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**HB486**  
**(FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FUNDING)**  
Friday, February 22, 2013, 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Rm. 308

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (FIN)**  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Dear Representatives:

Please do NOT expend any more of our tax dollars - \$75,000 - to the Future Farmers of America & 4-H groups as the way they are now.

My main reasons for **HB486** are:

- 1) It is **questionable**. We Americans have already been subsidizing these traditional livestock-concentrated “educational” farming groups in huge amounts of Federal & State subsidies nationwide since the Depression era while their farming practices (as taught by these groups) have DEGRADED livestock treatment, human health, the environment, and our food production system as a whole.

*Why continue to give more money to a system that have consistently shown to be more harmful than helpful, in terms of treatments of animals, human health, and the pollution of the environment?*

- 2) What are Future Farmers of America & 4-H groups **teaching differently** now to deserve this \$75,000 fund? It would be much more helpful if they list some **quality changes** to their programs that are more *humane* and *appropriate* for 21<sup>st</sup> century farming rather than just following same old, same old while expecting taxpayers to blindly foot the bill.

Please oppose **HB486!** Mahalo~

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