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Anne Chung	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My daughter, age 9, participates as an officer in a 4-H club in Hilo, Hawaii. This gives her an opportunity to practice leadership, communication, and teamwork skills as she participates in activities supported through her 4-H involvement. My daughter, Samantha, has never served as an officer for any organization before and this experience gives her self- confidence and allows her to feel prepared for experiences that may come up for her in the future. Please continue to support the 4-H program so that individuals can continue to develop the characteristics necessary to become productive and effective members of society. Without programs such as 4-H, the burden is put back on the family to support these efforts, and unfortunately, not all families are equipped to give their children these experiences. Thank you.

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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
Thursday, January 31, 2013

by

Maria Gallo, Dean and Director
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

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HB 486 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa STRONGLY SUPPORTS the intent of HB 486 which appropriates funds to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs in Hawai'i.

The 4-H program is a part of our college extension outreach activities and is one of Hawai'i's oldest extension programs. It involves support for 4-H clubs all over the state with currently about 12,000 children participating. Hawai'i 4-H is affiliated with the National 4-H Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. With children ranging from ages of about 5 to 19, 4-H is an important youth education and leadership development program involving hundreds of volunteer adult leaders who are supervised and assisted by CTAHR 4-H extension agents. Funding cuts have forced the reduction in University staff assisting the program, which have reduced the educational opportunities through 4-H to children statewide. Additional funding appropriated through HB 486 would help to restore and expand these educational opportunities.

The Future Farmers of America program is associated with the Hawai'i Department of Education and is run out of selected High Schools around the state. While CTAHR has an interest in the FFA program and has contributed some minor support to FFA, it is primarily run by DOE. CTAHR supports FFA since many High School students interested in agriculture go on to pursue further education in our college.

The current draft of HB 486 indicates that financial support would be provided to FFA and to 4-H, with the resources to go to DOE (section 2) and CTAHR (section 3). We suggest that to better align program responsibilities with resources, it would make sense to delete mention of 4-H in Section 2 and delete FFA from Section 3. Therefore, DOE would receive support for FFA in Section 2 and CTAHR would receive support for 4-H in Section 3.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa supports the bill provided it does not adversely affect our UH priorities as set in our budget request.



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January 31, 2013

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 486
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 312
9:00 AM

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

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 strongly supports HB 486 which appropriates funds to the FFA and 4-H.

Hawaii's 4H and FFA programs are vitally important to the future of agriculture in Hawaii. We can no longer rely upon our public education system for education and training of the next generation of sustainable farmers and ranchers. FFA and 4-H have a long history of fulfilling this goal. The passion and direct interaction of volunteer farmers and ranchers with young people will help grow and perpetuate the ranks of the next generation of farmers and ranchers. These organizations address sustainability on social, economic and environmental levels. The 4-H program has a proven track record of not only exposing and educating young people to positive, hands on experience in agricultural production, but is also a program that instills leadership and life skills in a wide variety of projects.

It is clear that we must strongly support agricultural education for our young people if we are to increase Hawai'i's long-term resilience and sustainability.

Please support HB 486 as a first step towards rebuilding the vitality of the 4-H and FFA programs.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Jill Atwal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support funding for 4-H. It is an excellent program for our youth!

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HB 486: Support for HB 486, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; 4H and FFA Programs

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

My name is Kim Falinski, and I am the faculty advisor for the Collegiate 4-H group at University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am also the Secretary for the West Oahu County Farm Bureau, and a graduate student in CTAHR in the Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences.

I strongly support HB486. 4-H programs are crucial to involving youth in agriculture. Through my involvement with the collegiate group, I have seen the programs that introduce minority youth to the college experience, and help them understand future agricultural career options that are available at UH Manoa.

Support for 4-H is support for agricultural education, a role that is not fulfilled in any other way in our current education system. Agriculture continues to play an important part of the Hawaiian economy, and provides job options. It is important to introduce kids and teenagers to the possibility of an agricultural career.

Lastly, 4-H is a leadership program. The undergraduates I work with are leaders in their communities, and are examples of service at its best. They hope to start 4-H youth clubs of their own someday, and support for this program is crucial in ensuring that this can happen.

Thank you,
Kim Falinski, Collegiate 4-H at UH Manoa

Our club put together the image below when we tried to define "who we are". I think it a great representation of what 4-H can be.



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Margaret R. Byrd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been a 4-H leader for over 16 years in 4 different states and have seen the benefits of youth learning the joys and hardships of and agricultural lifestyle. Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono. Please do what is right for our youth

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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Thursday, January 31, 2013
Room 312
9:00 A.M.

HOUSE BILL NO. 486
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Wooley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 486. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure.

The Department believes in the importance of engaging our youth in agricultural endeavors. With the average age of our farmers at around 60 years old it is imperative that we expose our children to agricultural experiences at a young age in the hopes that they will decide to pursue agriculture as a career. Both the FFA and 4-H programs provide those key experiences that can bring more youth to our agricultural work force. However, resources are needed to fully carry out these programs and the Department would defer to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to determine those resources.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony on this measure.



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Tracey Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony today in favor of continued funding of the University of Hawaii Extension Service's 4-H Program. 4-H not only educates our youth about agriculture and animal husbandry; it also is a proven effective vehicle to train our youth in leadership roles, public speaking skills, and good citizenship. Please continue funding this very comprehensive and still immensely relevant youth program.

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