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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Napua Hueu	Aloha Revolution	Support	Yes

Comments: We strongly urge you to amend HB735 and remove lines 8-19 and BAN ALL VARIETIES OF GMO TARO. This is critical to the fate of our health, community, island and state.

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Rebecca Miller	Individual	Support	No

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**REPS. HANOHANO, HANOHANO, ONISHI  
AGRICULTURE: RELATED TO TARO  
HEARING HB 735 AGR THURSDAY 2/7/13 9:00 AM  
TESTIMONY FOR NOT ONLY INSISTING ON SPECIES  
PROTECTION FROM, GMO BUT STOPPING GMO GENERALLY.**

My name is Ron Carlson. I have practiced dental surgery in Honolulu since 1970.

Unexamined "human wisdom" would have us believe that "we most always know what is best for nature and ourselves through our modern science." You and I know that this is not so, but Corporate America and its State Universities, who wish to "sell" their concepts and products, keep on suggesting and insisting that they have the answers to our problems.

**But, they don't!**

Endlessly, and sadly, we have seen the *ill results* of man's folly, man's wisdom manipulating our environment. A few examples, if you will, of "the science of man" that is directed by Directive Heads:

- 1) Heptachlor in the 70's was a huge issue. The experts ensured us, that there would be no problems relating to its use on cane and pine, but it got into the milk of our cows, to the children, and we had an emergency on our hands, did we not? It got into our wells too, and to my knowledge is still present.
- 2) Remember the mongoose? Classically tragic, if not hilarious in a sense. Brought here to quell the rodent population, they were like ships passing in the night, for one operated by day the other by night.
- 3) In global concern and consideration, we now have GMO corn that is programmed for self protection from certain pests, a genetically manipulated "internal insecticide," but so injures the Monarch Butterfly that it can no longer reproduce, and is having a devastating impact on pollination of crops. A real catastrophe that is unreported.
- 4) The most recent 2 year study from Europe on the ill effects of long term use of GMO feed that showed: It cannot be scientifically denied by Monsanto et al: in a two-year surrogate animal study for humans, showing that Roundup-tolerant GM-Corn has devastating health impacts on female rats by hastening their deaths 2 to 3 times faster; that they developed mammary tumors more often than control rats; that the pituitary was the 2nd most disabled organ; that liver congestion and death were 5.5 times higher; that marked & sever kidney failure was 2.3 times greater; that males had 4 times the tumors of controls; that there were very significant chronic kidney defects; that for both sexes 76% of defective events were kidney related; and, that the endocrine metabolic defects of rats were related to the transgene (genetic material shot into the corn) in the GMO, and the Roundup itself. It takes genius to deny the potential ill effects on human health as a result of these studies; and, I am confident the "Big Monte" will respond well in this regard. GMO is not about food. The real question is about our individual-collective health and our precious environment.

These are but a scant view of the thousands upon thousands of Follies.

My purpose in my testimony is to simply point out and recall to our memory man's Follies. This evidence and other testimonial evidence should be sufficient for the passage of this protective measure, keeping our water, land, and food safe; for, are they not all interconnected and interwoven?

But my testimony is not about GMO Taro Security only.

It is, however, about using the fundamental principle of the "General Welfare" as a guide Light for all legislation.

**If, for one instance, you ethically and morally could chance injury to one human being by going along with "chemicallization" of water, or land, or food, then you have "not" upheld your oath to "Preserve and Protect the General Welfare of the People."**

GENERAL WELFARE is not a statistic! If 2% of the island population of Hawaii (about 30,000 people) are allergic to fluorine, or some other food modified by genetics—FRANKENFOODS—(A GMO FOOD) and you wrest from the people the ability to choose and further encumber that "non-choice," the oath you took is for naught. One of the 30,000 people, a fellow human being may die, or, experience life long disability due to a vote yea or nay on this issue.

Now, **General Welfare** as expressed in The People's Constitution does not mean a political party's general welfare, nor the government's, nor a racial group's, nor a gender's, nor children's alone, nor the welfare of any special group's alone. But what it does mean is the **GENERAL WELFARE OF EVERYBODY, THAT IS ALL THE PEOPLE (HOPEFULLY ENVIRONMENT TOO), BAR NONE!!!**

I urge you to vote for a bill that will insist on labeling and prevent any entity, human or otherwise, from putting any structural substance in our water, food chain, environment that may alter the human being or the Biosphere.

**PLEASE, PULL FOR PROTECTION OF TARO ON THIS ISSUE.**

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AND FOR YOUR LISTENING.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
V. Ka'iulani Pahi'o	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There should be a total GMO ban on all varieties of kalo, hawaiian and non-hawaiian. Mahalo for your support!

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Willynn Ozoa	Individual	Support	No

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Faith Chase	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Amend to remove lines 8-19 and BAN ALL VARIETIES OF GMO TARO

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Katherine Elias	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No NO N00000000 to GMO anything This pono'OLE practice must stop HERE. We have and are currently researching & developing intelligent methods of pest & disease control that support and sustain Life . . .that will preserve our health, our culture and our aina. Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono

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Ann Eu	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Kawika Deluze	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am a kalo farmer...have grown taro my whole life.... we do not support this bill because it is greatly flawed... we will not have ANY gmo taro...hawaiian or non hawaiian...if u guys are for taro security. then u would and should know better...taro has flowers and polinates all we need is for a non hawaiian gmo taro to polinate our Hawaiian taro and thats it....ruined.... everything lost....taro is the most hypoallergenic food... why ruin it with gmo...who saidvwe need gmo...who asked us..the farmers? No one wants it and we dont need it... there are many Hawaiian varieties. .. drought tolerant. ...those forvhigh elevations. ... those. That can endure warm waters....cold waters..... marshybwaters..salt tollerent....why we need gmo again? Get it out of here...mahalo..n do wats pono..u will all be judged one day.

