

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2167
RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS**

**Hearing: March 13, 2012 8:30am
Conference Room 312**

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Arthur Sevigny, Licensed Professional Land Surveyor and member of the Hawaii Land Surveyors Association. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 2167. It is my belief that the existing definition of "surveyor" or "land surveyor" does not clearly address the current issues, activities and practices that the licensed professional land surveyor faces today. I believe that by amending the definition it will help bring clarity to the type of work that requires a "Licensed Professional Land Surveyor", and help deter surveying activities currently being done by unlicensed individuals and companies in this state.

Thank You,

Arthur Sevigny
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Comments:

The Hawaii Land Surveyors Association (HLSA) strongly supports the bill for land surveyors for the proposed definition. It is long overdue.

Kevin Kea, PLS
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RE: SB2272

Dear Legislators,

My name is Michael Kohn. I am the owner of Hawaii Fruit Company. Since 1988 we have packed and shipped papayas to overseas markets. All of our markets have one thing in common. They do not require phytosanitary treatment. The problem for us but also most shippers in Hawaii is that those markets are very limited, such as Vancouver, BC with some 2 million consumers. Markets like the US Mainland or Japan that require phytosanitary treatment have remained off limits to us. This is because the few treatment facilities that remain in Hawaii either do not allow us to treat or are otherwise not accessible. Combined these markets represent over 430 million consumers. It seems obvious that the industry including growers will do better if these markets are accessible to all and not just a very few.

Japan, that requires phytosanitary treatment, recently approved GM papayas. This came after 13 years of exhausting studies by the USDA. Yet those companies that monopolize the Japan market refuse to promote and ship GM papayas from Hawaii. It should not be left to a few for the detriment of many. The Hawaii papaya industry needs those markets. More demand must be generated, not less.

When I started this business in 1988, the demand for papayas resulted in a farm price of 30 cents per lb. For most of 2011 demand has been so poor that prices were still at 30 cents. At these price levels, farmers cannot produce high quality fruits. They simply cannot afford to buy needed fertilizer or pesticides or keep their equipment running.

I am also president and founder of Pa'ina Hawaii that will soon offer irradiation treatment to any papaya shipper and grower in Hawaii. I am not worried about additional or potentially competing treatment capacities. I am worried about the health of the industry. The irradiator and the proposed heat treatment facility in SB 2272 will surely open up markets for Hawaii's papaya industry. It will increase demand for papayas and increase prices for farmers not just for the few monopolies.

I strongly support SB 2272.

Aloha,


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