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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Carmen Stevens	Individual	Support	No

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Cherub Silverstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing to you as concerned citizen of Hawaii, a farmer, an educator and a consumer. As a farmer who distributes products throughout the islands I know first hand what comes in and goes out at the docks every day. I am often scared when I see how much is shipped in and I know that this can change. Everybody needs access to food and I believe we all need to be intentional in the planning process to make sure that is a reality, even when the ships no longer deliver food from afar. Mahalo nui, Cherub Silverstein

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David Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

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January 31, 2013

Testimony in Support of House Bill 502

Aloha Chairperson Jessica Wooley and Vice Chair Richard H.K. Onishi and members of
the House Agricultural Committee,

My name is Mrs. Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Subcommittee Chair of Food and Farm
Sustainability of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Executive
Board member at Large and a Native Hawaiian citizen advocate.

I am here to testify in strong support of House Bill 502 – Relating to Food Self
Sufficiency. The ECDPH and the DPH support the need for food self sufficiency as
reflected in our current 2012 DPH State convention resolutions and ECDPH past
testimony requesting the support for assistance to the Department of Agriculture in the
monitoring of local food production.

House Bill 502 will support food farms who are dedicated to addressing food self
sufficiency for all the people of Hawaii. The passing of this bill will build the integral
foundations for Food sustainability and the current community plans by many community
organizations focused on food sustainability. Hawaii needs to be able to find our food
farm resources ready and willing to feed the people of Hawaii, reduce the import of out
of state and out of country foods that could be easily grown here in our own state which
then keeps our local economy thriving via more local jobs and other local green career
oriented businesses dedicated to true food security. We would like to request that a
amendment to this bill include statistics of local farm gate pricing in an effort to assist
local farmers and consumers with a better understanding of operation costs that impact
food self sufficiency and FDA requirements for Food Safety.

HB502, will be a strong focus of the ECDPH and our endeavor to support the
Department of Agriculture in their pursuit to provide the people of Hawaii with a means
to protect and preserve Hawaii's food farms and agricultural related industry and
maintain and monitor local production for food self sufficiency throughout the State of
Hawaii .

Please support this bill and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Marta greenleaf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Local food production is so needed on this island. Please pass this measure to help increase what we grow locally!

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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. 502
RELATING TO FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Chairperson Wooley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 502. The purpose of this measure is to create positions within the department to monitor local food production and to require the issuance of an RFP for the establishment of a food sufficiency baseline. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure but feels it may be unnecessary as the Department has already been pursuing efforts in this regard.

The Department understands the importance of moving towards greater food self-sufficiency. The recent "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy" published by the Office of Planning in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture further highlights the State's desire for food self-sufficiency. As such, the Department has secured a grant from Ulupono Initiative to create food security baseline metrics and is already in the process of issuing an RFP to fulfill those grant requirements.

Furthermore, the Department is requesting an increase in revenues generated by the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax through HB857/SB1088



to go to the Department's Agricultural Development and Food Security special fund. One of the initiatives to be funded through this increase is a position and data collection resources for the Marketing Analysis and News Branch. Prior to the reduction-in-force in 2009, this branch collected and collated vital agricultural commodity data and restoring this branch is essential to monitoring local food production.

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