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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii should not be the proving grounds for agbusinesses which, I believe, do not have Hawaii's best interest in their plans, which most likely include large scale development of GMO crops. Hawaii need sustainable agricult for local farmers and collectives (organized farm groups liken to granges).

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Courtney Bruch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Deborah Imonti	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JAMES ROBELLO	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. It will help livestock producers.

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: more of the same...corporate benefits at the behest of public benefit.

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Julia Horn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Dassis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I DO NOT want our state to make an appropriation for the agribusiness development corporation to purchase agricultural land. I only support family farms.

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Lisa Andrews	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Leaves unspecified the agribusiness development corporation's limit on investments in qualified securities of any one enterprise. Makes an appropriation for the agribusiness development corporation to purchase agricultural land. Lots of wiggle room for abuse.

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Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, March 25, 2013
Conference Room 221
9:10 a.m.



HOUSE BILL 747, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Comments in OPPOSITION by MS Matson

HB 747, HD1, SD1 provides for unspecified sums of public money to be expended by the state to purchase four (4) unspecified agricultural properties. HB 747, HD1, SD1 as publicly posted is an incomplete measure, is absent transparency, and precludes informed public testimony.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture states in their peripheral SD1 committee report that “funding appropriated to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, pursuant to part III of the proposed S.D. 1 (now part II) would assist the Agribusiness Development Corporation in acquiring lands recently placed for sale by Dole Food Company, Inc., to ensure that these lands are maintained for agricultural activities in perpetuity.” If this is the specific purpose of the purchase proposed by HB 747, it should be so stated within HB 747 in the public interest.

Further, this measure requesting expenditure of public funds on lands slated for ADC control should be HELD, as written, for two additional reasons:

- 1) According to HRS 171.2, ADC lands purchased with public monies by the state would be restricted from being defined as public lands:

“ ‘Public lands’ means all lands or interest therein in the State classed as government or crown lands... *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; or lands to which the agribusiness development corporation in its corporate capacity holds title”

- 2) According to HRS 166E-10, land under ADC control is curiously *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...”

Unless and until the public is informed by this measure in a timely manner of the true tax map keys intended to be affected by HB 747 in order to provide informed public testimony; and unless and until the above statutory sections specific to the ADC are repealed in the public interest “to ensure that these lands are maintained for

agricultural activities in perpetuity”, the Legislature in its infinite wisdom should drop this pursuit.

Further, HB 747 is open-ended and absent protection of public funds when additional investments are “required to protect the initial investment.” It is unclear how unspecified public monies will be invested protectively in the public interest and not placed at risk.

Finally, it is undefined how such agricultural lands purchased with public money will be protected and managed for appropriate and safe agricultural purposes and uses to benefit and sustain the health and welfare of the people of Hawaii. Transparency and accountability to the public interest is critically absent in this measure.

*If these issues cannot be resolved in the public interest,
the Legislature in its infinite wisdom should HOLD this bill.*

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

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sherrian witt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sidnie Zari	Individual	Oppose	No

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Toni Withington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vote No. Keep government out of the business of agriculture.

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