



Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii

Testimony by Alicia Maluafiti
HB 479 – Relating to Enterprise Zones
The House Committee on Agriculture
Monday, February 4, 2013
11:00 a.m., Auditorium

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Position: Oppose

Aloha Chairs Wooley and Tsuji, Vice Chairs Onishi and Ward, and members of the Committees:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, a nonprofit trade association representing Hawaii seed farmers. We oppose HB 479 which would repeal enterprise zone tax incentives for seed farmers in Hawaii. This is just another piece of vindictive legislation that unfairly targets our industry simply because of opposition to genetically engineered crops.

According to the intent of the statute:

“It is declared that the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State are dependent upon the **continual encouragement, development, growth, and expansion of the private sector**, and that there are certain areas in the State that need the particular attention of government to help attract private sector investment. Therefore, it is the purpose of this chapter **to stimulate business, agricultural, and industrial growth in areas that would result in neighborhood revitalization** of those areas by means of regulatory flexibility and tax incentives.

This bill attempts to do exactly the opposite. Seed companies have to complete the application process just like any other agricultural entity. And they have to justify the exemption through diligent reporting requirements such as demonstrating that they have:

1. Increased the average annual **number of full-time employees employed** at the business' establishment or establishments within enterprise zones located within the same county by at least ten per cent by the end of its first tax year of participation, and during each subsequent taxable year at least maintains that higher level of employment; or
2. Increased **gross sales of agricultural crops produced**, or agricultural products processed within enterprise zones located within the same county **by two per cent annually**.

According to the recent Hawaii Ag Statistics Report compiled by the USDA, the seed industry is now a \$250 million industry with almost 2,000 employees. We generate almost \$20 million in taxes for the state of Hawaii. I believe that these economic contributions to the state more than justify our participation in the enterprise zone.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Breene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: AGR and EDBC Committee Hearing 2/4/13 11:00am RE: support for HB479 Aloha Representatives, I am writing to support HB479 to repeal tax incentives for certain enterprise zone incentives for businesses engaged in research, development, sale or production of GMO products. Genetically engineered product companies produce controversial materials of highly questionable ethics regarding health and environmental safety and should not be receiving any tax incentives. Hawaii should be booting out these chemical companies that are poisoning us and the aina. Pass HB479 to disincentivize these business practices and their poison products. Sincerely, Angela Breene angelavideotron@gmail.com, Haleiwa, Hi 96712

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Annie Suite	Individual	Support	No

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B.A. McClintock	Respiratory & Environmental Disabilities Assoc HI	Support	No

Comments: Because we are experiencing contamination of other foods, and because this technology is wreaking havoc on our health and environment, there should be no tax advantages for corporations coming to Hawaii and not protecting us. It is that simple!

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Support	No

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Brendan Balthazar	Hawaii Cattlemens Assn.	Oppose	No

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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thanks to the Committees for the opportunity to submit testimony. With the multiple growing seasons in Hawaii's favorable climate the biotech companies are already taking advantage of, I see no reason why the state should bend over backwards to offer additional incentives to these same companies. If it were for sustainable agricultural contributing to the local food supply, my opinion would be different. Therefore I support HB479.

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Caren Diamond	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strong support for HB 479. It is fiscally responsible to require all business to pay their fair share of the tax burden. Repeal this exemption. As the top agricultural commodity in our state , what benefit is there if there is no tax on their earnings? Please repeal by supporting HB 479. Mahalo, Caren Diamond

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Cheri Lavoie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please Label our foods! I truly believe we have a right to know what we are eating and people should know what they are buying! GMO's may be toxic, no one really knows how bad it can be for us in the future! I think foods should be kept natural. Mahalo

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Christopher Kasak	Occupy Monsanto (OWS~Maui)	Support	No

Comments: End the Corporate Welfare State and GMO tyranny! Right now, GMO corporations are getting tax break incentives for making GMO's. Why should they receive tax relief while poisoning us? This bill repeals tax incentives for certain enterprise zone incentives for businesses engaged in research, development, sale or production of GMO products. Genetically engineered product companies produce controversial materials of highly questionable ethics regarding health and environmental safety and should not be receiving any tax incentives. We do not wish to provide any incentive to this industry as growing public concern over their practices banned in 29 countries elevates. GMO companies should be required to pay full taxes and we encourage them abandon their work in Hawaii altogether.

