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**TESTIMONY OF
KAUA'I MAYOR BERNARD P. CARVALHO, JR.**

**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013**

March 15, 2013
2:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SB 727 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**TO THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in opposition of SB 727, Relating to Economic Development.

The Bill significantly reduces the authority of the counties under Section 46-1.5 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, by removing the right of the counties to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health and life and prohibiting the enactment of ordinances which conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

As Mayor I am very concerned about ensuring and preserving the health and safety of our citizens of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau and the removal of this power granted to the counties would have a detrimental effect.

For those reasons, I oppose SB 727, and respectfully request that the Bill be filed.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

BERNARD P. CARVALHO, JR.
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

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March 13, 2013

TO: Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member, East Maui

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Carroll". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title.

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2013

SUBJECT: **OPPOSITION TO SB 727, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

I oppose SB 727 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to oppose this measure.

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March 14, 2013

TESTIMONY OF TIM BYNUM
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
S.B. NO.727, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Committee on Judiciary
Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition of S.B. No 727, relating to Economic Development. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

S.B. No. 727 significantly reduces the County's authority to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect the health and life of the people of Hawai'i. This bill further prohibits the County in enacting ordinances relating to the protection of property and preservation of the order and security of inhabitants, if it conflicts with the intent of any State or Federal statute, rules, or regulations.

County policy is based on the specific standards and uniqueness of the individual County, for the health, safety, and best interest of the community. Removing the County's authority to establish ordinances that protect the health and life of the people creates great concern and does not reflect good policy.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request the Committee to hold or defer this measure indefinitely. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

TIM BYNUM
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Margaret Wille
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Supplemental Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB727
Relating to Economic Development
House Committee on Judiciary
Friday, 03-15-13, 2:00PM, House conference room 325.

My name is Margaret Wille, Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Committee on Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability testifying in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB727 Relating to Economic Development. I am submitting this additional testimony to supplement testimony submitted previously.

Upon close scrutiny, it is clear that SB727 is a direct attack on the authority of the Counties to govern local matters that concern matters affecting the health and well-being of County residents. SB727 effectively guts HRS 46-1.5 "General powers and limitation of the counties" by narrowing the County's authority to matters affecting private property and the general security of the County, to wit, SB727 in pertinent part provides:

Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to **[protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]**:
(A) Protect property; or
(B) Preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants...

This bill is an outrageous affront to home rule. It is the County's foremost obligation to address matters of the general health and well-being of its residents. If this disgraceful legislation is passed, only matters specifically delegated by the state legislature will be within the jurisdiction of the Counties, except with respect to matters specific to protecting private property and security issues.

I repeat from my previous testimony: In Hawai'i, the counties are the level of government closest to the People. Please do not attempt again to consolidate political power in the capital centers of Honolulu and Washington, D.C., which are awash in special interest money and whose revolving door regulatory agencies are stacked with former industry lobbyists. Please take heed of the ramifications of attempting to remove the authority of the local government to respond to the public on the street.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Margaret Wille
Council Member District 9
North & South Kohala

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Testimony of Amy I. Esaki

Before a Hearing of the House Committee on Judiciary
Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00 pm
Conference Room 325

Senate Bill 727
Relating to Economic Development

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 727, Relating to Economic Development.

The County of Kaua'i respectfully opposes Senate Bill No. 727, Relating to Economic Development. By removing the right of the counties to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health and life, it reduces the authority granted to the counties under Section 46-1.5 Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

The Bill is unclear as to the intention and purpose of the Bill. This County has adopted several ordinances which protect the health, life and safety of the citizens of Kaua'i and to remove its powers to do so going forward will handcuff this County in addressing the local needs of its citizens.

Therefore, the County strongly opposes Senate Bill No. 727 and respectfully requests that the Bill be filed.

Mahalo,

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TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa 
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 15, 2013; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 727,
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and security of the county and its inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure strips the counties' authority under Section 46-1.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, by eliminating the counties' existing authority to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health and life, and by prohibiting the enactment of ordinances that conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.
2. Currently, each county has the authority to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants, if the ordinances do not conflict with the intent of any state statutes. Removing this authority is a significant diminution in home-rule authority.
3. Restricting the counties from providing for the health and safety of its inhabitants, which is a necessary and imperative function of the counties, will have a detrimental effect on the counties' residents.

For the foregoing reasons, I oppose this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
S.B. NO. 727, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Committee on Judiciary
Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition of S.B. No 727, relating to Economic Development. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

S.B. No. 727 significantly reduces the County's authority to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect the health and life of the people of Hawai'i. This bill further prohibits the County in enacting ordinances relating to the protection of property and preservation of the order and security of inhabitants, if it conflicts with the intent of any State or Federal statute, rules, or regulations.

As government officials, it is our duty to govern and provide services for the health, safety, and best interest of the people. Removing the County's authority to establish policies that protect the health and life of our communities is of great concern. Additionally, the policies that are developed by each County conform to the specific standards and uniqueness of the respective County.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request the Committee to hold or defer this measure indefinitely. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

GARY L. HOOSER
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. Sharon Har, Vice Chair

Date: Friday, March 15, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference room 325

SB727 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, in OPPOSITION

Good afternoon, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har and members of the committee,

My name is Bart Dame and I am testifying today on behalf of Progressive Democrats of Hawaii.

We oppose SB727, as a powergrab by the state Legislature from the powers of the county governments.

This bill would strip from county governments the power to take steps to ensure the health and safety of their residents, transferring all such power to the state and federal governments. While this is inappropriate for all counties, it would particularly have a negative impact upon the rights of residents on "Neighbor Islands," for whom the county government is the only level of government which is readily accessible to them. Losing decision-making over such policies will greatly reduce their ability to control their communities because they lack the ready ability to travel to Oahu and participate in the deliberations of the State legislature.

All across the world, businesses are trying to strip from governments at all levels the ability to regulate their activities. The World Trade Organization, the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Tran-Pacific Partnership agreement which is growing as we speak, are all attempts to remove policy decisions which may have economic impacts from the control of national, state and local governments. This bill is a local expression of that same impulse and with the same purpose, to protect corporations from pesky interference by citizens using our power to influence legislation.

Indeed, why only strip this authority from county governments? Why not from state governments as well, transferring all power to the Feds? Would the authors of this bill support that approach? Of course, not. Because they want to be the gatekeepers, the ones with whom the large corporations strike an agreement, make friends and give campaign contributions.

We strongly urge this committee to kill this bill now and not pass it on for further shenanigans later in the process.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 15, 2013 2:00 p.m. Room 325

SB 727 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Expressly prohibits the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chair for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly supports SB 727.**

While we agree that counties should have strong "home rule", we also believe that when Counties adopt ordinances that conflict with accepted Federal and State laws, rules or regulations, this adds an additional level of bureaucracy which is redundant and burdensome. Imagine businesses which operate in more than one county in our State having to follow separate rules for their business. In this era of activism and misinformation rampant in social media and on the internet, generally accepted farming practices are especially susceptible to folks who simply don't like what you do, even though those practices are regulated and perhaps even endorsed by Federal Agencies and/or State Departments.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in favor of this very important issue.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 15, 2013, 2:00 P.M.
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 727

Aloha Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, with over 10,000 members and supporters, respectfully *opposes* SB 727. This measure is somewhat indecipherable, but appears to be an attempt to restrict county ordinances that protect property.

This measure removes the words "health" and "life" from the power of a county to enact ordinances that protect "Governments usually have the police power to protect "health, safety, morals, and general welfare" of residents. The elimination of a few key phrases casts into doubt the power of counties to enact some types of ordinances. It is possible this measure could have drastic unintended consequence of repealing a number of existing ordinances.

Moreover, we note that counties usually cannot override state or federal regulations under the supremacy clause. It is only where the state or federal government have delegated power, such as the power to zone, that the counties have any power at all. *See, e.g., Wash. v. Wash. State Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel*, 443 U.S. 658, 695 (1979) ("State-law prohibition against compliance with the District Courts decree cannot survive the command of the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution"). It is unclear why this measure is necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii

Testimony by Alicia Maluafiti
SB 727 – Relating to Economic Development
The House Committee on Judiciary
Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00 pm, room 325

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Position: Support with Amendments

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and members of the Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, a nonprofit trade association representing Hawaii seed farmers. We support SB 727 which clarifies the kuleana of county government - with the following amendment:

In section **S46-1.5 (13)**, HCIA proposes that the bill retain the original language found in the statute related to the protection of health, life and property, but retain the new federal language.

Sadly – some lawmakers have misused their elected positions to push politically popular legislation with constituents in order to further their higher office ambitions. These ordinances are not only fiscally irresponsible to the unknowing tax payer but they put the county at risk of further litigation by being unable to effectively implement and enforce laws that are not the kuleana of county government. More often, these laws promote a culture of NIMBY-ism (Not In My Back Yard) by pitting counties against counties.

For the business community, these practices are troublesome because they create a patchwork quilt of laws for companies with statewide operations. In effect, they interfere with economic development opportunities by adding unnecessary levels of bureaucracy that should be governed by state or even federal authorities that have the resources and expertise to better regulate certain activities.

Some examples of bills and ordinances in which the counties overstepped their kuleana include:

1. A Hawaii island ban on biotechnology in which Mayor Kim cited the "difficulty, if not impossibility," of enforcing the ban. Agricultural biotechnology is regulated by the state and federal government.
2. A Maui island ordinance restricting commercial aquarium fishing which was passed by the county council after failed attempts at the state level. The activity is currently regulated by the state and federal government and subsequently shut down the aquarium fisherman businesses.
3. A Hawaii island dairy farmer growing genetically engineered corn to feed his cows is harassed by activists who announce their intention to ban the growing of GMO corn on the island. There are only two remaining dairies in

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Hawaii and this dairy farmer faces catastrophic economic losses if the county is successful in passing an ordinance at the whim of constituents.

4. Hawaii's seed farmers who face an onslaught of threats by GMO activists who have fear and intimidation to push their personal agendas. The industry is the most regulated commodity in the nation but some county lawmakers see opportunity in riding a political wave of opposition to shut down the industry and put 2,000 employees on the state's unemployment roll.
5. A group called Kauai Rising which not only targets the seed farmers, but who has proposed ordinances that directly call for the pre-emption of federal and state laws. This extreme group is comprised of the same vocal minority that shut down the Super Ferry.
6. A Hawaii island lawmaker who believed that vaccines caused autism and who pushed to ban vaccinations on the island.

What might be popular opinion is not always the pono position. Lawmakers must take the high road and often are forced to make the unpopular policy decision – sometimes putting their own re-election at risk. But counties have a wealth of responsibilities already: roads, sewers, trash, water, police, fire, emergency services, parks and recreation. They do not have Departments of Education, Health, Agriculture, Land and Natural Resources.

This bill simply reminds lawmakers at all levels of government of their kuleana to introduce and pass appropriate laws that are uniform and can be addressed by their respective governing bodies. And it gives peace of mind to businesses, including the agricultural community, that common sense will prevail over hysteria, fear mongering and intimidation.

Testimony by Greg Chan, President, Kapala IT

SB 727 – Relating to Economic Development

The House Committee on Judiciary

Friday, March 15, 2013

2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and members of the Committee:

My name is Greg Chan and I am an entrepreneur with a small, native Hawaiian-owned company with employees in Hawaii, Oregon and Arizona. I am in support of SB 727 relating to economic development.

As a business owner with a federal contract, I must work with all levels of government. One of the greatest challenges that I continue to face is the conflict created when one level of government (for instance the county) is unsatisfied with the regulatory or statutory authority of another (the state as an example). I get caught in a push/pull scenario and in the end, the only one that suffers is me, my employees, and the potential economic contribution we want to make to our state. We all lose.

I think that this bill simply offers validation that uniformity in our laws is necessary to ensure that small businesses like mine are able to effectively navigate expansion and growth across the state without unnecessary interference by lawmakers with an interest in overregulating industry.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Aloha.



Hawaii's Agricultural Partnership

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SB 727 Relating to Economic Development

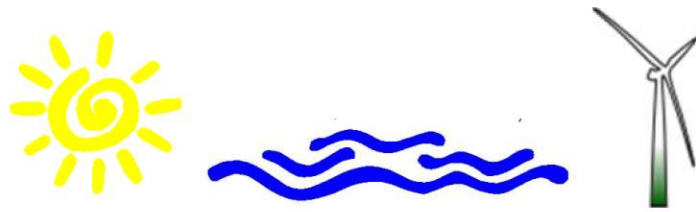
4 Ag Hawaii supports SB 727

4 Ag Hawaii is a strong advocate of "home rule"; however we also believe that when Counties adopt ordinances that conflict with accepted Federal and State laws, rules or regulations, this adds an additional level of bureaucracy which is redundant and burdensome - perhaps onerous at times.

