
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
DIVERSIFY SEED PRODUCTION AND ENACT LEGISLATION TO LIMIT
PATENTS ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS.

1 WHEREAS, three companies, Monsanto, DuPont, and Syngenta,
2 control nearly half of the global seed market; and
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4 WHEREAS, estimates suggest that Monsanto has a ninety-eight
5 per cent market share of the soybean market and a seventy-nine
6 per cent market share of the corn market in the United States;
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9 WHEREAS, seventy per cent of all food in the United States
10 contains genetically engineered food; and
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12 WHEREAS, the lack of competition among seed companies has
13 decreased farmers' choices and has allowed the seed companies to
14 raise seeds prices, causing an increase in food production costs
15 and food prices for consumers; and
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17 WHEREAS, Monsanto has vigorously attempted to prevent
18 farmers from using the offspring of its seeds in subsequent
19 growing seasons; and
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21 WHEREAS, Monsanto is the co-owner of the Terminator Gene
22 patent that prevents seeds produced by plants modified with the
23 Terminator Gene from germinating if they are planted; and
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25 WHEREAS, plants grown from genetically modified seeds have
26 less genetic diversity and are more susceptible to drought,
27 fungus, insects, and competition from other vegetation; and
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29 WHEREAS, a global disaster following widespread use of
30 Terminator Gene seeds and other types of non-diverse genetically
31 modified seeds could potentially wipe-out all plant food on the
32 planet in a single season; and
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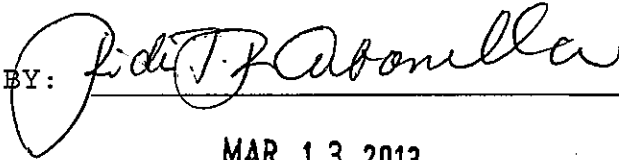
1 WHEREAS, diversification of the seed industry will create
2 competition, help to lower seed prices, reduce predatory genetic
3 modification, and create biodiversity; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2013, that the President and the Congress of the
8 United States are urged to break up the seed oligopoly and force
9 competition in the seed industry; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress is urged to limit
12 patents for genetically modified organisms including allowing
13 famers to use seeds and offspring of seeds over many seasons
14 without additional payments to seed suppliers; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
18 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate; Speaker of the
19 United States House of Representatives; and members of Hawaii's
20 congressional delegation.
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