

SB 2272

Late
Testimony

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2012
TIME: 2:50 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

LATE

To: House Committee on Agriculture
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

From: Orlando P. Manuel (dba Manuel Farms)

Re: SB 2272: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
VAPOR HEAT TREATMENT FACILITY.

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

I, Orlando P. Manuel (dba Manuel Farms) support SB 2272. I am an independent papaya farmer from the Big Island of Hawaii. I am presently leasing nearly 35 acres of land in various locations in lower Puna for the sole purpose of papaya farming. Currently, my fruits are shipped for sale locally and to Canada.

The construction of a vapor heat treatment facility here in Hawaii would mean a great deal to me, as well as to my business. It would give me the opportunity to export my fruits to various markets on the mainland and to other countries, such as Japan. It would give me great gratification to be able to have people around the world experience the uniqueness of quality and taste of locally grown papayas from Hawaii.

Papaya farming is not only my business and livelihood, it is my passion; a passion that I hope to pass on to my children and grandchildren.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Orlando P. Manuel
dba Manuel Farms
15-1647 Keaau-Pahoa Road
Keaau, HI 96749
(808) 936-0025

nishihara1 - Danille

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:55 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Cc: glennmartinez@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2272 on 2/7/2012 2:50:00 PM

Testimony for AGL 2/7/2012 2:50:00 PM SB2272

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Glenn Martinez
Organization: Individual
E-mail: glennmartinez@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2012

LATE

Comments:

Hawaii Farmers Union strongly supports efforts to make Hawaii produce acceptable for export to countries that require treatment. We like the heat treatment as it appears to not violate the ORGANIC certification of the produce. This is WAY better than radiation or other non-organic treatments.