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Testimony for ENE/AGL 2/1/2011 2:55:00 PM SB712

Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nancy Redfeather  
Organization: Individual  
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

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Submitted by: chris kobayashi  
Organization: Individual  
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:  
aloha members of the committee:

i am in strong support of SB712.

we have a farm and grow taro, fruits and diverse crops of herbs and vegetables using non chemical methods of production.  
we are very very concerned about GMOs and the amount of pesticides they use. not only are we concerned about crop cross contamination, poisoning of all our waters and soils, but also for the health of our entire community.

please show that you care about the health of our environment and people by supporting this bill.

mahalo nui,  
chris kobayashi

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**From:** David Barter [hoalike5@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 12:44 PM  
**To:** gabbard1 - Carlton  
**Subject:** SB712

From:

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Mary and David Barter

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**In support of SB 713** requiring information about the location of genetically engineered research activities-crops.

Tuesday, Feb.1, Rm 225 at 2:55 p.m.

I am writing in strong support of this bill which would remove a privileged veil of secrecy from an entire industry which has not undergone the independent testing to prove that it is safe for our environment. For one thing precious little is even know about which ones our insect pollinators even are, and absolutely nothing about how they might be or are being affected by this change in the DNA of common plants.

I would also like you to know that I am not an anti-science person. I subscribe to two scientific magazines have an unusually broad university level science education. I think it is this breadth of my interest in science that helps me to understand not only the technology itself but that we should not be listening to corporate microbiologists about the environmental and health safety of such products. Ask ecologists, ask horticulturists, botanists, experimental nutritionists and others who can tell you the questions to be asked and Independent studies to be done to verify the safety of this technology.

As you know this work has not been done. And in order to promote business, we are misled into compromising, again , the health of our people and our land, for the love of a global corporation, which claims that access to any technical information about its research is proprietary and protected. This arrogant assumption must be challenged.

Thank you for the opportunity to do so.

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**From:** Ron Carlson [ddscarlson@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 1:32 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** URGENT SB 712, SB713 Testimony in Favor of Labeling, In Favor of Dept of Agriculture giving notice, Senate Hearing Feb 1, 2011, 2:55 pm, Room 225

Senate Hearing Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 2:55 pm, Room 225 Energy and Environment, Agriculture Testimony in Support of SB 712 Relating to the Labeling of Genetically Engineered Crops To the Honorable Chairpersons Gabbard, English and and Nishihara, I strongly support the passage of this bill to protect the consumer by labeling foods that may contain genetically engineered ingredients. The growing awareness of the people that the food they are eating is contributing to their poor health makes it imperative that we label the food so that we can choose those products which minimize risk of obesity, allergies, and other medical conditions. The low status of health of our citizens is an indication that something is very wrong with the way we grow, process, distribute and prepare our foods. The biotech companies make empty claims which do not live up to their promises, and the least our legislators can do to protect us against corporate greed and deception is to allow labeling of our foods. Evidence and research which has been covered up by the biotech companies shows that there is damage to the environment and wildlife as well as dysfunction to human internal organs including fertility. Do not put this bill off for another session. Legislators must act now.

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Testimony in Support of SB 713 Relating to Genetically Engineered Plants To the Honorable Chairpersons Gabbard, English and Nishihara I strongly support the passage of this bill to inform farmers that neighboring fields contain genetically engineered crops. The risk of drift has already been proven in court, and biotech companies are liberally experimenting with pesticides, herbicides, and seeds which are harming our environment and the workers who tend the fields. In the name of profit and lack of regard to the land and its people, these biotech companies have brought chaos to the countries and states which they have been allowed to experiment without government regulation.

Please pass this bill so that our farmers and residents can be protected from the harmful effects of crop experimentation.

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Submitted by: Apolei Kahai Bargamento

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

Mr. Chairman and members of the ENE/AGL, JDI Committees, I fully support SB 712 the monitoring and requirement that the public be notified of field tests and open field production of genetically engineered plants since Hawai'i is not banning its open field production as enforced by countries in Europe -the European Union.



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## Waikīkī Hawaiian Civic Club

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 712,  
RELATING TO THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PLANTS

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2011

TIME: 2:55 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 225

Submitted by: Malia Nobrega, President, Waikīkī Hawaiian Civic Club (malianob@gmail.com)

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 712, relating to genetically engineered plants.

Waikīkī Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports this bill because as stewards of our `āina it is our responsibility to mālama (care for) our our mea ola (biodiversity), our mea `ai (food), and our `āina (land). We are here not only for our people today but for generations to come.

We support the purpose of this Act to:

- (1) Require growers and testers of genetically engineered plants in the State of Hawaii to notify the department of agriculture regarding the existence of genetically engineered plants; and
- (2) Require the department of agriculture to make certain information about genetically modified plant projects accessible to the public.

As a community and as Native Hawaiians we feel that genetically engineered plants should not even be allowed into the State of Hawai`i and to be a part of our islands. There are too many unknowns about GE plants and we prefer to live a legacy of pure food for our generations to come.

Mahalo,  
Malia Nobrega, President

Feb 1, 2:55pm, room 225

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB712, relating to genetically engineered crops

Senator Gabbard, Senator Nishihara, and members of the Committees,

As a small farmer I am writing in support of this measure.

Why doesn't this already happen?

Meleana Judd

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Submitted by: amy K. Brinker

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 2/1/2011



This letter is in support of SB 712 and 713. Please label GMO products!! Give people the information they need to make informed choices!! Do the right thing!!

Justine Espiritu