In this era of activism and sometimes misinformation rampant in today's virtual media world, decades of generally accepted farming practices are susceptible to folks who disagree with your position – and they have that right - even though those practices are regulated and perhaps even endorsed by Federal Agencies and/or State Departments.

4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501[c] [3] corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties; conducting agricultural economic; educational & media programs, and fostering statewide interest for responsible agricultural economic development of our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2013

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 325

SB 727: **Son of PLDC**

STRONGLY OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee

Life of the Land is Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

THIS BILL SOUNDS INNOCUOUS, that it is merely dealing with house-keeping. That its intent is to merely clarify when counties can enact laws and when they are pre-empted by state laws.

However, this bill actually seeks to undermine and block county involvement in enacting health and lifestyle laws. It seeks to kybosh counties from dealing with controversial issues such as genetic engineering labeling, Private Public Partnerships impacts, and helicopters marijuana campaigns.

This is akin to the federal government passing a law saying that the States are pre-empted by the federal government from passing health and lifestyles laws dealing with hemp, civil unions and the aloha spirit.

Please hold this bill. Mahalo

Henry Curtis
Executive Director

SB727

Submitted on: 3/13/2013

Testimony for JUD on Mar 15, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Travis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill has the effect of discouraging the county governments from responding to community needs and enabling appropriate community based ordinances. Each community has different characteristics and values. It is appropriate that the County government respond to those characteristics and values rather than apply a "cookie cutter" set of regulations. I understand that this makes it inconvenient for outside businesses because it forces them to understand and adapt to the community in which they want to invest. However, it is clear from the reaction to PLDC that the voters of Hawaii have placed a clear limit on how far they expect the government to become "business friendly" on the backs of the communities. Request you vote against this Bill.

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Jonathan R Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill transfers representative power away from the counties. A very bad idea, since political corruption is more rampant the higher up you go. I strongly oppose this bill.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose any measure that erodes Home Rule for the Counties

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Julia Horn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pono Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Graham Ellis		Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Testimony for JUD on Mar 15, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Small	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill removes the County's ability to pass laws protecting health.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yana Koporski, RDH, BS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: They want strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] Tell them HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terez Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Don't let agribusiness strike out our right to have our health, life and property preserved and protected!

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Tina Wildberger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not ham-string counties from doing what is best for their island residents. I oppose this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Parzych	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose this!

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diane Boskovich	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eduardo Gandolfo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Ernest Jepson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need to retain land use controls in our localized communities as much as possible. Our County governments are the best to determine what is the appropriate use of land and regulations. We are looking for more home rule, not less. Further, I don't trust any bill proposed by DeLaCruz. It has been clear there is an overarching intention to place land use and resource asset decisions in the hands of the private sector. I Absolutely Oppose this Bill.

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Gail Dornstreich	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Carroll	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I currently live in Kihei and am a Registered Nurse. I have personally seen the suffering of those who exposed to the smoke secondary to cane burning. There must be adequate power vested in the county to protect it's citizen's health and welfare. I stringently oppose SB727!

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Greg Manhart	Individual	Oppose	No

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James L Tyree II	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Public protection rights of counties MUST be maintained.

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James McDonald	Individual	Oppose	No

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3/13/13
Re:SB727

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to oppose the passing of SB727.

In this draft proposal of the bill you have stated:

- (12) “Each county shall have the power to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent or summarily remove public nuisances and to compel the clearing or removal of any public nuisance, refuse, and uncultivated undergrowth from streets, sidewalks, public places, and unoccupied lots.”

Yet you have stricken the portion of the bill stating “[protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: “

- (13) “Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]:”

So it seems to me that while you are proposing that” each county shall have the power to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent or summarily remove public nuisances” you are also proposing that Hawaii Counties may not pass laws that will protect the health, and life of it’s residents. Therefore Hawaii Counties may prevent or remove public nuisances but not if they pose a danger to health, life or property.

In addition the bill proposes “Appoint county physicians and sanitary and other inspectors as necessary to carry into effect ordinances made under this paragraph, who shall have the same power as given by law to agents of the department of health, subject only to limitations placed on them by the terms and conditions of their appointments;” yet again these appointees may prevent or remove public nuisances but not if they pose a danger to health, life or property.

The bill further states:

“on any subject or matter not inconsistent with, or tending to defeat, the intent of any state or federal statute, rule, or regulation that does not disclose an express or implied intent that the statute, rule, or regulation shall be exclusive or uniform throughout the State;”

Perhaps this section would prove to be sensible within states on the mainland but here in Hawaii, counties are on separate islands separated by expanses of ocean. Due to this, it is my opinion that each county needs to be able to set regulations that will protect the health, and life of its residents based upon local conditions. Conditions are usually different on each island and county of Hawaii and the need for regulations to come from the State legislature or a regulation that is exclusive or uniform throughout the state

would be a hindrance and would cause delay in action that would negate the intent of this bill and could actually cause harm to the health, and life.

I thank you for your attention.

Jeff Gishkin

Maui

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Jennifer Macneil	Individual	Oppose	No

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joy cash	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelli Braxton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laura Hagan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB727 will put the public's health at risk.

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Marielis Jepson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: please don't weaken protection of the public health rights of residents of Maui County

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Meryl Rodgers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Dr. Michelle Urban	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My husband and I traveled to your beautiful land this past July. One morning, up extremely early to make it to the top of Haleakala in time for sunrise, we drove past an area of dense smoke...I had to cover my mouth and nose with my sleeve because it was so difficult to breathe. It wasn't until after we were back home in NC that I realized that was sugar cane burning! We only were on the island for 10 days...I cannot even imagine how it would be to live there daily and have to endure this hazard. Please PLEASE stop the cane burning. There are alternative routes to manufacturing this sugar (for profit!) that would be better for the health of your residents and visitors! Thank you!

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mitch skaggerberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: we need Maui county rights to protect our health and property; especially from cane burning causing dense smoke in central maui and kihei. The dense smoke is very harmful to elders and kids for sure.

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Sareya	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shayne Edelhertz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a writing to oppose this bill county's need to be able to regulate and enforce issues that are conflicting with the people who actually live in those districts, not from some far away office, cane burning is archaic and causing extreme amounts of carbon released EPA will be shutting it down soon

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Sue Peterson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve! We are watching what you are voting for... HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Theresa Marks	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am opposed to any law that removes requirements to ensure the health of individuals in the Hawaiian islands. This includes the burning of sugar cane, which is a public health problem. I am personally effected every time cane is burned near me with day long headache and sinus problems. It is also a problem at schools, especially for children with asthma. Please do not vote against this law. (Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve.)

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Valerie Kulesa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, Please reinstate the counties ability to protect the health of its residents! I don't understand why you have deleted one of the most important, and dear to all hearts here, the right of counties to self-governance in this matter, unless it is to protect cane companies? You have already included wording that does not allow counties to circumvent state laws, so why not allow them to protect their people as the people want? This measure shows a tremendous amount of forethought and work. At one point, this was considered, but is now being omitted without being clarified. Mahalo, Valerie Kulesa, Wailuku, Maui

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Valerie Sapourn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaron Wade	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill undmines the very essence of democracy. If passed, the state government is will usurp the rights of the people to represent their own interests through local policy. If there is a conflict with state interests, then it should be heard but not preempted. This is a banana republic type of power grab that should shame anyone who believes in representative government.

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Absalon velasco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The question why even try to write a law to remove the right for health, life and property. Only barbaric law would do this. We should be progressing in protection of liberty not corporation. Mahalo. Absalon

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Adam Bensley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. Please kill this bill now! Adam Bensley 1610 Wilhelmina Rise Honolulu, 96816

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aerie waters	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To remove this clause would be unconstitutional...remember.."of the people, by the people and for the people." We, the people, will know who votes how..and there will be accountability under our constitutional rights. Thank you for upholding our constitution and remembering the interconnectivity of all life. Thank you. Sincerely, With Aloha, Aerie Waters

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aimee greenwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My family and I have a right to clean air. Please stop cane burning we have experienced being sick with asthma symptoms and difficulty breathing 9 months out of the year

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Aimee Rice	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do not strike out the text reading: " [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]" which clarifies the bill more thoroughly. The State needs to keep its HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES. This is not a State or Country which was designed to protect corporations or big business. It is a State & Country which was designed to protect its citizens. It is time you put the citizens' best interests as your priority. Greed was not part of the agenda when you all ran for office, or at least it should not have been. Look in the mirror, do the right thing - Pa`a i ka Mea Pono.

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Al Lagunero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To protect the unique statistical uniqueness of each county to protect its resource-management capacities, immediate accessibility through levels of public trust and engagement, I oppose this bill.

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Alaya DeNoyelles	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in shock that you want to make the proposed changes! Why would you delete the words PROTECT HEALTH, LIFE and PROPERTY.... these are VITAL to the well being of our ohana and aina! PLEASE DO NOT delete these words! I makes the rest worthless. Thank you for caring and supporting our families and children. With Respect, Alaya DeNoyelles

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Alejandro Goya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My family and I are OPPOSING SB727. Please protect Maui's community health. We, you an us, are part of this community. Thank you.

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Alicia morrier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Andree Lecocq	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: do not pass this bill, each county in Hawaii needs the ability to protect the health of its citizens HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES

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Andrew Rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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ane takaha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Each county SHOULD have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, etc. Thank you Ane Takaha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Breene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB727 relating to economic development. We need to uphold the rights of counties to protect our "health, life, and property, and to preserve". DO NOT strike this language from the bill. Sincerely, Angela Breene Haleiwa, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Rice	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE, HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Thurston	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: At present, each county has the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve. This is as it should be; it would be quite wrong to interfere with this power. It would not be in the interests of the people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annjulie Vai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hands off public protection rights of counties. You need healthy people to go to work and pay taxes that pay the salary of public service jobs. Leave the bill alone this is a no brainier please use your head wisely. We need to be healthy to WORK.

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Anthony Allen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Tell them HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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April Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Arnold Kotler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Barb kline	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Do not pass 727 let county and Thursday constituents decide what's right for each county.

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Barbara Inglis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSING SB727 HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Barbara Zawacki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this should be kept as originally written, "Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]:..." HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Batuhan Ulug	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am writing to oppose the portion of SB-727 that removes the public protection rights of counties.

I would like our state law to remain the way it is as in the following excerpt:

(13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve ...

Sincerely,

Batuhan Ulug
54 Moana Ave
Kihei, HI 96753

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beau Barthel-Blair	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HOW DARE YOU act in the Worst interests of your residents by intending to deny each county the right to protect the health of it's constituents? This is a SHAM and an outrage that you would try to eliminate the rights of a county to act in the best interests of the inhabitants. Who is behind these shameful ideas? Who is paying and submitting these ideas to the Senate? Think carefully about who elects you, and who you are voting to "protect". Do not be "bought out" and vote in favor of this legislation! Thank you

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BERNARD FICKERT	Pacifica Island Art, Inc.	Oppose	No

Comments: CANE BURNING IS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH! How could anybody deny this when there is ample testimony from people who have difficulties breathing and suffer asthma attacks! And what about greenhouse gas!? Is Hawaii still a colony that caters to mainland corporate interests!?

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Beth McCormick	Individual	Oppose	No

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bill brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha As it currently stands, Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve, This measure will strike out the most essential language that protect the tax payer's well being. Mahalo Bill Brown

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brady stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The right for the counties to protect their citizens should be placed above the legislations created by state and federal governments. The smallest units of government are most effective for their constituencies because we all care most about what happens in our own backyard. At larger scales, government just becomes a tool for corporations to lobby their interests with little concern for the communities they may harm.

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Brilana Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryce Boeder	Individual	Oppose	No

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C. Kong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The below has come to the attention of the citizens this bill will impact:
"SB727 - The pertinent line is (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] (this preceding bracketed line is to be deleted from existing law): (A) Protect property; or (B) Preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants;" BIO TECH COMPANIES see no need to protect HEALTH and SAFETY? This is a terrible abuse of power. Kill this bill. We, the people, are watching what you, the "leaders", are doing. We VOTE. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carole burstein	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: DO NOT STRIKE OUT: "protect health, life, and property, and to preserve"

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline D Cunningham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Opposing SB727.