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christian polzin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is insanity that we as taxpayers are subsidizing the GMO industry. Please support this bill!

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Colleen Carswell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Agriculture and Economic Development & Business Committee Representatives, mahalo for your consideration of my testimony in SUPPORT of HB479. Genetically engineered product companies produce controversial materials of highly questionable ethics regarding health and environmental safety and should not be receiving any tax incentives. I do not wish to provide any incentive to this industry as growing public concern over their practices banned in 29 countries elevates. GMO companies should be required to pay full taxes and I encourage them abandon their work in Hawaii altogether.

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corey gillins	Individual	Oppose	No

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2/2/13 Testimony from: Kauai County Councilmember Gary Hooser

Re: HB479 Agr/Edb; Enterprise Zones; Repeal of incentives

Hearing: Monday February 4, 2013 11:00am Committee on Agriculture

Position: Strong Support –

My name is Gary Hooser, I am an elected member of the Kauai County Council and am speaking today on my own behalf as an individual.

I am testifying today in strong support of HB479 which repeals certain enterprise zone tax incentives for businesses engaged in the research, development, sale or production of genetically engineered products.

While it is unclear to me to what extent the GMO companies are taking advantage of these Enterprise Zone tax credits, it is clear that from a public policy perspective there is no public benefit from offering tax credit incentives to these large multimillion dollar global companies and thus HB479 should be passed and the provision authorizing these tax credit should be repealed.

It is my understanding through my direct experience on Kauai and through the research I have done, that companies engaged in the research, development, sale or production of genetically engineered products are doing a booming business and aggressively expanding their operations wherever they can find suitable agricultural land.

It is also my understanding, from direct conversations with industry representatives, that these companies pay zero GET on the export/sale of their products. While the literature and studies done on the value of the GMO industry in Hawaii claims an annual value of approximately \$250,000,000, I have been told by representatives in the industry that no GET is paid – apparently nothing is sold but merely just transferred intercompany to another branch or unit.

It is also my understanding that even though no actual food is produced for consumption, these industrial farming operations pay the minimum property tax allowed under law via their “agricultural exemptions”.

Compiling the injustice of offering these major multinational corporations tax incentives when they pay very little tax in the first place is the fact that the long term public and environmental impacts and thus long term public costs though largely unknown and quantified, could be significant. Issues dealing with pesticide drift, sediment run-off, soil depletion and long term retention of industrial agricultural chemicals in both ground and near shore waters – have yet to be fully explored.

For these reasons, I strongly urge this committee to unanimously pass out HB479 and repeal this tax incentive that is unnecessary and inappropriate.

Respectfully,

Gary Hooser
Councilmember
Kauai County



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

TESTIMONY ON HB 479
RELATING TO ENTERPRISE ZONES

Auditorium
11:00am

Chair Wooley, Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Ward and Members of the Committees:

I am Dean Okimoto, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,950 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF respectfully requests that you oppose HB 479 related to enterprise zones.

HFBF is concerned that HB 479, if adopted, could discourage economic expansion in the State of Hawaii for companies engaged not only in food and agricultural research and production, but also engaged in biological research, medical research, pharmaceutical research and production, and experimental medicine particularly related to gene therapy. From our perspective, Hawaii needs to be a "science friendly" state to encourage further innovation and advances that will improve both the quality of life and quality of the environment.

We humbly request that you oppose this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

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Edward Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO foods producers should not be allowed tax breaks! They should have to pay taxes like all farmers.

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Elijah Frank	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No tax breaks for an industry that is poisoning our land, water, and people.

