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SB 482, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health
February 25, 2013
1:00pm

- 1 **Department's Position:** The department supports this bill with suggestions.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill has no significant fiscal implications for the department.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill will allow the sale of home-produced honey directly to the
4 consumer as well as wholesaling the product to other licensed food establishments and amends
5 HRS §328-79 **Home-based agricultural producer of honey; exemption.** The department would
6 support this bill with the following changes: §328-79 (3) (E) should be amended to: **“This product is**
7 **home-produced and processed and has not been inspected by the Department of Health.”;**
8 **(F) The producer must attend a Department of Health approved food safety workshop and**
9 **pass the food safety certification exam; and**
10 **(G) The producer must keep honey production volume, and honey product distribution**
11 **records for a period of not less than two years, and must be made available to the**
12 **department.**

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Senate Committee on Health

Monday, February 25, 2013, 1:00 PM
Conference Room 229

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker,

Vincent Mina
President
Maui

While on it's face SB 482 is the best intentioned bill, HFUU must give it's opinion that the honey producers of Hawaii will be severely impacted in a negative way economically from this new deregulation of their industry. Moving the amount of honey able to be sold in an uncertified manner an order of magnitude from 600 lbs. to 6000 lbs will only invite adulterated honey into the marketplace. As the value of "Hawaiian" honey is so much greater than imports, who is going to monitor the quality and place of origin of the product?

Simon Russell
Vice President
Maui

HFUU asks for an amendment to Section 2 part E from:

(E) The statement, "This product is home-produced and processed." in clear and conspicuous print."

(E) The statement, "This product is 100% Hawaiian produced and processed." in clear and conspicuous print."

David Case
Secretary
Kona

HFUU reminds the honorable legislators that our premium products are more valuable in the open market than their imported counterparts, and that is because people expect that when they purchase products grown in Hawaii, that is what they are getting, not some percentage thereof. People also want assurance they are supporting local farmers, not people in China, or the mainland.

Ray Maki
Treasurer
Kauai

Sadly, the truth in labeling bills: HB 213 and SB 558 died in committee this session, but we encourage you to ask your colleagues to move those bills forward in the next session as brand Hawaii's reputation is at stake here, and food fraud is not what our products need to become known for.

We respectfully ask you to amend SB 482 to prevent the adulteration of our pure Hawaiian produced honey supply.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Mina

President HFUU

Moriah Smith
Oahu

The Hawaii Farmery Union advocates for the sovereign right of farmers to create and sustain vibrant and prosperous agricultural communities for the benefit of all Hawaii through cooperation, education and legislation.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL 482

SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND COMMERCE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

Monday, February 25, 2013
TIME: 1:00pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Honorable Senators,

I am a home based honey producer on Hawaii Island. I want to thank you and the Department of Agriculture for resubmitting this legislation in a more acceptable format than what was considered during the past legislative session. The new labeling language is consistent with what most home based beekeepers are currently using and the increase in the amount we can sell will help us continue to expand our businesses as we recover from the losses we experienced just over one year ago.

Keeping beekeepers in business is the only way to keep honey bees in our state.

Thank you for your support. Please pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helen Nielsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. I understand how several honey producers wish to protect their market, however, especially on the neighbor islands, there is a real demand for local honey that can be satisfied by local beekeepers on those islands. This bill encourages the local food production and food sustainability we all wish for in the islands. Thank you for your support, and please visit our bees if you are ever in east Maui! You can see for yourself we are responsible and caring beekeepers and are fortunate to have happy and healthy bees.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james		Support	No

Comments: aloha members of the committee, mahalo for considering this testimony in favor sb 482. beekeepers need this type of legislative action to support them in their endeavor of raising bees for honey. the kaua'i beekeepers association is in favor of SB482 as this will allow beekeepers to provide their product at a reasonable price. any support for beekeepers is greatly appreciated and sb 482 supports apiarists by reducing the burden of securing an often expensive certified kitchen to process a raw product from the hive. processing honey does not require the same sanitary standards as baking, butchering or canning. sb 482 as written is a boost to an important commercial activity such as beekeeping. mahalo for considering this testimony in support of SB 482. i urge you to pass this forward and hope that your committee will continue to support our bees and our beekeepers. with respect and aloha, james g trujillo chair, KBEE-Kaua'i Beekeepers Association

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Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Langley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose exemption from required Department of Health certification.

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Linda Nelson	Individual	Support	No

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Mary D Wagner	Individual	Support	No

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Pamela Kantarova	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Less bureaucracy would be a positive thing for our beekeepers. They are providing us with a valuable product. The price of honey has already gone up due to drought. We like to use raw Maui honey every day and appreciate its localness.

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Paul Takehiro

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Hilo, HI. 96720

As a new small beekeeper in Hilo I am writing in support of SB 482. I believe that this bill will help the beekeepers that are in the category covered in this bill and understand that it will require specific labeling. I think that it will encourage more people to keep bees and in doing so increase pollination of many crops. The passage of this bill will have positive outcomes for the beekeeping industry as well as indirectly enhancing crop production through increased pollination.

Thank you,

Paul Takehiro

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Robin Knox	Individual	Support	No

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