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Carolyn Dumeyer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carolyn L Knoll	Individual	Oppose	No

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Catherine M Tucker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not strike " to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve" from SB727. Here on the Island of Kauai our health, life, property and the right to preserve are being poisoned by Monsanto and the other Corporate Seed Companies. Please, stop this insanity before it is too late for the entire Island chain.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Velasquez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Protect each Counties right to pass ordinances deemed necessary to protect the public ! HANDS OFF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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cathy bilsky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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charles hasbrook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am 61 and have realized how natural and organic foods effect my day to day health. If you allow this law, corporations like Monsanto will be able to pollute our environment disallowing our natural rights to be self-sustaining. Our air and water is our saving grace and if they're compromised with infectious seed, pollen, and poisons, there goes the freedom in our futures. Please stop this now and forever! It's "whoreganic suicide!"

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Cheryl King	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Although I understand that problems can occur when state, U.S. and county laws differ, I believe that the county's ability to pass ordinances to protect our health and safety, etc. should not be curtailed. We live on an island. Conditions which affect our every day living are not readily apparent to those making State or U.S. law, and even though our representatives might provide input, they are sadly outnumbered when it comes to voting. I fear that special interest groups might have the power to influence legislation contrary to our best interests. Therefore, i oppose this bill. Leave the law like it is.

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Chetanaa Zoeller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: County needs to be able to pass laws to protect the air we breathe.

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christine kauahikaua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Counties SHOULD have the ability to pass laws protecting health, life, and property, and to preserve. HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Cora Piliwale	Individual	Oppose	No

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Corissa B	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I appreciate different divisions being able to decide what to protect in their portions of responsibility. The smaller the area is, ideally, the faster things could be taken care of.

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Courtney Bruch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Crystal Thornburg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cynthia Rosales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Each county has its own unique environmental situations. We, the people, of each county need to be able to interact closely with the process for keeping us healthy; this means the county needs to have the ability to create laws for the citizens of each county. It is only at the county level that we, the people, have close access to government. HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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danitza galvan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daryl hansen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] The above statement is already self evident. Any action on the part of tve state to try and remove rights, would be treason.

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Dave Kisor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the changes in SB727! Once again, big money wants to hamstring the general public and the individual counties. Shades of the Pillaged Land Destruction Company and Act 97! I suspect this has to do with the impending industrialization of our islands and the corporations don't want us to be able to defend ourselves against their onslaught. Corporations have started using our governments against us for a while now and if they have the idea we're going to lay down and let them stomp all over us with golf shoes, I'm afraid they are mistaken. This is not the same Puna you have locked inside of your mind! The population of Puna is growing, as confirmed by Real Estate Agents and if the impression that Honolulu has of us is we drink beer and surf all day and smoke dope all night, that demographic has shrunken down like a hemorrhoid wallowing in Preparation H(R). Corporations are doing their best to ride roughshod over us using governments to shield themselves from the citizens, and you know anything about history, you would recognize this as fascism, or what Mussolini called corporatism. As an aside, a German friend is worried, as she recognizes the behavior of the federal government as being that of Nazi Germany in the late 1920s and the early 1930s.

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David Bennett	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Cervantes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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David Judd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB727 has no business telling the counties how to protect the life and health of the individual counties. Please but out of our business!

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David O'Quinn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I want to express my opposition to the words in Item #13 the elimination of "[protect health, life, and property, and to preserve." I feel that Kauai's elected officials are there for the reason to support peoples rights to health and life.

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Testimony for JUD on Mar 15, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dea Rackley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hands off local control of our land, health.

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Dean Liskum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the counties decide what they want, Keep the power in the hands of the people who live on the land.

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deb mader	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. It is not pono to remove the words [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] from the current state law. Please do NOT pass this bill as written. Mahalo

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Deborah Corman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The individual islands of the state of Hawaii differ broadly in most ways, from the international economic structure of Oahu to the organic geologic tourism of Kauai. Rulings enacted upon Oahu are and should remain different from rulings enacted upon Kauai . Individual islands are more informed as to their individual needs. In the past as with the disastrous fiasco super ferry, which divided islands, wasting precious funding could have been avoided if county voice held legal sway. I am against SB727 relating to economic development and shall endeavor to educate my friends and neighbors as to why. Taking away the county's right to enact its own ordinances to protect property, order and security is a giant step toward removing residents rights entirely, such as what happened to our native Hawaiians. We can not move in this direction without inflaming our indigenous islanders and residents.

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Deborah Lynn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES! I cannot believe how insidious it has become of late to negate the rights of the citizens and how all power and rights are going to big, private corporations and big ag. We must stop this tendency now and at every turn. You should be ashamed of yourselves for not protecting and preserving our health, life and property. This is our land and we, the people, must be heard and represented by our leaders or you will not be leading us. We are watching whose side you're on, who's buying you, and where you make a stand. I oppose anything that takes away all rights of our citizens. Shame, shame, shame. Be very careful in your choices.

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Debra Nix	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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OPPOSING SB727

I'm not in agreement with this bill removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health

(13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]:

I believe your role to uphold as my representative is:

[protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]

I respectfully request

HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Mendonça	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, This testimony is in opposition to SB 727. Right now there are 4 bills in the legislature to restrict county rights. A fifth bill SB 590 was successfully derailed in the House. You might ask yourself why is there suddenly a plethora of such bills? Unfortunately my friends, this is happening all over the country. In Pennsylvania where local ordinances are trying to stop fracking, in New Hampshire where local ordinances are trying to stop a new powerline of questionable efficacy, and in Colorado the Democratic governor is threatening to sue a town if they pass their proposed ordinance to stop fracking there. Please look at the deeper issues and do not allow SB 727 to pass out of committee. Again why would you pass a law that would eliminate the counties rights to "protect health, life and property". There are much larger issues here. God is watching you, do not abdicate your consciousness. With sincere appreciation! Dennis Mendonça-----for more info www.celdf.org On behalf of Kauai Rising! dennism08@gmail.com

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Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Honorable Representatives, This testimony is in STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 727, which would strip the counties of the power to protect the health, life, and property of the PUBLIC. Please DO NOT PASS this bill. Sincerely, Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Don V. Lax	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is an absolute imperative to protect the county's right to protect its citizens. Please Do Not in any way diminish this protection.

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donald tran	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dorothy Binder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Removing this phrase [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] makes no sense. Health, Life and property are essential to citizens!

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This bill is totally unacceptable! the WORDING of the bill will prevent us from passing laws controlling: Herbicide overspray, cane burning, humane treatment of food animals, pesticides and GMOs. It will NOT protect farming.

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Doug Phillips	Individual	Oppose	No

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Douglas McGregor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please put the control of food safety back in the hands of those that grow food AND whom are without ties to a profit-oriented corporation with other questionable motives. Thank you

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Dylan Dane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a Hawaii citizen 26 yrs. old, born and raised. The ability to enact ordinances specific to each county should not be taken away. The attitude that state and federal government laws have a one size fits all policy is ridiculous. Ordinances specific to each county are there because each county has different issues and situations to deal with. This bill is obviously an industry pushed issue trying to streamline the moneymaking process and at the same time remove future boundaries that may have protected our island and minimized profits. I would like to hear examples of how striking this ability altogether would benefit our island without it being abused. As much as I dislike red tape and useless regulation I fear how much damage could be done without checks and balances and level of action such as a county level of ordinances. Don't pass this bill!

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OPPOSE SB727

It is a strange maneuver to legislatively remove the established responsibility of Counties to write ordinances to protect the health, life, and property, of people that live in an island County. Who better to determine if there is a public health hazard than the elected Mayors and council members of their isolated island communities?

This legislation hands our rights over to real estate developers or dirty industries that pollute the Hawaiian islands. This effort to take away the authority of our elected officials to protect us from those that put profit before health, safety and our quality of life, in affect takes away our Constitutional right of elected representation.

Right now our state law says: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: They want to strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]

It seems like for personal gain, some industry or individuals are trying to remove the ability of American citizens and their elected officials to regulate public safety issues on a local level, concerning the health of our children. Would this bad legislation also prohibit the County Council from passing ordinances in order to "protect our property," in the area of say, fire safety.

Who sponcered this attempt to prevent American citizens from regulating their own communities by removing our right to counter act corruption, by passing ordinances to deal with bad ideas as they come up. Instead this corrupt legislation cancels our ability to oppose dangerous projects, developments and the urbanization of the Hawaiian islands?

Senators from Oahu and the corporations that own them are getting a little pushy and now they want to take away our right to govern ourselves. They call us the neighbor islands. But, SB727 is not very neighborly now is it?

I urge every member of the Senate to oppose SB727,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
eileen hogan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ***Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] please keep the statement (in brackets above)intact. protect the aina and the people. thanks. aloha, eileen (hogan)

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SB727 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report Title:

County Ordinances on Property, Order, and Security; Conflicts with State and Federal Laws

Description:

Expressly prohibits the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

This is one convoluted piece of legislation. I hesitate to even call it legislation.

Please. Hold this bill.

It has no clarity, is poorly written and does not define its purpose and intent; is it for Emergency Response, Economic Development or is it something else? We do not tolerate Delphic laws.

It would appear that some in this legislature believe they can fragment the Constitution and take some parts and leave the rest. By doing this, sections of the Constitution are taken out of context and the spirit and intent, to say the least, is eliminated. You cannot fragment the Constitution. If one section says you can do one thing but another section demonstrates an impact because of your action, then your proposed legislative action is wrong. If it is contradictory to the constitution, which **SB727** clearly is, then it is repugnant to the constitution and thereby NULL and VOID.

Section (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [~~protect health, life, and property, and to preserve~~]: (A) Protect property; or (B) Preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants. This language sounds similar to a Nazi Manifesto. Being lawmakers, surely I would have thought you would be more prudent, cautious and respectful when interpreting Hawaii's Constitution.

Therefore, by eliminating "protect health, life, and property, and to preserve.." does this mean you are to get rid of **ARTICLE IX PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, RIGHTS OF CITIZENS, ARTICLE I, BILL OF RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS, Section 9** of the CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII along with a few other constitutional guarantees I have not included here?

As well as other wording in same section, which could not be more vague: "..on any subject or matter not inconsistent with, or tending to defeat, the intent of any state [statute where the] or federal statute, rule, or regulation that does not disclose an express or implied intent that the statute, rule, or regulation shall be exclusive or uniform throughout the State;" **Just what does that sentence mean? It's bewildering language and is not a complete and intelligible sentence.**

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Elizabeth Crow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please protect the people and the aina.

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Elizabeth Reeves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The words proposed to be stricken are the life and soul of Hawai'i. By passing this bill, you are selling yours and ours out!! How can you not see this?

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Erik Engstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: WE must keep this part of this bill: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES! The county must be empowered to protect its citizens! thank you!

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Evan Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

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Auwe for trying to remove county autonomy. Values are regional, and there is no reason that there should be explicit preemption of county laws by the state—especially when it comes to protecting health, life, and property. Each municipality should have the right to decide how their land should be used and regulated and how their peoples should be protected.

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposing yet another bill that is trying to remove critical layers of protection for the people from the multi-national corporations. It is terrible that these bills are even put forward that are so clearly serving the monied interests rather than the health of the land and people. We need to allow home rule as much as possible and stop preempting the ability of the counties to protect the health of the people. Kill this bill.

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Francis spalluto	Haiku aina permaculture initiative	Oppose	No

Comments: Leave it as it is. The counyt should reserve the right to protect health life and property

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gary elster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: do not deprive counties of the ability to legislate about our health.

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George Ka'uhane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Real and personal property should always be protected!

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Georgie Pulman-Olzaski	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Keep your HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Gregory Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: When our environment is obviously in desperate need of wiser treatment... insidious pressure to remove all the barriers for business is what we get. Everyone is exposed to this! If geologically there is something interesting and useful in your backyard, you're screwed. EVERYONE!

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Halina M Zaleski	Individual	Support	No

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Hanakapi'ai Grosse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am very much against the amendment to this bill. I cannot see why anyone would want to omit the words "protect health and life" except because they know they are poisoning the residents of the land and want to be able to continue to do so. This is an outrage. Please deny this ammendment and protect our precious 'aina and kama'aina!! Mahalo!

