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I respectfully submit this testimony in support of GMO label bill, HB 174. I believe it is in the best interests of everyone in Hawaii to become knowledgeable about genetically modified organisms and GM agriculture. Labeling of GMO products is critical to increasing the awareness that these technologies are being used on food available for human consumption. When people know, they can choose. Everyone should have a right to know what is contained in and being used to produce the food sold in our stores and our local markets. Ingredient labeling is required for sound reasons. Most foods being sold already must have ingredient labels, and when altered genes from other plants or animals are inserted into a vegetable, fruit, grain, etc. that is most definitely an ingredient, and we have a right to know before we feed that to our children.

GM foods have been banned by governments in many countries throughout the world, because those government leaders recognize that GM poses enough risks to the health of our children and that the health risks of GM agriculture as a whole (including the long lasting damage it does to our land and water) do not warrant supporting this industry.

As government leaders in Hawaii, please educate yourselves on this issue by understanding why like minded governments worldwide have taken these actions to protect their citizens. Take the first step by at least requiring labeling through HB 174, and protect your constituents' fundamental right to choose.

Mahalo,

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Bill Davis	Individual	Support	No

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karen anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill. It adds an important and currently unavailable service to the state of Hawaii as it manages its shipping based economy and prepares for potential oil damage. It is also a way to ensure the continuation of important native wildlife even in the face of the risks involved with having such high shipping traffic in our ports. I urge you to pass this bill.

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Juan Carlos Guerra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee on Finance: I would like to express my support for HB988 HD1. Hawaii is a very special place due to many reasons: it's cultural and historical roots, it's unique geography and climate, its ecosystems and its native flora/fauna among many others. I am a 4th year veterinary student at Cornell University. I've had the opportunity to visit Hawaii on a couple of occasions and have volunteered at the Hawaii Wildlife Center. While I was there I developed a greater appreciation for the rich native biodiversity present on the islands. It's important for us to work towards protecting Hawaii's native wildlife so that future generations may enjoy the wonder that Hawaii is for me today. This bill is great way to help achieve this goal, especially in protecting our native species from oil and fuel related disasters. I remember that during our first lecture in undergraduate biology the professor played us a beautiful birdsong. He told us the recording was made in 1987 and was that of Kaua'i 'O'o singing to it's mate and waiting for a response, his call was never answered. If we work together we may be able to prevent unfortunate stories like this from happening once more. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Juan Carlos Guerra DVM Candidate Class of 2013 Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Ithaca, NY

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Carol Davies	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the only Wildlife rehabilitation center on the islands. We must be prepared to care for Hawaii's 15 million seabirds, shorebirds, and water birds in the advent of an oil spill or other wildlife related disaster. You never know when this will happen!

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