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Elisabeth Bluml	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB479. Thank you, Elisabeth Bluml

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Ella Tokunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou, I am writing this letter of support for HB 479 - in favor of repealing tax incentives for businesses that work with genetically engineered farming and products. It is important that the local people of Hawaii have the opportunities to grow local , healthy, sustainable foods. I believe that genetically modified and engineered plants have not produced solid evidence that it is safe for people, animals and the future generations. You can be of great help to bring greater safety for all of us. This bill will also help. Please pass HB 479. My best regards for all the work that you do. Aloha, Ella Kawahine Tokunaga

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Emily M Hoots	Individual	Support	No

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	No

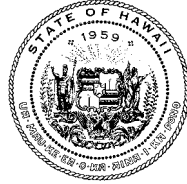
Comments: We should not give the bio-tech industry an enterprise zone tax credit when they engage in agriculture that does not have a market in Hawaii and utilizes so many harmful poisons. I support HB479.

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To: The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

The Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business

Date: Monday, February 4, 2013

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 479, Relating to Taxation

The Department of Taxation ("Department") appreciates the intent of H.B. 479, and offers the following information and comments for your consideration.

The Department defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism regarding the merits of this bill. The Department notes that while this bill would remove "Research, development, sale or production of all types of genetically engineered... products" as an "eligible business activity" under 209E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, businesses engaged in the manufacture of genetically engineered products would possibly still be able to qualify as an eligible business as manufacturers of tangible personal property or, potentially, producers of agricultural products. The Department defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, which administers the State's Enterprise Zones on this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Gladys Konanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai....I support HB479...please pass HB479 mahalo

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Gypsie Lewis	Individual	Support	No

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Harley Rose Edwards	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am a supporter of H.B. 479. I support this bill because, I feel that everyone should be treated equally. I believe that GMO businesses shouldn't be given tax breaks, if other businesses and regular people are required to pay taxes all the time, GMO businesses should be required to pay them too. I hope you pass H.B. 479. Mahalo

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing and supporting HB479. Taxes should be used for the good of the community and no special interest business entities. Please support what is right and pono. Much Aloha, James

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Jay Ogden	AquaponicsOahu.com	Support	No

Comments: We are a local community company which provides assistance and services to Oahu residents and community groups to encourage home-grown-food. We also teach organic principles of growing food. Our organization has synergism with hundreds of local individuals and groups who believe it is time to end tax relief tactics to large, wealthy international companies in our community. As the public entrusts these issues to you, our legislators, we are calling on you to listen now as we speak concerning the need to have all who sell products and services in our state, especially large, international, very profitable businesses like those involved in food manufacturing and distribution, to pay their fair share of local taxes to support our community. These large, international, very wealthy companies do not need to have tax relief from our community as do small, newly formed and innovative type companies. If you wish to continue in this role as our legislators, it would be best for you to listen to us on this issue. Mahalo, Jay Ogden, President, AquaponicsOahu.com

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Jeff Sacher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jennifer Bonifacio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT this bill. These companies' products and their presence do not benefit the state. These GMO companies should pay something that directly benefits the state (even though we don't want them here). If it's tax money, so be it.

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Jerry Konanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou...I support HB479....please pass HB479.

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Julia Steele	Individual	Support	No

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JW Nalda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is outrageous for this multibillion dollar business to recieve tax incentives!

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Kahala Lei Azuma Maui	Individual	Support	No

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Kalani Kalima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou, I am writing in support of HB479. I believe that the agribusinesses should not be getting tax breaks or incentives for planting GMO crops. The research on GE plants and animals are affecting not only the health of the people who consume them but also the communities near these fields and the environment that surrounds these lands. We need your support, you are our only line of protection from these corporations. Please support HB479. Mahalo

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Kally Goschke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I don't want to be supporting tax breaks for GMO companies, the public and environment should not be expected to pay for this profit venture.

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Kanalani Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I'm writing in support of HB479 . I strongly believe that the GMO business shouldn't be getting tax incentives. GMO sickens us and causes unhealthy outcomes, so they shouldn't get tax breaks but rather be removed from the food industry. Protect the people and pass HB479!! Mahalo

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Karen Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These companies are spending money on lobbyists! They really don't need tax incentives.