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Haydn Huntley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. I'd rather that counties were free to pass laws which differ from and/or are opposed to state and federal laws! Doesn't common sense indicate that each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve whatever? Thank You, --Haydn

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Ilse Menger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health! (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: Please leave this part in! [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] KEEP HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Iris Iwami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Because many small businesses do conduct business on different islands/counties, laws should be as uniform as possible. Thank you. Iris Iwami

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James Macey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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james trujillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: as others have pointed out, this bill is poorly written and does not articulate clearly what it's intentions are. lets not undermine home rule with unclear and ambiguous legislation. please do not pass this bill as written. in fact let's kill this bill and start over. mahalo for your consideration. with respect and aloha, j. trujillo

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Jamie Schwartz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jane Kane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose striking the health protecting wording proposed in the revision, as I suffer from ingestion of pollution and have trouble breathing if forced to do so.

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Jane Sperr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve). I OPPOSE THE STRIKING OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES.

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Janet Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB727.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: No more sneaky PLDC attacks! the citizens of Hawaii have spoken. please support them by opposing this bill, mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janis turner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why are you trying to take away "local" rule? People in the local community know what is best for their community.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jay Ogden	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I object to this proposed law on the basis that it will reduce the ability for our counties to govern themselves at the lowest level of governance as possible. I am not in favor of this proposed legislation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeeyon Roslie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The removal of these certain words (in brackets) on this bill which protects the most basic fundamental rights of the people is extremely disturbing & we are completely against this amendment: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]:

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Jeff Sacher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey H Schwartz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill preempting counties from protecting the health of their own citizens and their environment. This is completely inconsistent with government's key responsibilities and is unnecessary. Given the limited resources of the state department of health it is imperative that counties retain the authority to protect the health of their residents when the state has failed to do its job.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Bronfman	The Aurora Foundation	Oppose	No

Comments: Any initiative that wants to LIMIT the state legislatures power to protect the public health and well being is OBVIOUSLY NOT in the public interest. This bill should be rejected accordingly.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jenifer prince	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose ANY changes to line item 13 in this bill. Each of our Islands(counties must have the right to make decisions to protect the Health, Life and Property of the People of Kauai. Do NOT change this ...we are islands unique to ourselves(counties) and we NEED the power to make appropriate decisions for our individual islands(counties) Thank you vote no on changing item 13

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Jennifer Beary	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not remove language protecting health of Hawaiians.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeri Baumgardner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am expressly opposed to the removal of HEALTH and LIFE from the wording of the ordinance. The county SHOULD have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect HEALTH and LIFE of its inhabitants.

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Jessica Heiman	Individual	Oppose	No

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jessica mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: COME ON REALLY?

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Jill Richardson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Kill this Bill- whose property does this protect? Sounds like someone is protecting their bank accounts.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Law	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: With regard to SB 727...Please do not strike/remove/ommit the words as shown in the below Bill revision as noted as Item #13 in brackets ... Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: The removal of these 8 words/descriptions is NOT in the best interest of the Public. By removing these words, it is obvious that the intent is to manipulate, create harm, and unjust activity.

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Joan Conrow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please kill this bill. Each county should have the right to take the steps its elected officials believe are necessary to protect the health and life of its citizens. Who would even want to amend the law like this, unless they are doing something that endangers human health?

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Joan Heller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose SB727, stop transferring my public rights over to the State and Federal businesses. Don't be a part of the American sell-out of your local Aloha community! Have some guts to say NO MORE TAKING, TAKING, TAKING!

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John Bruce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB727 is a bill that should be opposed and sent to the trash immediately! This Senator, Dela Cruz has the unmitigated nerve to ignore many citizen's desire for clean air and water. He is instead putting legislation in place for his puppet masters the international agribusinesses that are currently lobbying, as in bribing, many members of our legislature to do their bidding.

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John connors	Individual	Oppose	No

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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 15, 201, TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 727 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.**

This Bill would expressly prohibit the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

While I realize the concerns of the business community in having to deal with varying regulations in different jurisdictions, I feel this amendment is too broad and too vague. There are, and have been too many instances where the State Government has passed proposed programs and regulations that conflict with the local point of view, and only a strong local stance has kept unwanted projects from proceeding.

I feel that there are cases where County positions and policies should be able to be enacted that are more stringent than State or Federal regulations, and **strongly oppose** this erosion of our rights and responsibilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

John Harder, Anahola. Kauai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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JOHN ROGERS	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HOW COULD DELA CRUZ = WORK TO Expressly prohibits the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants??? PLEASE NO MORE CANE BURNING - HOME FULL OF DUST SWEEP UP INTO THE AIR UP EXTREME HEAT. AND LUNG PROBLEMS. CUT CANE - DON'T BURN.

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Date: 3.14.13

Hawaii State Legislature
Testimony Opposing SB727

Dear Legislators:

I have been a resident of Hawaii most of my life. In this time I have had the distinct pleasure of living on three of the eight islands. This experience has taught me one thing. Each island is entirely different. The differences extend beyond the landscape; the people themselves are different, and their needs are different. I believe this is the reason we divide the state into counties and delegate the power of self-determination to the counties. It is important that we do not lose sight of this during this debate.

Laws serve a primary purpose of protecting those without power from exploitation. The people of each county are charged with the task of deciding what is in the best interest of their people, and because each island is so different, this answer will change depending on where you ask the question. For example the people of Oahu face daily problems with traffic congestion that the people of Maui do not. The people of Hawaii Island deal with smothering vog, which only occasionally affects the neighboring islands. Therefore these people should have the choice to allocate resources and combat these issues in a manner, which is proportional to the problem. They should not have to appeal to the state to have these issues addressed. It is their sovereign right to address these challenges to their health and welfare.

For this reason I oppose SB727. The counties of Hawaii and more specifically the people of Hawaii do not benefit from the removal of the delegated authority to protect our own health and welfare and make decisions that determine our future. When legislation such as this comes along one must ask the essential question; who benefits? In this case the answer is obvious. The primary benefactor is large agribusiness corporations who in the face of mounting pressure are turning to legislative means to deny the people of Hawaii their rights to decide which agricultural practices are consistent with the individual health, sustainability, and cultural goals of their individual islands.

Please do not deny the people the right to make these decisions. Corporations are not obliged to protect the health and welfare of the people; that is the task of our elected representatives. Too many times our elected representatives put the protection of corporate profits above the protection of the health and welfare of the citizens. I urge you to vote against SB727. Do not remove this simple right to self-determination. It is not in the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Jon Hartman

SB727

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jose Bulatao, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the purposes and intents of this bill because it is NOT "pono". As written, corporate interests has the advantage over expressed concerns emanating from the constituency you represent.

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joyclynn costa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As our island life becomes more complicated with the wave of the times let us not forget what we already have. A glass of pure artisian water from out blue rock source is more precious than anything out of a glass or plastic bottle. The natural flush the earth is deprived of by way of diversions create clogged and polluted land. Who would know better than each individual county. The slippery slope we are traveling is the slime we are already creating. Malama ka Aina. It is our duty.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judie Hoepner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to limiting what our county government does to protect the health and well being of our citizens. Further, I think this bill would violate our State constitution.

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Julia Horn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Julian Jiman	Individual	Oppose	No

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JW Nalda	Individual	Oppose	No

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karin medigovich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is not in the best interest of the island and its' people. This bill opens the door to misuse of our government which is to serve and protect. Please vote no on this measure. Thank you!

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Kat Tracy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose this Bill and DO NOT want the ability to pass ordinances concerning property and health removed!

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Kate Burroughs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not take away the power of each County to determine regulations which have an impact on the public health. Statewide regulations might not be required but County by County regulations might be appropriate. This is a fundamental right which should not be taken away.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose SB 727. In fact, i am outraged that anybody who was elected by the people would try to remove the county's right to protect the health, life and property of its people. That is tantamount to declaring you do not care about or wish to preserve the health, life or property of the people of Kauai. Preserving life is part of the very constitution of the US. As a protector of the commons the county has a duty to keep those commons non-toxic, to keep an eye out and declare if there are known hazards so that people can avoid those hazards, and to enforce ownership laws so that one person cannot simply take by force what belongs to another. I believe whoever wrote up SB 727 had something else on their mind, and made a terrible error of judgement. Please act from a position of responsibility, and oppose the misguided SB 727.

In addition, asking the county ordinances to not go against federal statute, rule or regulation when it did not have to before is unnecessary and a step in the wrong direction. The purpose of having separate states and separate counties is to allow those areas to decentralize power and allow rules to be made which are appropriate to the local situation. Limiting the power of counties should only be done if there is a great need, and no great need has been displayed. For these and the previous reasons, please oppose SB 727.

Sincerely,
-katie young

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Kea apahua	Individual	Oppose	No

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kimberlee kain	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why would anyone (the caregivers of our State) want to eliminate the County's right to protect the people. The only reason I can tell is for special interest groups. Please do not eliminate the wording that allows to County to protect the people's health life and property.

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Kip Goodwin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Re: SB727, Don't change the language in Item 13. "Health , life and property" is best defines and protected at the local level. Mahalo, Kip Goodwin

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Kira DeGaetano	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please consider the Voice of the People of each District individually .
Please keep our right to speak for our future generations who need our voice to speak now !

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Kirk Puuohau-Pummill	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Kirsten garrabrant	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not strike out the part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] We want public protection rights of counties!

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kj kral	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I believe that the counties need to have the authority to protect their designated areas, and have them be honored regardless of state or federal regulations. Thank you.

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L Tran	Individual	Oppose	No

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L. Osterer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the change to this bill to eliminate our counties rights to protect the "health, life and property" of the people of Kauai. In addition, I urge you to support our Kauai Food Bill of Rights

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Lars Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill! Counties should be able to protect their own inhabitants!

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laura binstock	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Raye	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laureen Elizabeth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because it takes away the right of counties to protect the welfare of its citizens!

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Laurie Pottish	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Cone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose passage of this bill, which if passed would run counter to the rights of citizens to protect their health and property from destructive influences such as cane smoke and harmful chemicals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Larsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not strip away the rights of our Counties to care for the people, land, and water. This is getting absurd. You are wasting the tax payers dollars.

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Lewis Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hands off public protection rights of counties!

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liensa nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Masterson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There can be no wholesome reason for the elimination of the language (8 words) in SECTION 13 of this bill. It is completely unacceptable for the counties to forfeit sovereignty of issues pertaining to health and well-being of local resources. Do NOT ratify this change. Mahalo for your kokua.

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Lora Lynne	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: By deleting the words in line 13 of this bill you are taking away the constitutional rights of the people of Kauai to decide what is appropriate for our life and pursuit of happiness. We are no longer not paying attention to what is stripped away from us in order to pay service to corporations that poison, the land, the water and her people. You are here to protect that! Do not go to sleep or be seduced by the money and lies of chemical corporations that have care for nothing but profits at their board room. They peddle death and then the drugs that create the cancer caused by their manipulated and unregulated experiments. You are at a pivotal point in your position on this planet to say no to destruction and be remembered for that action or to go to sleep and also be known for that.

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Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and committee members,

My name is Lori Nakamura-Higa and I am **opposing SB727, relating to economic development.**

This bill begs to question:

- 1) Why is this “power” to “protect health, life, and property, and to preserve,” being strike out of this bill?
- 2) If this “power” of protecting and preserving is being relinquished, who then is this “power” being bestowed upon? To place it in the hands of the capitalists for the sake of economic development, holding them harmless with no recourse for those who are left unprotected and unpreserved is a derelict decision at best.
- 3) Why is this even a being considered a bill to breach and compromise said “powers,” leaving many to question the motives and intentions behind the absence to “protect” and “preserve?”
- 4) Why would one leave those most vulnerable to be unprotected and not preserved?
- 5) Does one understand the gravity and extent to what’s being reneged here?

From the Honolulu.gov website, “The purposes of the City and County government as stated in the charter are to serve and advance the general welfare, health, happiness, safety and aspirations of its residents, present and future, and to encourage their full participation in the process of governance.”

It’s necessary to keep intact the County’s power to enact ordinances to “protect” and “preserve” those in their communities that they so rightfully govern over, both “present and future,” to “advance the general welfare, health, happiness and safety of its residents.” Please consider, “The purposes of the City and County government as stated,” and **OPPOSE SB727.**

Mahalo for your time.

Respectfully,

Lori Nakamura-Higa

Testimony Against SB727
Submitted by Louisa Wooton, Kilauea, Kaua'i

The intent of this bill is obviously to dilute the strength of home rule at the County level. It exemplifies the disconnect that the authors of this bill and any legislators who support it have with the people who elected them to serve.

