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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2014
2:00 P.M.
ROOM 309**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1662
RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII**

Chairperson Takumi and Members of the Committee:

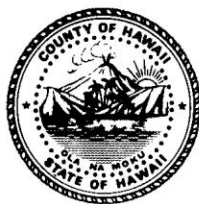
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1662, relating to agriculture. This bill will designate October as "Farm to School Month in Hawaii" to promote public awareness of the Farm to School initiative that strives to connect local farms and schools in order to provide healthy meals in school cafeterias, provide agricultural education to students, promote nutrition education, and support local farmers.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) supports this measure. The future of agriculture depends on our keiki, and this measure promotes awareness of the importance of providing agriculture, health, and nutrition education to our children at school. HDOA supports promoting public awareness of the farming community in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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House Committee on Education
Wednesday, 02-05-14 2:00PM
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SUPPORT for HB1662 Relating to Farm to School Month in Hawaii

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and Honorable Members,

HB1662 designates the month of October as "Farm to School Month in Hawaii." This bill will bring attention, media, and awareness to our School Garden Programs, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, the connections between student wellness and academic achievement and project based experiential learning. Mahalo for passing HB1662.

Sincerely,

/s/

Margaret Wille
Council Member – District 9

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TESTIMONY TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 1662 – Relating to Farm to School Month in Hawaii

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

I am also the co-founder of program called, “Grow Hawaii,” a project of HAIS in partnership with the Hawaii State Departments of Education and Agriculture, and the Ulupono Initiative.

HAIS is in support of HB 1662 which designates October as “Farm to School Month in Hawaii.” Grow Hawaii is using a variety of strategies to significantly enrich the educational dialogue in all private and public schools statewide concerning the urgency for growing food in the islands to create a more sustainable way of life. This bill serves to raise public awareness about the need for healthy eating in our school cafeterias and will help to support our local farmers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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HB1662: RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui (HFSSGH) strongly supports HB1662, which will establish October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i.

The National Farm to School Network broadly defines farm to school as the practice of sourcing local food for schools or preschools and providing agriculture, health, and nutrition education opportunities, such as school gardens, farm field trips, and cooking lessons.

Last year, Governor Abercrombie declared October 2013 as Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Month to coincide with National Farm to School Month. The proclamation acknowledged that school gardens enhance children's understanding of their food's origin while contributing to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curricula. It recognized that the opportunity to celebrate locally sourced food and increase nutritional awareness can help decrease and prevent childhood obesity and avoid future health care costs for our state.

The establishment of October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i in perpetuity provides a powerful opportunity to raise awareness among our schools and communities through such engaging activities as garden and nutrition lessons, healthy snacks, farm field trips, chef visits to classrooms, community events, and more.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1662.

Sincerely,

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Member - Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui (HFSSGH)

Hawai'i School Garden Task Force – HDOH

State Site Supervisor – FoodCorps Hawai'i

Hearing: February 5, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Room 309

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice-Chair Ohno, and Members of the Committee,

Interest for the idea of a Farm to School Program that includes increased institutional purchasing of locally grown and processed foods, and school learning garden programs is growing across the State of Hawai'i. The USDA's National Farm to School Program is bringing increased capacity across the nation and is working to increase state capacity for local procurement and school learning gardens. Laupahoehoe Charter School on Hawai'i Island was recently awarded a USDA Farm to School Planning Grant.

According to the HFSSGH DOE 2012 School Learning Garden Survey of 413 schools, 43% indicated that they had a school garden used for instructional purposes, 21,577 students participated in those programs accompanied by their 830 teachers growing food on 30 acres of land. The eight schools that weighed their produce grew 4.5 tons of food that was consumed by the children and their families.

HDOE School Food Services is committed to increasing institutional procurement of locally produced fruits and vegetables, meat, and dairy. Today on Hawai'i Island, our children are drinking milk from our local dairies and eating papaya from our farms. We know that locally produced foods are fresher, contain more nutrients, and build our local agricultural economy.

