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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jackie Akuna	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Lisa Asagi	Individual	Support	No

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Carl "Soot" Bredhoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Feed is much higher here in Hawai'i by the time it arrives here from the mainland and we do not have the benefit off obtaining cheap mainland by products. All segments of agriculture can benefit by this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Cannon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose HB 487, HD 2 and proposed SD 1 Please leave public lands for the public; again, NO exemptions, no state agency development, no public/private partnerships to benefit the few at the expense of the many. No tax-exempt public land developed with public monies to benefit conglomerate corporations.

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Elliot L Luke	Individual	Support	No

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Donald Fujitani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ag is Ag and you need to support the initiatives advanced by farmers and ranchers and not just say during campaigns for election or re-election that "we need to feed ourselves and not depend on mainland shipments."

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: oppose corporate subsidies. help small farmers, not those who can afford to survive (especially when they say private business must survive on its own). mahalo.

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Jonelle Torricer-Makiya	Individual	Support	No

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Valerie Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

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Darlene Leong	Ulehawa Farm, Inc.	Support	No

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Barbara Luke	Individual	Support	No

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**House Bill 487, HD2, and Proposed SD1**  
**RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION by MS Matson

Part I of House Bill 487 subsidizes “qualified feed developers” with public grant monies not to exceed 10% profit. Such “qualified feed developers” are undefined, as is their production methodology and safety.

Legislation in the public interest of Hawaii’s people and their protection should place conscientious and dedicated local grain farmers over national conglomerates, which consume vast acreages of Hawaii’s fertile land for experimental genetically-engineered crops covered with undisclosed toxins for increased production volume at the direct and indirect expense of and threat to the public health. Genetically-engineered crops as well as the use of toxic chemicals on feed crops should be prohibited via House Bill 487. The productive food chain demands this in the public interest for animal through human consumption levels and the overall public health. (Note Section 155 D: (3) The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers, agents, and employees from all claims arising out of or resulting from the feed sold.)

Part II of House Bill 487, proposed SD1, is yet another dangerous, open-ended pursuit to transparently slip the PLDC nose under the agricultural tent. The proposed SD1 mirrors SB 753 to allow the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to “dispose” of, by lease to the existing Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), any state-owned agricultural *public* land not declared to be an agricultural park.

*As with the PLDC*, under the HRS 171-2 definition, agricultural land under ADC's control is no longer *public* land:

“ ‘Public lands’ means all lands or interest therein in the State...except:  
(10) ‘lands that are set aside by the governor to the agribusiness development corporation; lands leased to the agribusiness development corporation by any department or agency of the State...’”

*As with the PLDC*, land under ADC control is also “exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules of any governmental agency relating to planning, zoning, construction standards, development and improvement of land, and the construction of buildings...” (HRS 166E-10. Non-agricultural park land development). This measure additionally exempts non-agricultural park lands “disposed of” to the ADC from established qualifications in accordance with HRS 166E-8(b)(2) and (5).

*Clearly, as with the PLDC*, the proposed SD1 serves to endorse state-agency/state-development-corporation and public/private partnerships, as well as development project/public facilities districts and assessments, etc., etc.

While this proposal provides that the ADC cannot sell non-ag park lands leased from the HDOA; and the existing statute stipulates that all non-ag park land and facilities “disposed of” to the ADC must be for agricultural and aquacultural purposes, and that these must comply with state and fed environmental quality control only, the proposed SD1, *as with the PLDC*, this measure appears to further endorse private interests benefiting from tax-exempt free *public* land developed with public money for wholly-exempted globalized big ag to exploit Hawaii’s fragile and finite Islands for national and international markets at the high cost and high risk of Hawaii’s own sustainability for Hawaii’s own people.

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Dean Michioka	Individual	Support	Yes

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Jason Moniz	KK Ranch	Support	No

Comments: Although my ranch will not benefit from this program I strongly support this Bill and the assistance it provides to other livestock and aquaculture farmers.

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Alicia Morrier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Annette Niles	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I've been told that the feed susidy money has been very helpful to our farm. Our management is taking steps to improve our financial position so that it won't be as necessary in the future.

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Phyllis Shimabukuro	Mikilua Poultry Farm Inc	Support	No

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Wayne Shimokawa	Individual	Support	No

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Glenn Shinsato	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a pork producer I support extending subsidy to the other protein producers. However, I have reservations about granting feed developers any benefit unless the resulting feed is financially and nutritionally beneficial to the majority of the protein producers.

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Jason Shitanishi	Individual	Support	No

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Kahana Stone	Individual	Support	No

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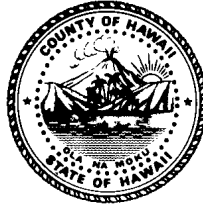
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Comments: "...exempt from all statutes, ordinances..." OPPOSE

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### Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 487 Relating to Agriculture

My name is Margaret Wille, Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Committee on Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability testifying in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB 487 Relating to Agriculture. I ask for your opposition as well.

Part I of House Bill 487 subsidizes "qualified feed developers" with public grant monies. Such "qualified feed developers" are undefined, as is their production methodology and safety. In my opinion it is in the best public interest of Hawai'i's people to use Non GMO grain farmers and not large national and international conglomerates that likely use GMO products.

I also **strongly oppose** Part II of House Bill 487 as yet another attempt to slip a PLDC type arrangement under an agricultural guise. The proposal allows the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to "dispose" of state controlled property by way of long term leases to the existing Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), any state-owned agricultural public land not declared to be an agricultural park. As with the PLDC, land under ADC control is also "exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules of any governmental agency relating to planning, zoning, construction standards, development and improvement of land, and the construction of buildings..."

This legislation is intolerable and those supporting it will be held accountable by the many residents who oppose this type of ill-conceived so called "public-private partnership" legislation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

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