Anyone should be in strong opposition to this purpose as stated at the end of the bill:

(This bill)

Expressly prohibits the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

Moreover, in Section 1 Item 13, I am adamantly opposed to the following change in the original wording:

Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [~~protect health, life, and property, and to preserve~~]:

Other than the inherent right for a person to make personal decisions about health, life, and property, it is at the local level of government where the will of the people is most likely to be heard and the laws most effective and protective. In the past 30 years, I have attended many County Council and Planning Commission meetings and have found that this level of government as well as community associations is what serves people best.

Removing the County's ability to protect the basic rights of health, life, and property if it conflicts with a State Law?? This is pilau. Do not pass this bill.

If the people lead, the leaders will follow -- Mahatma Gandhi

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Louise Butler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luly Unemori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Legislators, thank you for considering this bill, and I humbly ask that you pass it. Our family was born and raised in Hawaii. We own a small family business, and are working hard to raise our children. Conflicting rules from different layers of government have made it frustrating and difficult in so many ways - for churches, more affordable housing, better health care, or more choices in retail and business services. Conflicting government rules are bewildering and illogical, and I applaud your efforts to make our laws more uniform and reasonable. Thank you for your support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LYLE ROBINSON	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. It is heinous in its intention and to pass this bill will be a clear statement that you vote to oppose democracy in its true and intended form. This is a sneaky and deceptive way to try to manipulate government for the good of the greedy, not the good of the many. Serve your constituents as you swore to when you were elected. Do what is right, be Pono. Sincerely, Dr. Lyle Robinson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyn Howe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not take away the right of the counties to enact ordinances that protect the rights of property and the health of the people! Please do not allow this bill to pass

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M S Matson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mara Hisiger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES! This is to protect and preserve our health, life, and property (that's the people of this state and country!) and YOU want to delete this most important part of this sentence? This is NOT A WORD DOC! THIS IS THE LAW! Mahalo for your attention. Aloha.

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There is no need for such a bill since the law of the state supersedes county ordinances.
This may be another ploy to interfere in a county's designated land use by senate members representing land developers.
Please vote no on SB727.

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Margery Freeman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mari Ono	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health. This is illogical and undemocratic thinking! Please support PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES! Thank you.

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Maria Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

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Maria Maitino	Individual	Oppose	No

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Maria Taylor Sykes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose.

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Maria Walker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marilyn J. Gagen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote NO on this bill.

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Mark Kijima	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mark klemen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Opposing SB727- Each county should indeed and must have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the Aina!! Mahalo :)

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MARK SHEEHAN	HAIKU AINA PERMACULTURE INT	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, We of HAPI oppose this bill as we believe Hawaii counties should be able to enact legislation to protect citizens health, and property.

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Martha Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill! Each county should have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect their own county! Hands off public protection rights of counties!

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marty Kuala	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: please do not omit the words {protect health, life, and property and to preserve] from Bill 727. Please put your constituents first before the donors to your campaign funds.

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Meg Schofield	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly object to the elimination of our counties' rights to enact ordinances to protect the "health, life and property" of the people. Who knows better than those at the local level what serves the people's (and not the corporate) interests??

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Melody Pascual	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I strongly oppose this bill. (Previously submitted testimony written in opposition but clicked the wrong button under "Testifier Position", please change for the record.) thank you. Melody Pascual

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mary Higgins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael McDaniel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I simply want to express my opposition to this bill. It is bad politics and not good for our state. Counties need to maintain their ability to protect their citizens and we should have the power to make decisions that affect our health and safety. County residents best understand the unique issues of their lands. Thank you

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Michael Reed Gach	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am OPPOSING SB727. I oppose the notion of this bill - removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health. I think this bill is a disgrace to the quality of life. Each county should have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property. I believe our role as people and in representative government is to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve it. This is why I am opposed to SB 727. Michael Reed Gach, Ph.D. Resident of Maui, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Shooltz	Kauai Rising	Oppose	No

Comments: We find it quite outrageous that the State would even consider wanting to strip the County of Kauai of it's rights to pass ordinances that would protect the health and well being of it's people and it's property. What sinister agenda would even consider such a proposition?? The only possibility that comes to mind is that the six major Chemical Companies currently spraying combinations of 70 different toxic chemicals, six hours per day, six days per week here on Kauai are becoming quite concerned about the possibility of having their activities curtailed, and possibly even having to take responsibility for the results of their insidious activities. One has to ask themselves exactly what would motivate Senator Dela Cruz to sponsor a Bill to strip the counties of the ability to look after the well being of their people and their land. Exactly who might he be representing?? Please defeat this proposed change to SB 727. Allow the well being of the People and the well being of the land upon which we live to be a much higher priority than whatever dark interests are being represented by this effort to delete the rights of the counties to care for their own. Mahalo. Blessings, Michael Shooltz on behalf of Kauai Rising

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB 727 removes Counties ability to pass laws to protect health. I oppose this bill in its attempt to override the public protection rights of Counties.

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Michelle Aquino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose these changes. Safe guarding health is of paramount importance!

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nadia Wolf	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hands off of public protection rights by counties.

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Nadine Light	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Counties should have the right to enact ordinances, without interference from the state or federal government, to protect the health of their people. What can be more important than the feeling of safety and protection? What can be more important than living in a healthy, clean environment and breathing clean air? ALWAYS put yourself in the shoes of those who have the least amount of power and LISTEN to what they have to say.

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neal Chantara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is extremely important to protect the health of the people and our planet. I strongly oppose deleting any language that weakens these protections. Many thanks, Neal

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Nicole Bear	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicole	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Olinda Aiwohi	Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association	Oppose	No

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Pamela Burrell	Apollo Kauai	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not take away our counties rights to protect the health of the people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not a good idea!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Gardner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support to stop all cane burning! It is hazardous to our health!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Osborne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: no cane burning, no gmo!!

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Patrick Corrigan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please leave our Counties rights alone. Leave in the "[protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]."

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patti Valentine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Honorable Legislators: Bill SB 727 would remove a County's ability to pass laws protecting our health. Right now our state law says: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: DO NOT strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] as that is the whole purpose of the existing law! And certainly, at a time when 4-10 times as many pesticides are being sprayed on the `aina, she and we need all the protection we can get. Follow the existing law to conserve and protect PLEASE! Thank you, Patti Valentine Tell them HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Paul Hooper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Kuykendall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This Bill removes the ability of the counties to protect the health and safety of their citizens. Please vote down this bill and stop the erosion of public trust in the State.

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penny silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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Philip Oje	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It seems insidious that anyone would want to remove the right to protect the health and well being of humans and Nature. I OPPOSE this bill because I feel the right to health, life, fair property, and preservation of the land are God given rights all human beings are born with. To infringe upon this is to take away my birthright, and put the power to control my life in the hands of a greedy few.

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Pono Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pua Kamaoa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Date: March 13, 2013

House Hearing
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00PM
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB727

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Randy West and I am a resident of Kailua. Although I understand and appreciate the challenges businesses currently face navigating each of our counties' own unique ordinances, I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED to SB727**. This bill undermines the essence of local governance and neuters the right of each county's citizens to democratically decide what type of economic development is best for its collective health and lifestyle, both essential facets of a community's quality of life. While altering the current respective law may prove short-term economic gains for business owners, and county residents to a lesser extent, it has potentially significant long-term negative impacts on our county's residents, a'ina, and Hawaii's tradition of local community self-governance.

I humbly ask you to oppose this bill and let our counties keep their "power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]" .

Respectfully submitted,

Randy West
Kailua, Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Kester	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill and let our county councils get on with helping us with relevant county issues. So tired of seeing our council tied up with activists ploys to bog up the system. Especially when these are matters governed by the state and federal government. The redundancy is a waste of time, money and effort.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Sameda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to be one added voice in opposition of this bill, in hopes that it will help make a difference for the safety, health and welfare of our land and people of Hawaii. Please do the right thing and do not let this bill pass. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Please do what's right for our people. Please do not be swayed by deep pockets. It's your job to advocate and protect those who trusted you and put you in office.

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Richard Boge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is in reference to SB727. I oppose this because the following is being left out: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: We should be protecting our land and our people from companies and people that would harm the people and harm our land. Do not omit #13 above.

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Richard Furst	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Richard Mealey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ladies and Gentlemen: I oppose SB727. The public protection rights of Counties need not and should not be infringed.

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Testimony--Oppose SB727
From Richard Morse

To HOUSE JUD Chair--Karl Rhodes and Committee members

I am particularly incensed by the suggestion of this measure, which seems to have slipped through the State Senate without a hitch. I have no room in my testimony for formalities...I am so outraged by it. For this I apologize.

What is the exact intent of this bill? Is the State Government about to enact measures so inappropriate that even County governments find them repugnant enough to pass ordinances to protect their citizens?

Does the State and/or Federal governments intend to invade the counties, seize lands, kill citizens, infect the population with diseases? THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS BILL IMPLIES!!

When is the outpouring of insanity in this Legislature, largely coming from the Dela Cruz faction, going to cease?

When are Legislators of honorable fiber going to stand up to this nonsense? Is there any left!?

Counties have the right...if not the obligation...to protect their citizens from unlawful or unscrupulous activities by rouge governments--State or Federal or foreign; as much as citizens have the Constitutional right to do the same.

I oppose this bill--SB 727.

Richard Morse

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Gold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't remove "local" from our governance. Why on earth would you remove the county's right to make decisions regarding it's own people and property? Local government is the most vital and directly represents ordinary citizens. Hawaii has one of the most diverse, eclectic, dramatic human and natural environments of any state - and we know "local" right? So why would you even consider remove this? Why, why, why.... Or better yet - Don't, Don't, Don't! Please let it stay the way it is so that local representation can represent local people and all the wonderful ways we and these lands are unique.

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Testimony of Puna Pono Alliance

JUD 325 Mar 15, 2013 2:00 PM

RE: SB727

Position: strong opposition

Robert Petricci: representing Puna Pono Alliance

Aloha

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair, Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair, and committee members.

Puna Pono Alliance opposes SB727. This bill removes the authority of the counties to protect LIFE and HEALTH of residents. Many special-interest groups and businesses prefer that their interests are protected over those of the communities that their operations affect. In many respects, we rely on the county authority to ensure that we have a voice in matters of life and health.

This is a problem that is getting progressively worse because of the influence special interest are able to generate through unfair financial advantages they have in lobbyist, and political contributions. The people of the state of Hawaii are getting short changed, we are getting priced out of the law making process. In our opinion this bill is an example of how that happens. This is special interest legislation that will corporations on at the expense of the people of this state if passed. We need more opportunity to participate in the process and proposed developments that affect our families and lifestyles not less. SB727 will further strip the already inadequate opportunities for public participation in our government.

Please vote NO on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Petricci
President Puna Pono Alliance

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Krieger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This measure will likely have significant unintended consequences. Counties usually have the full scope of police powers necessary to protect public health, safety, and general welfare. Changing the language in this statute will likely be perceived as an intent to reduce the counties' police powers and call into question the legality of many criminal, environmental, and other ordinances already in existence. Moreover, this measure ignores the concept of local governmental input on local issues.

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Robyn Petterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, this bill contains content that would effectively deem our county powerless to corporate interests. I strongly oppose. RP

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Weidenbach	Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association	Support	No

Comments: The HAAA strongly supports this bill which protects Hawaii's farmers and ranchers including aquaculture and aquaponics producers by essentially preempting Counties from passing ordinances which would outlaw otherwise generally accepted farming and ranching practices.

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Ronald Fujiyoshi	Ohana Ho`opakele	Oppose	No

Comments: I humbly oppose the State of Hawaii imposing restrictions on the County of Hawaii and its ability to make laws pertaining to the island of Hawaii. This is known as "Home rule" and is a fundamental principle to jurisdiction. Thank you for allowing us to testify in this manner.

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RuthAnn Striegel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill must be defeated now to protect the health of the people of Kauai. Already, outside forces have been allowed to take over so much of the land and water rights of the island. This is morally wrong and must be stopped now!

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sam cresanto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Aloha,

Please oppose SB 727. I oppose this measure because I believe the modifications to the existing Bill will weaken the people's ability to govern themselves at the most local level. It is our community's right to protect our lives, health, and the health of the `aina.

