low
- **Reduce mainland imports so crops grown can be sold** to sustain profitable farming business
- Benefits land owners
- Feed Mills
- Access to sewer systems, drainage systems & transportation
- Affordable means to slaughter livestock
- Affordable access to health care and Financial retirement plans
- Reduced the cost of doing business; workman's comp, payroll taxes
- Provide HI Dept of Ag, with necessary resources to do their jobs to advance **food production**
- **Protection from invasive species &**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Vana

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Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

We have thousands of goats n sheep. Lets stop machine gunning our food source. And stop importing goat n sheep meats from Australia when we can supply our ownselves here in Hawaii through Lanis Goats. Ours is natural n grassfed.

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Comments:

Passing this Bill will hopefully help to create the necessary political will needed to support needed agricultural policy leading to positive agricultural change in our communities. Increasing the production of locally grown foods, will increase the likelihood of the development of a future Farm to School Program that could raise our keiki's wellness, and at the same time raise academic achievement. We are all indeed connected between the environment, economics, our food, and our state of wellness that leads us to be able to pursue academic interests.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 4, 2012, 9:10 a.m.
(Testimony is 2 pages long)

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2703 (HD2, SD1) WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with 10,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, strongly **supports** HB 2703 (HD2). This measure creates a vision of food self-sufficiency and sets metrics to ensure compliance over time. We suggest, however, that it be amended to require agencies to consider the food self-sufficiency standard as they conduct planning and make decisions impacting food development in Hawai'i.

The Hawaii State Constitution, article XI, section, is explicit about the need to “conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, [and] increase self-sufficiency.” Despite this rather clear directive, Hawai'i has moved in the wrong direction. We import approximately ninety two percent of our food. Currently, Hawaii has a fresh supply of produce for no more than ten days.

Our current strategy for increasing diversified agriculture and promoting self-sufficiency plainly isn't working. Hawai'i needs to look at new solutions.

HB 2703 sets a new vision. It creates a specific targets and requires annual reporting. A similar concept helped pump prime Hawai'i's clean energy industry. Hawai'i's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards were a key part in starting the clean energy movement. Tangible goals with metrics that define success effectively brought previously bickering parties together to solve Hawai'i's dangerous dependence on foreign oil.

This makes economic sense. Relying on DOA estimates, this concept could generate a billion dollars in new sales for our businesses, stimulate \$300 million in new household earnings, create more than 14,000 new jobs with living wages, and pump \$39 million in new tax revenues into our state coffers.

In order to avoid simply a feel-good proposal, the measure should be revised to require the state to consider the food sustainability standard in long-range planning and decision-making. This can be done simply by recognizing the food sustainability standard is a criteria/standard of article XI (directing all branches of government to increase self-sufficiency and diversified agriculture).

Proposed Amendments:

§ -3 **Food sustainability standard.** (a) A statewide food sustainability standard to be achieved by the year 2020 is hereby established that requires the State to increase the amount of food grown in the State for local consumption by at least double the amount grown in 2014; provided the department shall measure this amount by the farm cash receipts for livestock, dairy, and crops without regard to inflation adjustments, or by a comparable measurement as determined by the department.

(b) The state's compliance or future compliance with the food sustainability standard shall be considered a standard or criteria of Article XI, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and shall be considered in any decision impacting the state's obligations thereto.

~~(b)~~ (c) The department shall submit a report and recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2020 regular session on how to raise the food sustainability standard over the following decade."

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo nui loa,
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Comments:

Please pass this bill. As a lay person who just has the public good in mind, what else can I say that has not already been said? It's the right thing to do for the future of our island community, for our environment, for a healthy diet, for a diversified economy.