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Re: Testimony in strong support of SB681, SD1 Relating to Food Security

Aloha Chair Ige and the Committee,

The value of SB681 SD1 is certainly NOT limited the occurrence of a doomsday scenario where ships stop coming, but that scenario is one that must set the baseline for determining our food dependence.

When I first heard about this bill I was suspicious about various aspects of it. The language of SD1 has cleared those doubts. Where I was previously suspicious of the exclusivity of the named participants, I am now happy to see a very modern and inclusionary list.

The bill will answer a question often asked and never definitively answered: What is the magnitude and defining characteristics of Hawaii's food dependency? This information itself would be valuable to so many parties who have a responsibility to the people of the State, their county, or precinct.

The companion question: What can we do about it? will bring forth much creative and innovative thinking. It will allow for a survey of new and old technologies and methods for producing food.

The participants are diverse, and the benefits very broadly distributed among our people.

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Comments: Thank you for holding a hearing for this bill. I am support of of this bill now that it includes organic agriculture and permaculture. I would appreciate if biotech is not included in providing "food" in case of an emergency. The people of Hawaii deserve food that is safe and not laden with chemicals and I oppose any measure that could possibly give more power to Monsanto and other chemical companies. We need real food and services by conscientious local providers. Mahalo

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