Thank you,

Samantha Hamilton

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Sandra Herndon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because it attempts to take the power further and further away from the people. This travesty is an affront to each and every person who voted for you. It is another example of Corporatacracy at work, allowing the State and Federal gov't to bulldoze the rights of the people to direct their own lives, in favort of those who financed your campaigns! A`ole!

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Sarah Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If a county has a better concern for the citizens, the state should not be able to override it. Economic development is not the primary principle of our government.

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Sarah V Raisbeck (Sally)	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE SB727 I oppose this attack on the power of the counties, which will allow state agencies to make decisions contrary to the will of the county, without any necessity for the legislature to have passed a law.

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shantee brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: the county is the level of government average citizens can most easily petition on our own behalf. this bill takes away the peoples voice. you serve us!!!! if you support this bill i hope the guilt bites your conscience. we know what our county needs because we live here. i can't tell you the problems the residents of other counties face only my own. my voice is for my county as it should be. you are endangering the people and benefiting the already powerful. how can we speak against corporations who are here for profit with no kuleana for our lives and land??? to centralize this aspect of our civic duty you are taking away our right to participate in the checks and balance of the government. shame on you!!!!

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Sharon Spilman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is simply another way for corporations to remove power from the people. This bill must die.

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sherrian witt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Simon Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose the cane burning and GMOs

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Sophia M. Bicoy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose the deletion of protect, health, life and property and to preserve. Everything should be done in the best nterests of the taxpayer and resident of Hawaii period.

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Spencer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why would anyone want to prevent a county from protecting its inhabitants health?? This is very disturbing behavior, giving corporations (people) this right is like letting a hungry dogs loose in a room full of kittens.

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Star Newland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: If you take away this local rule then we the People stand overwhelmed by the larger entities of the state and federal governments. Who is there for the People then I ask? I ask you to vote down this legislation. Our line in the sand is drawn now. We are uniting to claim our islands and to make things pono. Mahalo, Star Newland Puna

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephan Boeker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this bill that takes away our local representatives' power to ensure our health, life, and property. We face our own local challenges that some bureaucrat in Honolulu may not be sensitive to at all.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2013

Testimony for JUD on Mar 15, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Rodgers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Under item 13 the ability of counties to protect health, life and property is struck out. This is unacceptable, each county has an obligation to protect its citizens life, health and property. This appears to be a clear attempt by large business to insulate itself from regulation at the expense of the citizens of the county.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Hirakami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I am quite suprised that more county officials have not weighed in on this bill. This bill has a very narrow scope with broad statewide consequences. The narrow scope is eliminating the phrase: "protect health, life, and property, and to preserve..." in the context of the complete sentence: "Each County shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants." By re-inserting its ability to still protect property and order and security, it eliminates the county's ability to protect its citizens in matters of health and life. I am scratching my head on this one. The County's duty to protect our health and life is less important than protecting out property and the order and security of the county? I see that the people who support this measure are ranchers and cattlemen's associations. This has some limited scope in protecting their businesses from some county ordinance. Please, do not compromise the health and lives of our people for the sake of a few people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Benjamin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a registered voter of Kaua'i County I oppose this measure taking away rights or our leadership to decide how to protect our health. If there is a conflict with state or federal law that can be resolved with existing legislation. Please do not pass this bill that will affect the smaller islands tremendously. Thank you. Steven Benjamin
5180 Hoona Rd. Koloa, Hi 96756

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sue phalen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Coan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With regard to article (13) "Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]; (A) Protect property; or (B) Preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants" Please do not take away the County's right to preserve the life and health of its inhabitants.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Moll	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASEHANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Suy Nathan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Wakelin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please OPPOSE SB727. This bill removes the authority of the counties to protect LIFE and HEALTH of residents. Many special-interest groups and businesses prefer that their interests are protected over those of the communities that their operations affect. In many respects, we rely on the county authority to ensure that we have a voice in matters of life and health. Please vote NO on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Syama das	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a bad idea, Counties should have the ability to protect their citizens as they see fit.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Partridge	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tam Mui	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara C. Dorman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I heard that this bill is trying to strike the following information from state law: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] What then, is the point of having a representative body represent us if they cannot protect us? HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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What then, is the point of having a representative body represent us if they cannot protect us?

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Tatiana Rocks	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tek Nickerson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Another sneak attack! Please submit testimony OPPOSING SB727!
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=727 This bill is removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health. Right now our state law says: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: They want strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] Tell them HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teora	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Counties should be able to act appropriately if state or federal policies are a threat to health issues at the local level. This is about protecting the safety of the individual and family and not, sacrificing voices for a "greater good".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Beebe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Esteemed Senate Members, I am writing to you today to voice my strong opposition to Bill SB 727. As a member of the farming community on Kauai I have great concerns for my family and the health of our island and our nation. The actions of some of the large corporations supporting legislation promoting GMO activity is an effort which you must resist! I understand that there are great financial advantages to cooperating with the things these corporations want to do but you will do so at the peril of your constituents and at the peril of your positions of power. There is a very strong movement in opposition to GMO activities that is only increasing. You are best to choose the right side of this fight. If you have any doubts as to the public opinion about this topic I implore you to look at international attitudes about GMOs. I hope you will do the right thing in opposing this bill and all other legislation that tries to empower the agendas of the corporations which support GMOs and control of our food quality and the seeds that produce our food. Mahalo & Aloha, Thomas Thomas Beebe 808-635-6262

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Tia Kent	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Rubald	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Regarding (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve . . .] Do not strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve . . .] Please: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES! Mahalo!

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tj simms	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Who authored this bill? WHO supports this bill? HOW can anyone who are elected by the people want to delete "protect health, life, and property, and to preserve", this is a anti people bill and should not even be discussed! We the people oppose this bill!

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Tram Quen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the urgent passage of this bill

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SB727 Heard by JUD on Friday, 03-15-13 2:00PM in House conference room 325.

Honorable Chairman and Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify Respectfully Oppose SB727 which would strike out the counties ability to "protect, health, life, and property and to preserve".

There seems to be an idea circulating that we should somehow preempt home rule and just go with the intent of federal , state statutes, rules and regulations which may be much weaker than local regulation, rule making and community planning.

A 2009 [memo](#) from President Obama opposed preemption in all federal rule-making. The memo correctly notes: "Throughout our history, state and local governments have frequently protected health, safety, and the environment more aggressively than has the national government."

Any federal standard must set a floor and not a ceiling, and not hand preemption over to industry. The role of the federal government is to set minimum standards, while still allowing states to go further."

Further, counties, community associations , alliances of community associations, organizations provide proper layering and opportunities for input by its constituents more in touch with the local issues that would further be protective of health, safety and well being of its constituents in its consideration of property, land use and community/ business planning. Unfortunately economics in business can discount the health and well being of its constituents and community plans, in favor of industry profit. So please do not pass SB727.

Mahalo for your kokua.

Unmani Cynthia Groves

Health Care Practice Management Consultant to Professionals since 1985

Active Member:

Alliance of Maui Community Associations

Kihei Community Association Planning Committee

SW Maui Watershed Advisory to Maui County

Halau Ke'alaokamaile

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Thruelsen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Line #13 eliminates 8 important words. "protect health, life, property, and to preserve". Even if you think that its redundant because of the following words, the word "life" is nowhere to be found. This could be very destructive. Thank you for taking my voice into consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vanessa Massey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Many tourists and residents choose a particular county because of it's different approach to health, development, and security policies. Preservation of each county's rights to structure regulations based on their individual and varying needs must be preserved. Mahalo for responsibly representing your people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vicki Vierra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The counties must retain the rights to protect citizens' health, life and property. The further away from the people the laws get, the less likely they are to serve the public.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wendy mackintosh	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: re: SB 727 and similar legislation, I hope that our legislature will protect assure our county and state and individual right to protect our "helath and well being" and that of our children (see proposed changes to the bill) This si aof great concern in our present age with genetically modified crops (GMO) and associated poisonous pesticides affecting the whole system AND altering matter right down to a cellular level...which may become irreversible. Please let's CATCH this now ! ...protecting our rights to health and well being.Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Raebeck	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am opposed to SB727. Why is everyone constantly tampering with the state laws? Counties need the right to protect health and property of their residents. These are the most basic rights. I can't believe ANYONE would try to change the wording of that part of the law.

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William R Meyers	Individual	Oppose	No

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Zoe Alexander	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health. Right now our state law says: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: The bill would strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] The Counties should maintain their rights to protect their citizens.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Franco	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments: We need to be careful when Counties are considering adopting new Ordinances that they don't conflict with accepted State and Federal Laws.

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Dear House Judiciary Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I oppose SB 727. Please file it. It deserves the same treatment as the repeal-PLDC bill.

Federal and State laws, statutes, rules and regulations already supersede county ordinances.

It is very suspicious when Monsanto, the largest GMO-pesticide multinational company in the world, supports the bill through employee(?) Dawn Bicoy-Stephenson of Moloka'i (nominally for the Molokai Chamber of Commerce); Robert Stephenson of Moloka'i (who may be related to her) supports the bill; a few others in the business community on Moloka'i support it; but non-business Molokai' people don't seem to know about it.

Is this another PLDC-light bill sneaking in under the radar as did PLDC a couple of years ago? Isn't this bill authored by the same senator who co-authored the infamous PLDC bill?

A concerned citizen and long-time voter,
amy kimura

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andre Moch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hands off public protection rights of counties .

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley M. Stokes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee: My name is Ashley Stokes, and I am a veterinarian and member of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council strongly supports SB 727. While we agree that counties should have strong "home rule", we also believe that when Counties adopt ordinances that conflict with accepted Federal and State laws, rules or regulations, this adds an additional level of bureaucracy which is redundant and burdensome. Imagine businesses which operate in more than one county in our State having to follow separate rules for their business. In this era of activism and misinformation rampant in social media and on the internet, generally accepted farming practices are especially susceptible to folks who simply don't like what you do, even though those practices are regulated and perhaps even endorsed by Federal Agencies and/or State Departments. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in favor of this very important issue.

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Barbara borgnino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm opposed to this bill. Counties should have some control over these issues.

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Bill Collins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am very much NOT in favor of SB727!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BILL HEARNE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO MORE CANE BURNING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Brian Emmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Candace Freeland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Kauai is being overwhelmed with toxic chemicals in the soil, air, waters and running off into the ocean, - these toxic poisonous pesticides and herbicides are fouling the environment of the island, Our tourism industry will decline dramatically when people find out they are swimming in unsafe waters and when they see all the plastic and debris on our beaches. Kauai could be a model for clean, responsible, sustainable agriculture. This bill is attempting to disempower the people from protecting the health of the land and of their families. What's the point in selling away the land to corporate ag and chemical companies? Is someone hoping to turn paradise into another toxic waste dump? Defeat this bill. Evict the GMO/chem companies and restore the health of the land. Enough is enough.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Cam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Reducing the effective language of measure 727 which aims be compassionate toward public and private health is wrong, and I vehemently oppose it. Health should be sacred for everybody, not just the privileged few !

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Christopher English	Individual	Support	No

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Corine Billedo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] (this preceding bracketed line is to be deleted from existing law): (A) Protect property; or (B) Preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants;

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S De Luz Jr	Kukaiiau Ranch	Support	No

Comments: Chairs Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee: My name is David De Luz, Jr., and I represent Kukaiiau Ranch located in the Hamakua district on the Island of Hawaii. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 727! I believe that the counties should have the ability and have strong "home rule" governance. I also believe that when Counties adopt ordinances that conflict with accepted Federal and State Laws, rule or regulations, this adds an additional level of bureaucracy which is redundant and burdensome. We as businesses deserve and should expect NOT to have to follow separate rules in more than one county in our State. In this time of activism and misinformation that can run afoul in the social medial and on the internet, generally accepted farming practices are especially susceptible to folks who simply don't like what you do, even though these practices are usually endorsed by Federal and State agencies. Thank you for giving me the importunity to testify in FAVOR of this VERY IMPORTANT matter.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEARING
Committee on Judiciary
Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00pm
Conference Room 325
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB727
County Ordinances on Property, Order, and Security; Conflicts with State and Federal Laws

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Respected Committee Members:

I strongly support SB727.

Consistency in the framework to conduct business in Hawaii will promote confidence in our economy. At a time when we are all concerned with the bottom line, business and government alike, and how best to utilize our resources, we need assurances when projecting business plans that will strategically allow us to best utilize our investment capital, time and resources.