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Carl York	Individual	Support	No

Comments: stop all GMO testing in Hawaii ,risk to our future is to great to take foolish chances for greedy profit

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Kia Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs, Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill as written. Our ancestors did not genetically modify our kalo, they did work to improve the quality of the varieties. Allowing taro to be genetically altered in a private facility may cause contamination. Pollen from GMO foods can airborne and attach itself to clothing of GMO farmers and infect other areas. History records, GMO products may be more detrimental to us than to actually help us provide abundance. My grandmother Charlotte Werner Kia, grew kalo on our ancestral lands in Wainiha, Kauai. I know she would be disappointed if I did not speak up to honor the quality and purity of Hawaiian taro she grew. I OPPOSE ALL GMO/GE FOODS, and OPPOSE ALL BILLS THAT SUPPORT THE USE OF GMO/GE. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Crystal Kia Paul Denton Texas

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Gregory Paul	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: With countries in Europe banning the import of GMO crops from the US... seems foolish to head down a road with a crop that would cross pollinate and contaminate the existing genome especially since we already know there are health concerns.

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James Macey	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I have to oppose this bill unless it is amended to ban ALL GMO taro.

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**February 7, 2013**

### **Testimony in Support of House Bill 735**

**Aloha mai kakou Chairpersons Rep. Jessica Wooley, Rep. Faye Hanohano and Vice Chairs Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Rep. Ty Cullen and members of the House Agricultural and Ocean Marine and Hawaiian Affairs Committees,**

**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 HB 735 – Relating to Prohibition of GMO Taro. The ECDPH and the DPH support the need for GMO food labeling 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 GMO local food production and whole food labelling. The tens of thousands of Hawaii Democrats recognize the need to maintain true food security and safety.**

**We must protect and preserve the cultural integrity of kalo as part of the heritage of the Hawaiian people, the genetic biodiversity and integrity of Hawaiian taro varieties as part of the sacred trust between the State and the indigenous peoples of Hawaii and the threatened economic and environmental impacts to Hawaii taro farmers' raw taro, poi, luau, and value-added markets.**

**Hawaii's State and County government have adopted bills and many resolutions requesting the banning of GMO Kalo and food crops here on our aina. The people of Hawaii acknowledge GMO's harm Hawaiian agriculture. We are only hurting ourselves and the long term viability of valuable agricultural crops by not supporting this greatly needed legislation.**

**The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports HB 735.**

**Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.**

**Mrs. Juanita Brown Kawamoto  
Subcommittee Chair  
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii**

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Kate Paine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Genetically engineered" has to be taken out of the political process because of proven inability to represent constituents, due to accepting common, proven pressure from large corporations—lobbying and donations to campaign chests. This largely bad science, pushed from a profit motive rather than from best-for-people/future, needs to be better scrutinized than from politicians who are not well informed. Even good science people warn, "Do not tamper with Mother Nature."

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Kihei Nahale-a	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill does not effectively protect kalo (indigenous Hawaiian taro) or the 'āina mahi'ai (indigenous Hawaiian farm lands) and if passed would allow for non-Hawai'i taro to become invasive within Hawai'i bussiness and 'ohana farms. I do not support this bill.

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Lana Ululani Robbins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE HB 735. HB 735 is hegemony against Haloa and represents willful aggression against Haloa and should be struck down before it destroys Haloa. On page 6 of 8 it clearly states Genetically engineered Hawaiian taro; prohibited. No genetically engineered Hawaiian taro shall be developed, tested, propagated, released, imported, planted, or grown in the State of Hawaii. Genetically engineered non-Hawaiian taro; certain prohibitions. (a) No non-Hawaiian taro shall be genetically engineered outside an enclosed laboratory. No genetic engineering of non-Hawaiian taro shall be allowed inside an enclosed laboratory, unless entry into the enclosed laboratory is prohibited to the general public." In other words HAWAIIAN taro will not be altered BUT non-Hawaiian taro will be altered and when it is HAWAIIAN taro can cross-pollinate with Frankenfood Taro thus destroy Haloa. I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE this AGGRESSION against HALOA. Vote NO on HB 735. It is disrespectful to HAWAIIANS and to HALOA. Mahalo.

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Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this Bill.

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Michael Broady Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Michael Broady Jr., in support of HB 735. Haloa. The Eternal breath of life. As the Hawaiian Taro plant is replanted, it carries forth the genes of the eldest brother of the Kanaka Maoli. To tinker with these genes is hewa, and an unforgivable act of desecration. All GMO taro must be banned to prevent cross pollination of genetic experiments with this sacred ancestor.

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Michelle Tomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I grow Taro for personal consumption. I get my Taro from friends, co-workers, Nurseries in and around the Kona area. I want to trust that the Taro I grown and eat is safe to eat. Please do not allow ANY genetically altered Taro in the state of Hawaii. Keep my food source safe.

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