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Kehaulani Hosaka-Acojido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm supporting HB479. I believe that it is not right for certain businesses to give tax incentives to farmers who grow genetically modified kalo. Please help support HB479. Mahalo

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Keith Kessler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I don't want my tax dollars going to support the poisoning of our planet with Frankenfood. Please pass this measure. Keith Kessler Kihei

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Liam Gray	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Kirbin	Individual	Support	No

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Luan Van Le	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am from the state of Texas and have been learning that the beautiful lands of Hawaii are being poisoned by the biotech/chemical companies. This is unacceptable and I will refuse to travel there along with telling everyone I know to withhold their tourist dollars from Hawaii if your support of land poisoning continues. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Sheehan	Haiku Aina Permaculture Initiative	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, H.A.P.I. is an organic research and training facility on the north shore of Maui. We urge to to vote against this measure which only service a dangerous form of agriculture in Hawaii, the monster of biotech that is taking over our AG lands to conduct questionable and risky experiments. Please vote NO. Mahalo, Mark Sheehan, VP

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marlene gilbert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill, The enviroment here is so fragile i do not support GMOs grown here at all. I am a Hawaii resident. Tobacco has been spliced into the DNA and these chromosomes end up in the pollen the bees consume and tobacco is poisonous to bees

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chairperson Jessica Wooley Committee on Agriculture Monday February 4, 2013 11:00am Capitol Auditorium Position: Strong support Aloha Chairperson Wooley and members of the Committee, I am submitting testimony in strong support of HB479. Mahalo for introducing this vital piece of legislation. Sincerely, Mary Lacques P.O. Box 14 Hale'iwa HI 96712

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Melissa Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Wong	Individual	Support	No

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Monet Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT HB479 GMO companies should get not tax breaks when they put human health at risk

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MSUchida	Individual	Support	No

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Nelson T. Okumura	VIP Foodservice	Oppose	No

Comments: We support the Enterprize Zone Program. This bill is aimed at hindering GMO research and development. Please vote against this bill.

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Nicholas Needle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I find it appalling that biotech seed companies currently receive tax incentives and exemptions. biotech companies are among the wealthiest, most powerful companies in the world. to give them tax exemptions during these hard economic times is an insult and a disservice to tax-paying citizens of the state of hawaii. these companies should be taxed.

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In Support of HB479
Hawaii House of Representatives
AGR/EDB CommitteeMembers

February 4, 2013 11:00 AM

Aloha Honorable Agriculture and Economic Development & Business Committee Members,

On behalf of Babes Against Biotech, a non-profit organization devoted to environmental awareness, we appreciate this opportunity to testify as we voice our support for HB479. We represent over 1,900 members and supporters and we are unanimous in strong support of ending tax breaks that support the research, sale, cultivation and production of genetically engineered organisms in Hawaii.

Why should companies who are introducing genetic toxins into our soil, environment and air, be allowed any tax relief whatsoever? GMO's are banned at some level in at least 29 countries, their makers have been exiled from numerous countries and sued time and again for chemical poisoning alone. The time has come for Hawaii to eject the biotechnology seed industry and abolish the global and political GMO safe-haven that has severely derailed our sustainable future and caused Hawaii to become the foremost site and worldwide ground zero for open air genetic experimentation.

Our organization was formed in response to the dire condition of our legislation and state of our agriculture and local food supply regarding GMO corporations. We advocate for citizen engagement in these issues that are coming about when many are unaware they are even up for consideration. Biotechnology corporations conducting research and production of genetically engineered organisms are, in addition to threatening our fragile ecosystem, literally exposing us to components of war chemicals, spraying it next to schools, and kupuna homes.

Class action lawsuits are starting to address heavily exposed areas and incidentally, already 52,000 sea urchins were found dead off the coast of a GMO farm in Kauai alone. These are not farming companies, these are chemical companies who seek to increase the sale of chemicals and the pestilential expansion and cross-contamination of their patented, literally now viral, genetic alterations on life.