Thus the overarching framework needs to be sensibly implemented and consistent between the State and Counties. We respect the different levels of government, but we should also recognize that there are limitations to our wherewithal – our assets, resources, agencies, enforcement and most importantly budgets. We must best utilize what is most conducive to all sectors, as multiple levels of redundant and expensive bureaucracy cost us all money – State, Counties, Businesses, and inevitably the Hawaii consumer.

In a time when we are all facing leaner means, we need to recognize the value of consistency for the betterment of our Hawaii economy.

I humbly ask that you support SB727.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Bicoy-Stephenson
Molokai Chamber of Commerce, Member

HC01 Box 228
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Rogers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB727 and I request your committee do the same. The counties must retain this power. Please do not pass Senate Bill 727. Thank you for your time. Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rogers POB 1570 Hanalei, HI 96714

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Nelson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not agree to removing health and welfare of citizens regarding cane burning. I am a teacher who sees children with asthma attacks from cane burning and have suffered myself when I wake up to a house filled with smoke from a burn. I have no AC so cannot shut windows. Please do not allow changing law to allow them to burn without health concerns. Mahalo Diane

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Donna Worden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Just as Charter Schools allow a small group of parents to educate their children as desired, a County (or a City) is a "small" group of people who deserve to live in freedom as they wish. A few short years ago, the Hawai'i County Council declared that residents of our island should never be subjected to forced injections. SUCH FREEDOMS MUST REMAIN without being dictated from "above".

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Donovan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not take away the rite of our counties to protect themselves against Biotech companies. I OPPOSE SB727 This bill is removing the County's ability to pass laws protecting health. Right now our state law says: (13) Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]: They want to strike out this part: [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve] HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES! Mahalo, Donovan Cabebe

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Edith Terwey	Individual	Support	No

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Emily Kandagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB 727 implies that the State would give preference to protecting Monsanto's right to keep using toxic pesticides (protect property and order) while removing recourse for poisoned individuals and communities to seek protection from the county. This is unacceptable to prioritize manipulative corporations' so-called "property rights" over public interest and public health.

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Support	No

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Harry von Holt	Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd	Support	No

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Jack De Feo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Subject: SB 272 Dear Senator. SB 727 would delete the wording that gives counties the power to enact ordinances to "protect health and life." Counties would retain the power to "protect property and preserve order and security" only. Do you really want to give your family - your children, yourself - a government that values property and order over the life and health of human beings? What is the purpose of government if not to protect the health and life of its citizens? Look to your conscience and vote against this outrageous bill. You can not take away our inalienable rights! Respectfully, Jack De Feo Makaha If I understand the implications correctly, SB 727 would protect Monsanto's right to keep using toxic pesticides (protect property and order) while removing recourse for poisoned individuals and communities to seek protection from the county. J D

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Janet Pappas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not understand why the words "life, health" have been removed from statement 13 of this bill. Please explain the purpose for this change. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Moniz	KK Ranch/Hamakua Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: Farmers and ranchers make up a small and smaller percentage of our population as time goes by. Their right to farm is protected and should be protected to insure food security. In this era of activism and misinformation rampant in social media generally accepted farming practices are especially susceptible to folks who simply don't like what you do, even though those practices follow best production practices and may also be regulated and endorsed by Federal Agencies and/or State Departments. I strongly support this Bill to protect our farmers and ranchers statewide.

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JoAnn Yukimura	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill is not necessary since the pre-emption doctrine is well established, but the pre-emption should be applied on a case-by-case basis--not across the board as SB 727 proposes to do. This, in my opinion, is a blatant affront to home rule. Please hold this bill. Mahalo.

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John Brooks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. Ranchers and farmers need your help in continuing their business without being hampered by continued silliness at the county level.

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Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HANDS OFF PUBLIC PROTECTION RIGHTS OF COUNTIES!

www.WeAreOne.cc There is no rational reason to pollute our own environment or destroy other species.

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Please oppose this bill. People are more important than property, and good government should reflect this. SB 727 would allow counties to retain power to "protect property and preserve order and security," but lose the power to protect the health and lives of its people. This is frightening. As I read it, a case in point would be that landowners spraying chemicals that turn out to be toxic would be enabled to keep their poisonous property, while people and communities being poisoned could not look to their county government for protection. This would be outrageous.

Please oppose SB 727.

Sincerely,
Katherine Orr

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Katie Horgan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keith Unger	McCandless Ranch	Support	No

Comments: McCandless Ranch strongly supports SB 727. While we agree that counties should have a strong "home rule", we also believe that when Counties adopt ordinances that conflict with accepted Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, this adds an additional level of bureaucracy which is redundant, burdensome and unnecessary.

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Kristin Mack	Individual	Support	No

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Greetings, Chairperson and Vice chairperson:

I am in opposition of this bill because the reason d'etre of government is to protect public, helath, safety welcare and morals, this bill instead guts the county government legitimate responsibility to address health, life and property.

State legislation should be general and enabling county government, this bill is poorly written, confusing and unecessariy micromanaging the county,
Please hold the bill.

Thank you very much

Luciano Minerbi

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Honolulu, Hi 96826

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Margaret Sheen
PO Box 510165
Kealia, HI 96751

3-14-13

re: Testimony opposing SB727

Aloha Committee Members,

Each County should have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to [protect health, life, and property, and to preserve]. Bill SB727 takes this right away from the counties.

I oppose SB727.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sheen
Resident of Kauai

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Mary M. Barter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: so the counties' long established duty to protect my life and health is now seen as unnecessary? But property still needs protection? I don't understand this bill. Who does it serve? Not me. I imagine it could only serve someone, or some "person", whose activities might prove hazardous to health, and who wouldn't want to be bothered by my protector protecting me from that.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa L Yee	Seeds of Truth	Oppose	No

Comments: To the Honorable Judiciary Committee of the Senate, I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the change of wording to remove "to protect health." This is one of the fundamental rights of any human being and the responsibility of the government that represents him, whether on a county, state or federal level. Governance begins on the local level in the counties, also called "home rule." By removing this clause the introducer of this bill again reveals his true dark colors of subverting inalienable rights of an individual. States have more power than the federal government according to the Tenth Amendment, and counties have more influence and authority over the every day functioning of a community or society. This is a lousy bill which should be trashed by this committee. Sincerely, Dr Melissa L Yee Seeds of Truth

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Michael Bryan	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Wistinghausen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Reyes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The burning of the cane feilds directly affects me and my family in the following ways: We have had shortness in breath, head aches, light headedness, burning eyes, and nausea. Cane burning directly effects public health. Please keep our citizens of Maui County protected.

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Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser	Mikilua Poultry Farm Inc	Support	No

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Submitted Testimony

Regarding SB727, relating to economic development

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03-15-13 2pm in House Conf room 325

I encourage you to reject SB727

Rachel Linden-Rossiter 2575 Kuhio Ave Honolulu, HI 96815

Dear Committee Members & Those kind enough to listen,

I live a few months out of the year in Waikiki and the rest of my time in my home in Phoenix, AZ. I have two children, I own and run a small commercial and residential real estate Brokerage and my husband is an executive for a large multi-national company. Because of my serious health issues I attribute to GMOs I have become an advocate for education on this important issue and have been for years.

SB727 strips the rights of the citizens of Hawaii and you are being used by the Biotech industry to support their unfair dominance over commerce etc. This tactic has been used by the Biotech industry for years all over our country as a response to Mendocino County California's GMO ban on the county level 2004/2005. *I should note that since the Ban, Mendocino County's agricultural and economic base is booming as more and more people need GMO Free foods.* Activists across the country are dealing with the same abuse of our legal system. Take note of those pressing you for this legislation, they are clearly telling you where their allegiances are, not with the will of the people or with mal intent to laws put into effect by our wise Island forefathers and leaders. **SB727 will keep us from the ability to protect our home and opens the front door for abuse against Hawaii and its inhabitant's.**

SB727 conflicts with many constitutional rights including my right to pursuit of happiness, especially when my happiness revolves around my health and the health of my children.

Here is my GMO Free testimony:

I am 39 now and it is hard to say when my ill health started, but I spent more than a decade with debilitating health issues: uncontrollable seasonal allergies that led to chronic infections, painful digestive issues, thyroid issues, a complex myriad of immunity problems and my teeth seemed to be "falling apart". I seemed to always be sick, going from one illness to another and everything bothered me, as though I was allergic to everything...dust, animals, sprays, fumes, lotions and any kind of chemical. I came to a point where I could not function as a wife, mother or worker. I spent most of my days unable to leave my bed and in much pain and sick, missing out on the good things life had to offer and praying for help.

I found no meaningful answers, no matter how much money I spent or from the many doctors I went to. I felt close to death, this was not how I had lived the bulk of my life previously...I was an athlete with amazing strength.

I asked a very healthy looking woman what was her secret to health... she sent me to her nutritionist. The nutritionist did what no doctors had done before...she looked at what I was eating, tested me for food allergies and started my quest for knowledge regarding the link between my health and my food. I quickly discovered a huge lie...the "health" foods I was consuming were not safe, in fact had been Genetically Modified. When I withdrew these foods completely from my diet I started a miraculous recovery, I was able to throw away countless bottles of prescription drugs and regained my life back...improvement was immediate and highly noticeable to myself and the people around me, I had found the source of my long standing suffering.

I started to wonder how many people had these same issues and why was this not front-page news. **The more I read the more I understood this was no mistake and there is a massive a cover up.** When you scratch the surface of the lies the industry tells, you will find study after study showing how these foods are very dangerous and the cover-ups and misinformation campaigns...I was shocked and appalled.

I could spend days sifting studies, quoting doctors, scientists, professors and personal testimonies like mine. Countless movies, books and articles have been written on the subject damning the whole process...please, do not take my word for it...research for yourself and you will not doubt be shocked like me. Because of this experience in my life...I have devoted my life to making sure that the truth comes out about GMOs.

As a society as conscious beings it is our duty to strive for the best for all of humanity to continue to raise our consciousness and the quality of life for ourselves and others, not to destroy the planet and life by offering fast, "cheap", sub-standard, unsafe food to our children.

As more independent research is coming out about GMOs and the risks they pose, some smart companies are scrambling to reformulate and take the GMOs out of their products...they know the public is waking up to the industry lies and are making the correlation between the human suffering and GMOs. **This shift could come about more swiftly as direct result of GMO labeling/banning...the food industry knows that if the public knew what they are being exposed to they would never eat GMO products. I ask you as those that influence our laws, help these companies do the right thing by minimally labeling their products as Genetically Modified.**

The world will continue turning their backs on this faulty science and demand answers along with justice.

All you have heard is my opinion, perhaps you would like some basis for these opinions...I will do my best to convey that to you, however it took years of research

and personal experience for me to know what I know and there are no simple or fast explanations.

Please, know that I am not a doctor, lawyer or scientist...also I am not stupid, blind, nor do I leave the decisions or responsibility regarding my personal or family health to anyone else, not any more.

How big of a problem are GMOs? Without labeling/banning we may never know the truth.

Some say that **GMOs contaminate approximately 90% of processed foods...** as a label reading consumer I believe this to be a conservative number. Estimates show in **US crops 86% + of the corn grown is GMO corn (much of it Bt technology), 90%+ of Soybeans (mostly "Round-up" ready technology), 94% of Canola (most is "Round-up" ready technology).** There are many other crops including **GMO Papaya** (finding data on how much island Papaya is GMO has been a difficult process)...some say **75% of the Hawaiian Papaya is GMO (Bt).**

It was very difficult to find NON GMO Papaya while I was on Oahu and extremely costly... savvy customers are also concerned about GMO horizontal contamination from pollen of GMO infected varieties and now feel as though no Island Papaya is safe from GMO contamination and will not purchase them any longer.

Out of respect and appreciation for the farmers of the islands desperately struggling to keep the original DNA structured plants alive, I support them with my wallet and my palate...I believe in them and their cause. Many mainlanders believe Hawaiian papaya is a lost food and will never be safe...these people refuse Hawaiian papaya.

GMOs are a huge amount of the average persons daily food intake...some people don't have a meal in their day that is not loaded with GMOs, especially children! It took years and a highly intelligent professional to correlate the GMOs in my diet to my ill health. I believe many suffer without knowing the cause of their troubles is on their plates. **I believe labeling GMOs will help make those vital connections for people and will bolster the health of countless people especially children.**

Why are so many people very worried about the safety of GMO foods and the Chemicals that come with like Roundup or Glyphosate?