This year, Governor Neil Abercrombie proclaimed October 2013 as the First Farm to School Month in Hawai'i. This coincides with the National Farm to School Month each October. This provides a yearly venue for bringing increased attention to the 100's of school learning gardens, increased opportunities for institutional purchasing, and telling the stories of our local farms, farmers, and value added products.

This past October, we celebrated the first Farm to School Month by initiating the new FoodCorps Hawai'i Program. FoodCorps is Hawaii's newest Americorp program placing Hawaii's young leaders in school learning gardens on three islands. Thank you for your consideration of this yearly celebration of Hawaii's emerging Local Food System.

Sincerely,

Nancy Redfeather

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Laura Margulies	'Aina In Schools, Kokua Hawaii Foundation	Support	No

Comments: I support the establishment of a Farm To School month as a wonderful way to expose Hawaii's keiki, parents and teachers to sustainable and healthy living practices. The more exposure that our keiki have to farms and fresh food, the richer their knowledge and bodies will be.

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Aloha,

I heartily endorse HB1662 which establishes October as Farm to School Month in Hawaii. I have been involved with school learning gardens for over 14 years. I was a garden coordinator at Pa'auilo School for 10 years and have been a Coordinator for the Hawaii Island School Garden Network for over 4 years. I see the positive direct impact school learning gardens have on students. School gardens connect children to the environment in ways an indoor classroom cannot.

Nutritionally, school gardens provide a way for students to learn about fresh, nutritious produce and what can be grown in their location.

Designating October as Farm to School Month would be such a wonderful proclamation showing all that Hawaii cares about student health and future farmers.

Sincerely,

Donna Mitts
Coordinator
Hawaii Island School Garden Network



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HB1662: RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and Members of the Committee,

Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation strongly supports HB1662, which will establish October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i.

Farm to school programs address childhood health, foster environmental stewardship, and support a healthy food system by connecting children and communities to their land, waters, and food.

Establishing October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i in perpetuity is an extremely meaningful, valuable, and proactive way to raise student, parent, and community awareness about "close to the source" foods, local agriculture, and the benefits of establishing lifelong healthy habits. It allows a special, annual opportunity to hold events around local agriculture and fresh, healthy food.

Thanks to Governor Abercrombie's designation of October 2013 as Farm to School and School Garden Month in Hawai'i, Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation encouraged and assisted schools in holding farm field trips, chef visits to classrooms, healthy snacks, and family nights focused on related farm to school themes.



Elementary school students on O'ahu enjoy a fresh, locally grown fruit snack as part of their school's celebration of Farm to School Month in October 2013.



Students enjoy a chef visit to their classroom and learn to prepare a healthy, locally sourced snack during Farm to School Month in October 2013.

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Kokua Hawai'i Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization supporting environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai'i.

Launched in 2006, 'ĀINA In Schools is a farm to school program of the Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation that is currently active in 15 public and charter elementary schools throughout O'ahu. During the Fall 2013 semester, 2,032 students took part in nutrition lessons, while 3,688 participated in garden and compost lessons and garden clubs. Five schools hosted 'ĀINA Chef Visits where local chefs led cooking demonstrations with 385 students making healthy, kid-friendly recipes with local and school garden-sources ingredients. Over 600 parent and community volunteers supported the program by giving almost 5,000 hours. In Fall of 2013, we trained 25 teachers from 14 schools to use the 'ĀINA lessons with thousands of additional students.



Six integrated components comprise the 'ĀINA In Schools program, a farm to school program of the Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation active since 2006.

The Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai'i. Our mission is to provide students with experiences that will enhance their appreciation for and understanding of their environment so they will be lifelong stewards of the earth.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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Paul Towers	PAN North America	Support	No

Comments: We should honor efforts to get real food into Hawaii's schools.

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Lisa Galloway, PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Food security is a serious issue in our islands, as is educating students who are well nourished. Please support this bill.