GMO's are the most endangering and invasive species of all, there is no recuperation from GMO's, we may never be able to grow food on GMO farm land again. We do not feel GMO's should even be allowed to farm in the open air in Hawaii as they contaminate conventional crops. This is the most pressing issue in Hawaii today. Over 1,000 citizens marched down Beretania to the Capitol on opening day just January 16th to a roar demanding the end of GMO's and at the very least, labeled toxins and that, should be a strong reflection of the community response to GMO's in Hawaii.

We must address GMO industry impacts on our local economy in addition to the social and environmental costs they are inducing. These companies are chemically farming an export GMO seed industry that receives obscene levels of tax relief and retains little to no benefit or profit for the state or the citizens. We desperately need local, non-toxic farming support, not In addition to performing literally the most open air experimental field trials in the world in Hawaii, they are depleting our natural

resources. Hawaii's climate is ideal for agriculture and they are able to turn 3-4 crops per year as opposed to 1-2 most places in the United States. Few other countries allow GMO companies to perform unlimited open air genetic experiments.

The once rich soil, which they are monocropping compounds similar plantation and chemical farming damages on farm lands. The same nutrients are pulled from the soil over and over, they plant no cover crops and they do not rotate crops. Instead of using cows to fertilize, and chickens to eat the pests, they use chemical fertilizers and pesticides and herbicides which saturate our soil, contaminate groundwater and kill the healthy microorganisms and bacteria that are necessary for plant life. Supporting GMO tax breaks means supporting the potential and founded undesirable expressions of DNA forced into foreign species in laboratories and they are in our strong opinion, completely undeserving of tax breaks.

The companies that produce genetically engineered products are irresponsibly releasing highly controversial new life forms, of highly questionable ethics in regards to health and environmental safety and should not be receiving any tax incentives. We do not wish to provide any support whatsoever to an industry that seems to have no moral compass guiding affairs of public health and ecological responsibility. The companies manufacturing GMO's have been exiled from dozens of countries, and the damages are piling here. As public concern begins to flow and more countries ban or demand labeling, we as a society must also stand up and cease GMO related tax breaks at the absolute, bare minimum.

They should be paying more tax to pay for risk management of their questionable practices. In fact, we propose here and now legislation that they be additionally, heavily, taxed. We want them gone altogether, that is our absolute preference. However if we could induce additional appropriate taxes on them at 75% or some other duly reasonable rate to compensate for the massive agricultural, economical, medical and nutritional rehabilitation that will be required to best amend the damages they have already caused, they would find it no longer favorable to do business here and leave of their own accord. The solely profit-minded chemical industry of genetically altered industrial farming, subjects us as unwilling participants in a toxic science experiment biotech multinational conglomerations already controlling the majority of the world's seed. We need to stop creating favorable conditions for biotechnology and discourage their presence altogether while we still have our resources.

We should be also be supporting HB96 on the condition it includes our proposed amendment to exempt GMO farms from the tax break, which otherwise creates an income tax exemption on income for family farms, family farm communities, and family farm cooperatives. This is the industry we should be giving incentives to, family farmers. The hard working families that are cultivating the land and feeding our people good healthy, non-GMO food.

GMO companies have shown no regard to the environment or public health concerns and should be required to pay full taxes. We and our supporters passionately encourage them to abandon their work in Hawaii altogether. Tax incentives are for people and companies who are doing good things in society and increasing our sustainable growth and GMO corporations are literally the opposite.

Mahalo for considering this testimony in favor of HB479 that would stop tax incentives for any business engaged in the development or distribution of genetically engineered products.

Best Regards,

Nomi Carmona

President

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Orion Quilana - Amina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the House Bill 479 which talks about businesses that are giving taro farmers who grow genetically modified taro, tax incentives. I believe that this is unfair for the other farmers because they're not being treated equally. I think you should pass this bill so that no one gets special treatment for growing genetically modified taro

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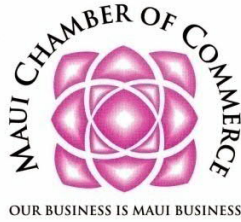
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Pamela Boyar	Individual	Support	Yes

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Testimony to the Agriculture Committee
State Capitol, Auditorium at 9:30am
February 4, 2013

**RE: OPPOSE HB479 TO END ENTERPRIZE ZONE BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES
ENGAGED WITH PRODUCTS CONTAINING GMO**

Dear Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and Committee Members:

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce. I am writing to Oppose HB479 to repeal certain enterprise zone tax incentives for businesses engaged in the research, development, sale or production of genetically-engineered products.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports the Enterprise Zone program as a necessary program to assist businesses in Hawaii and feels this legislation in another unnecessary attack on businesses involved with GMO products.