Jeffrey M Smith on GMOs...he is an author and filmmaker, he is the director of "The Institute For Responsible Technology" and one of the worlds foremost experts on GMOs, he interviews Doctor and Scientists from around the world exposing the health risks of GMOs...for a short time you maybe able to enjoy this movie for free online it is 87 minutes long or rent it for \$2.99...there is also a 2:26 minute trailer, it flashes second on the screen after the movie advertisement.

<http://geneticroulettemovie.com>

Here is an article from Huffington Post that made it's way around the world showing how roundup (herbicide) is linked to Birth Defects:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/06/07/roundup-birth-defects-herbicide-regulators_n_872862.html

NOTE: An ad placed by Monsanto in Dutch newspapers claiming Roundup herbicide has no adverse effects on soil was ruled misleading last year by the Dutch advertising standards commission. Monsanto has failed to appeal within the time allowed, so the ruling stands.

Monsanto placed its ad in direct response to a report by Earth Open Source, "Roundup and birth defects: Is the public being kept in the dark?" This report and a peer-reviewed paper based on its findings are here:
<http://earthopensource.org/index.php/reports/roundup-and-birth-defects-is-the-public-being-kept-in-the-dark>

The Monsanto ad and details of the political row in the Netherlands around the use of Roundup are here:

<http://earthopensource.org/index.php/news/122-dutch-parliament-moves-against-glyphosate-citing-evidence-in-earth-open-source-report>

Monsanto forced to accept the opinion of the Advertising Advisory Committee: Roundup advertising was misleading Press release Corporate Europe Observatory and toxicsoy.org Amsterdam, February 4, 2013

Monsanto has been forced to accept the opinion of the Advertising Code Committee in the Netherlands over a misleading advertisement on their agrochemical Roundup. The company did not appeal against the decision of the committee of 11 December 2012. The ad titled "Roundup, the facts" appeared in June 2012 in the Telegraph and The Vokskrant. This advertising is misleading in the propositions that the herbicide "would have no effect on the soil", "would not remain in the soil" and "would not penetrate the soil," the Advertising Code Committee said.

The complaint was filed against by campaign website toxicsoy.org together with Corporate Europe Observatory and Pesticide Action Network. The complaint was substantiated with references to scientific studies from different countries.

Tjerk Dalhuisen, one of the authors, says, "The ad was trying to give the impression that Roundup is harmless. It contained gross factual inaccuracies. Roundup is harmful to the soil and is a major problem for the drinking water supply. Roundup causes considerable damage to humans, animals and nature."

If the Biotech industry hid this information what else are they hiding? If Roundup causes birth defects what else does it cause?

PLEASE make some time to go over this particular link. There are three VERY IMPORTANT videos to give an in-depth understanding of how our health is being affected by the growing of genetically modified foods. Unless consumers get educated and involved, the present and future of our food may be beyond our ability to rescue. This is not to scare you. But, in my opinion, Dr. Mercola's team has put the information together in one place to help us understand just how critical this issue is for all of us.

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2013/01/12/ge-crops-affect-soil-fertility.aspx>

Visit the Mercola Video Library

By Dr. Mercola

Genetically engineered crops and food products pose a threat to your health, resistance to disease, soil, and the global food supply. The biotech industry is riddled with corruption as companies clamor to sink their claws into the marketplace first, to get their seeds into farmers' fields ahead of the rest. This pervasive corporate rush to profit at any cost places all of humanity at risk, as the industry barrels ahead without even questioning the consequences of their technology. Industry leaders have failed to slow down long enough to even ponder the long-term consequences of irreversibly manipulating the DNA of your food. And what independent researchers are finding in this regard is truly disturbing and is probably just the tip of the iceberg in this genetics experiment of unprecedented scale.

When you see the term "biotech industry," you might automatically think of [Monsanto](#), the world's Big Dog when it comes to GE seed. Monsanto has shown it will stop at nothing to bully its way across the globe, leaving a trail of planetary devastation in its wake. [Monsanto's unsavory behavior](#) even resulted in Forbes Magazine's retraction of naming Monsanto "Company of the Year" in 2009, admitting they were "wrong on Monsanto... really wrong," citing not only the problems with resistant super weeds but also investigations of antitrust issues and a potential flop in an expensive new variety of GE corn seed. But these high-tech seed wars have now *gone global*, extending well beyond our Western borders, and there is no better illustration than the latest scandal in India.

GE Scientists in India Found Guilty of Fraud and Cover Up

A group of scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) have been found guilty of infecting and subsequently hiding the fact that indigenously created Bt cotton contained a

Monsanto gene. The variety, called BNBt, was supposed to be a cheaper alternative to the other Indian Bt cotton hybrids. Shortly after its release in 2009, its sales were suspended, and then hearings commenced. It's now been determined that the Indian scientists intentionally contaminated the GE cotton seed, because "accidental contamination cannot explain what happened." ICAR condemned the scientists' actions as "unethical, unscientific, and irresponsible." It appears these shenanigans occurred in order to somehow speed up the seed's release into India's Bt cotton marketplace.

The hearing's outcome falls on the heels of a major decision in October 2012 by a committee, appointed by India's Supreme Court, to **end all GE field trials** until certain conditions have been met. The Committee also recommended a 10-year moratorium on field trials of all Bt food crops and a moratorium on field trials of herbicide-tolerant crops until an independent assessment has performed. Perhaps India has finally had enough. Over the past 16 years, more than a quarter of a million Indian farmers have **committed suicide** after being convinced to plant Monsanto's genetically engineered seeds (especially Bt cotton), then having their crops fail, leaving them in financial ruin. Could this be a harbinger of times to come in the United States?

Latest Study Shows Roundup Creates Botulism Breeding Ground in Poultry

A new German study by the Institute of Bacteriology and Mycology examined the effects of glyphosate, the active agent in **Monsanto's herbicide Roundup**, on the gut microbes of poultry. Some birds are heavily exposed to glyphosate when fed genetically engineered feed. The study's findings are quite alarming. Researchers found that highly pathogenic bacteria resisted glyphosate, whereas beneficial bacteria likely succumbed to it.

What does this mean for you and me? The essential implication is that poultry fed GE corn or soy would fall victim to dysbiosis, meaning unhealthy changes in their gut flora that threaten the health of the birds, as well as anyone consuming them. The good bacteria in the poultry gut, such as Enterococcus, Bifidobacterium and Lactobacillus, are killed off, allowing the pathogenic or disease causing bacteria to flourish. Varieties such as Salmonella and Clostridium are very dangerous pathogens for humans. Clostridia bacteria are some of the deadliest, with strains including *C. tetani* (tetanus) and *C. botulinum* (botulism). Chickens bred in CAFOs are already routinely fed antibiotics, arsenic, and even antidepressants, all of which have serious adverse health consequences. But this new study suggests CAFO chickens exposed to glyphosate may become breeding grounds for Botulism, Salmonella and other major pathogenic organisms. The implications of this become even clearer when you consider the recently released findings of a **decade-long feeding study** that showed GE feed can cause significant changes in the digestive systems, immune systems, and major organs (including liver, kidneys, pancreas, genitals and others) of rats, mice, pigs and salmon. If it's doing all of that to animals and fish, what's it doing to you? Clearly, the conventional agribusiness food system has emerged as a major

threat to your health. But it may also be contributing to an even greater problem: the destruction of the world's topsoil.

Horizontal Gene Transfer Is Now Proven By Science

The following complications underscore the seriousness of the dangers introduced by cultivation of GE crops:

- DNA from GE plants is not readily broken down in the soil and can be taken up by soil particles and microbes. The accumulation of foreign DNA may lead to a cumulative loss of soil diversity over repeated harvests.
- Unlike the claims of Monsanto when it first approved GM crops, Bt genes (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) are not broken down, for the reasons already stated, so can accumulate in soil and potentially produce Bt toxins. These toxins may build up in the soil, further damaging the organisms crucial for soil fertility. Research from the New York University confirms that Bt toxins are not broken down by soil microbes and do indeed accumulate in soil; the toxins maintain their ability to kill insects, potentially creating **superbugs** that further endanger the ecosystem.
- GE DNA is able to merge with the DNA of other organisms to create new varieties of soil microorganisms that disrupt the ecological balance. These new organisms, if virulent enough, could **spread widely** via wind erosion and ground water to compromise soil fertility on a broader scale.
- A Swiss study showed that adult earthworms feeding on transgenic Bt corn lost 18 percent of their initial weight, suggesting GE DNA may have long-term toxic effects on earthworms. Earthworms are major decomposers of dead and organic matter in the soil and are major contributors to the recycling of nutrients. An earlier study showed that both earthworms and collembolans (another small soil-dwelling invertebrate) can be adversely affected by Bt crops.
- It's also been shown that glyphosate can be toxic to rhizobia, a nitrogen-fixing bacterium. Nitrogen fixing bacteria are important because nitrogen is the nutrient most commonly deficient in soil.

GE crops are adversely affecting our soil biology in numerous ways. There are differences observed in the bacteria occupying plant roots and changes in nutrient availability. Many studies show glyphosate can have toxic effects on microorganisms and can stimulate them to germinate spores and colonize root systems. Glyphosate has also been shown to immobilize manganese, an essential plant nutrient. Overall, **glyphosate** diminishes the health and nutritional value of the plants it's sprayed on, as well as the soil.

The two main types of GE foods—herbicide-tolerant crops and pesticide-producing crops—are both imprecise technologies riddled with unintended consequences,

including *hundreds to thousands* of genetic mutations that have unknown effects on human health. Glyphosate and GE crops may be leading the human race over a cliff, as Dr. Don Huber explains in the following interview.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4swW9OFmf8&feature=player_embedded

Transcript

<http://mercola.fileburst.com/PDF/ExpertInterviewTranscripts/InterviewDrHuber-Part1.pdf>

When the truth about these biotech companies comes out don't allow them to lull you into a false sense of security, as they are not safe at least not for me.

I have dedicated my life to making the GMO Free truth public...this is no longer a fringed movement, but a gathering of all walks of life professionals, moms, farmers all those that eat and care.

I welcome you as a part of the solution...it is time.

Rachel Linden-Rossiter, rachellindengmofree@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Spacer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Robert Barreca	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Why was "protect health, life, and property, and to preserve" stricken? I would think the county level should definitely have that right, no?

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Robert Ferreira	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Freitas Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill

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March 15, 2013

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair**

**Friday, March 15, 2013
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB727
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Respected Committee Members,

My name is Robert Stephenson, I reside on the island of Molokai and I respectfully ask that you support SB 727.

This measure is important in that it would help to reduce the multiple redundancies in legislative measures passed by the counties, avoid contradictory legislation and would provide that consistent regulations are applied throughout the state.

Far too much time is spent on frivolous legislative measures by the counties that they quite frankly do not have the resources or expertise to implement or enforce. Our respective county legislative processes and financial resources would be better spent bringing into consonance the implementation and enforcement of existing and newly enacted Statewide and Federal measures.

I humbly ask for your support of SB 727.

Sincerely,



Robert Stephenson

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Royce Okamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to taking away any of the county's rights to enact laws to protect the health and safety of its residents. I believe it is fundamentally wrong for lawmakers and special interest groups to stifle county rights. My biggest concern is that Senator Dela Cruz received monies at a fundraiser from Monsanto. It is my belief that this particular bill introduced by Dela Cruz will prevent counties from passing laws requiring GMO labeling.

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Shayla Middleton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stacie Francis		Support	No

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Stevan Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If the State or Federal government does not "protect health, life, and property," which does in fact occur, then we certainly want our County government to be able to pass ordinances that will "protect health, life, and property." We know that large corporations have great influence over lawmakers at the Federal and State levels and do not want to bother with County Councils. The influence of large corporations is primarily for their own profit, without regard for the health, life and property of the public. So we do not want the power of our County government curtailed for the benefit of those large corporations!

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Susan Heitmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am giving testimony for my family to strongly oppose the modification of this bill which attempts to eliminate our county's rights to "protect the health, life, and property" of the people of Kauai by removing this very wording from the bill. I sincerely hope and trust that you will let this critical wording stand as is, for the sake of the people of Kauai. Please do right! The people of Kauai are watching.

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Teri Heede	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the committee! KILL THE BILL!!!
This is outrageous!! KILL THE BILL!!! Mahalo!

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Timory McDonald	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this change! I cannot see it is in the best interest of Kauai or the people of Kauai to take out those very very important 8 words!!!

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