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Benjamin Duke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a teacher at West Hawaii Explorations Academy PCS and I work with many students on gardening and agriculture projects. It would really support my work and the work of many other teachers and students if this bill was supported. Mahalo, Benjamin Duke

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Gina Franchini	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Melissa Chivers	Individual	Support	No

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Anne Marie Matsuzaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Farm to School Month is the first step in raising interest, awareness and engagement in the nutritional impact that school meals have on a student's academic experience. There is an army of Farm-to-School activists mobilizing...fueled by school garden carrots and kalo! These future voters are interested in what's in their school lunch; they appreciate Hawaii agriculture and respect the land from which their food comes; and they engage in their daily integrated lessons in math, social studies, science and language arts learned in an outdoor classroom. Please support Farm-to- School month to help share these outcomes and lessons with others in Hawaii.

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Kendra Ozaki	Individual	Support	No

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Steve Sakala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Representatives, I am writing in support of HB 1662. HB 1662 allows us to bring attention, media, and awareness to School Garden Programs, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, the connections between student wellness and academic achievement, project based experiential learning, etc. This would in turn support more than 20,000 students, 830 Teachers, in more than 43% of all schools K-12 in Hawai'i. Thank you for hearing this bill and considering support for HB1662. Respectfully Submitted, Steve Sakala Vice President Kona Chapter Hawaii Farmers Union United Vice Chair State Legislative Committee

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Natalie McKinney	Individual	Support	No

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Joannie Pan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you

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Jan Wizinowich	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Ryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Farm to School Month would benefit the state by increasing awareness of the importance of local agriculture, developing children's interest in farming, and improving student access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

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Kaliko Amona	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly Perry	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Reed	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB1662 which would establish October as Farm to School Month in Hawaii. If passed, this bill will create the declaration in perpetuity and help to grow the farm to school movement in our state by raising awareness through farm field trips, chef visits, healthy snacks, family events, and garden, nutrition, and compost lessons at schools during annual celebrations in October and throughout the year.

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Lori Nakamura-Higa	Individual	Support	No

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james trujillo	Individual	Support	No

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I believe HB1662 is an important bill since it establishes the month of October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i, helping to raise awareness through farm field trips, chef visits, healthy snacks, family events, and garden, nutrition, and compost lessons at schools during annual celebrations in October and throughout the year. This bill is important to raising awareness about childhood obesity and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Signed,

Susan Hammer

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this bill to connect our keiki to local farmers. I am in support of this bill if the children are not exposed to harmful pesticides or propaganda from large corporate influence. As a wife of a farmer, I host visitors to our farm and I often encounter children who have never been to a farm. Some have never seen a carrot top in their lives or did not know what a beet is. I find it sad that our next generation has little clue where their food comes from. I hope this bill will provide opportunities to learn and promote awareness about local agriculture, good health and eating habits for our children. Mahalo.

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

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Pono Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

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Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Correction to my previously submitted testimony - I am a House District 47 constituent and voter. I apologize. I put Senate District 23.

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K. Meheula-Naihe	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY
SUPPORT HB 1662
February 5, 2014

House Committee on Agriculture

January 27, 2014, 9:30 a.m.

HB1662: RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN OCTOBER

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee,

I represent a program called Farm to Keiki, a farm to preschool program, and strongly support HB1662, which will establish October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i.

October has been designated Farm to School across the nation. "In 2010, Congress approved a resolution to officially designate October as National Farm to School Month. The passage of House Resolution 1655 demonstrated the growing importance of Farm to School programs as a means to improve child nutrition, support local economies and educate children about the origins of food."

Declaring October Farm to School Month in Hawai'i will demonstrate that Hawai'i believes that Farm to School programs are important and that the state supports these activities which improve our keiki's nutrition, support our local agriculture economy and educate our children about locally-grown foods.

Declaring October Farm to School Month will also support the farm to school and school garden movement in Hawai'i and lend as a time in the beginning of the school year to encourage schools, teachers, students and community members to participate. This month can be used to create increased awareness about farm to school and school garden programs and issues and serve to develop new programs and gain new support.

Passing this bill to declare October as Farm to School Month in Hawai'i is an easy way to support the growth of farm to school and school garden programs in Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration to pass HB1662.

Tiana Kamen
Farm to Keiki, Founder and Director

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alex sirois	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 1662.

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