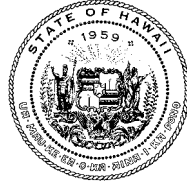


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To: The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

The Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business

Date: Monday, February 4, 2013

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 98, Relating to Exports

The Department of Taxation (Department) offers the following information and comments on H.B. 98 for your consideration.

The Department notes the amendments proposed in the measure will require some time to implement administratively. Additionally, the current effective date in the measure would effectively impose the change to taxpayers in the middle of a taxable year. For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests that the effective date for this measure be changed to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Catlemen's Council	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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**Testimony to the House Committees on Agriculture and Economic
Development and Business
Monday, February 4, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.
State Capitol – Auditorium**

RE: HB 98 Relating to Exports

Chairs Wooley and Tsuji, Vice Chairs Onishi and Ward, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii **opposes** HB 98 Relating to Exports.

We believe that this is an unfair target of a specific industry. This tax exemption was designed to attract investment into the state and to stimulate the economy and create jobs. Many of these businesses have done so very successfully. To remove exemption for this industry is unfair. We should be doing things to encourage these good paying research jobs into Hawaii which helps diversify our economy.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the “Voice of Business” in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state’s economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Dinner	Individual	Support	No

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James Macey	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: HB 98 - I strongly support the removal of GMO seed from general excise tax exemption. If these companies are going to come here and poison our land and water and then ship their seeds out of Hawaii for profit while we have no food security they BETTER be paying their fair share if not MORE of the general excises tax.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My husband and I are small, organic farmers on Maui. The dangers of genetically modified food is just coming to light. It is so important to remove GMO seed from the general excise tax exemption. We must promote using organic, non genetically modified seed in Hawaii and STOP supporting genetically engineered/modified seed. Please support HB 98. Mahalo, Martha Lind Makawao, HI

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Melissa L Yee	Individual		No

Comments: I strongly support this bill and thank the introducers of this bill for perceiving the lie which has been perpetrated on the people of Hawaii that we need to grow seed corn for export for the profit of chemical companies. For more than 20 years these GMO companies have wooed our politicians and blinded them to their exploitation of our farmlands, human resources, water supplies and environmental uniqueness. The lobbyists who earned large sums of money to silence opposition to their agenda are beginning to see that their tactics are no longer working. We must grow our own food and we must prepare for future crises and lack of water and oil. Hawaii has the capability to restore its lands so that we can provide for our people again, not with demeaning jobs of serving the rich and perpetrating the military industrial complex, but by becoming self sufficient and in harmony with the land to which we give and it gives back. Please pass this bill, and let it serve as a guideline for the future of Hawaii in its restoration of food sovereignty. Aloha, Sincerely, Dr Melissa L Yee 292-1179

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Merle Hayward	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support HB98 in order for the state to be compensated for the use of the `aina. The production of research seeds are done year round with only synthetic fertilizers and toxic agriculture chemicals pumped into the field and crops. As a result of this kind of unscientific growing methods, the soil is being stripped, and like the research fields on Molokai, will soon become a toxic dustbowl. Tax revenue can be used to recover such abused land.

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Michael Broady Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Michael Broady Jr., I have lived on O'ahu for my entire life of 24 years. I am currently a student at Leeward Community College, and a small organic farmer practicing biodiverse permaculture on limited land. I support HB 98. If our goal is to grow more food locally rather than importing it, it is probably a good idea to give tax exemptions to local food producers, rather than giving tax exemptions to corporations who take up tens of thousands of acres of agriculture land for the production of patented seed. Removing all seed from the tax exemption may also have the latent function of encouraging small farmers to share seeds rather than saving them, thereby building community, increasing communication, and increasing biodiversity as different plant varieties are freely exchanged.

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Paul Carter	Individual	Support	No

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Philip Oje	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL! The Companies shipping out GM Seeds need to pay GE Tax! Thank you.

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Robert Petricci	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Feb 4, 2013 11:00 AM RE:HB98 Strong Support Aloha Chairwoman Wooley I support HB98, as a small organic farmer that has to pay my share, why are the corporate farms given all the advantages when they take their profits out of state. I spend my money here. I support HB98. How much do members of the boards of these corporations make? Why don't they pay their fair share. Please pass HB98 Robert Petricci

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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Stan Walerczyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO seeds should not receive any tax exemption

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