To target these companies and exclude them from the valuable benefits of the Enterprise zone program in unreasonable and unfair as:

- The FDA has determined that genetically-modified crops do not differ from non-genetically-modified crops and therefore do not need to be labeled as such.
- It is estimated that 70-80% of the products in our grocery stores already contain GMO and that this important fact is not widely understood.
- Labeling already exists for those who have GMO concerns. They can avoid products with GM ingredients by selecting products that have been labeled "certified organic" under the National Organic Program.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you oppose HB479.

We appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony as you consider this important matter. If you have any questions regarding our testimony, please contact us at 808-244-0081.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

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Paul Massey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the passage of this bill because I believe that businesses engaged in the research, development, sale or production of genetically-engineered products should not be encouraged to do business in this state, given the appalling environmental and human health impacts of their business operations on Hawai'i's residents and natural resources.

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penny silva	Individual	Support	No

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Mr Perry Bream	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The tax incentives for GMO food producers have served their purpose and should now be repealed. This is not a fledgling industry requiring special assistance.

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Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an adamant supporter of labeling GMO foods. Please, be smart and make the right choice for the people of Hawaii. You are our protectors. We put our trust in you. SUPPORT LABELING OF GMO foods. Rex Dubiel Grade 3 Teacher Sunset Beach Elementary Vice President, North Shore Outdoor Circle

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Sanoe Whitmarsh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of HB479. I agree that GMO business shouldn't get tax incentives. For many years, GMO companies and products has caused sickness and debts for our people. All the problems that they have created, they shouldn't get special treatment. Everybody are the same and need to be treated the same. I support HB479 strongly. Mahalo

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Seth Raabe	Whispering Winds Bamboo	Support	No

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shalei	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am in support of HB479. I believe that the business's having to with GMO shouldn't get tax breaks because its not fair to other business's. Especially when GMO is ruining our health. So I ask that you really look into this , Take it seriously and pass HB479. Mahalo

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shannon holmes	Individual	Support	No

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Simon Russell
Hui 'O Mālama 'Āina
910-A E. Kuiaha Rd
Haiku, HI 96078

Aloha Honorable Representatives,

I am writing to support HB 479. Almost 40% of Hawaii's agricultural crop production as measured in dollars is Biotech seed exports. Not only are these seeds tax free, they are leaving the state, and we cannot eat them. So thousands of acres and millions of gallons of water are being used so that non-Hawaiian corporations can make hundreds of millions of tax free dollars. Please get them paying their fair share.

Respectfully Submitted,
Simon Russell
Owner and Farmer
Hui 'O Mālama 'Āina

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Susan Law	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB479! No GMO producing company should be receiving any tax breaks! We want the right to chose whether we eat GMO foods, so any tax beaks should be stopped, or at minimum suspended until GMO produces agree to label their products "CONTAINS GMOs". Tax breaks are really tax dollars from us, the People, because tax breaks mean we have to make up the difference for the US budget! Thank you for reading, aloha, Susan Law

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RE: HB479

I support this bill as bio-tech companies should not be given any advantages such as this in growing food which is a risk to human health.

mahalo,

Tami Winston
Photo Resource Hawaii Inc.

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tj simms	Individual	Support	No

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tom woolf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is ridiculous to support something in the open air that should be harbored only in a sealed off enclosure. This is highly experimental and WE are the lab rats!

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Classyc-Styles Wallace-Tavares	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of house bills 479, 483, 484, and 734. House bill 479: I feel that taro farmers should not have to pay taxes because of the products. companies and businesses should not be able to give those taxes. Please pass H.B 479, mahalo.

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William Howes	Individual	Support	No

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