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SB 937

Testimony



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 — 2:55 p.m. — Room 229

Ulupono Initiative Supports SB 937, Relating to Hawai'i Food Resiliency

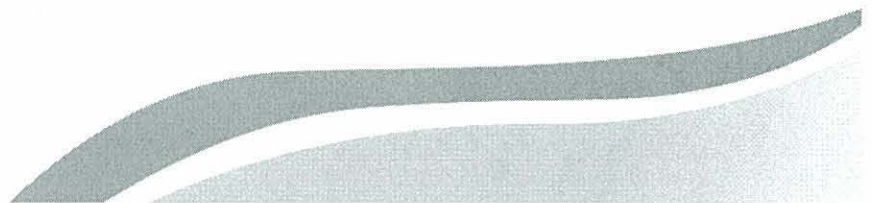
Dear Chairs Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase renewable energy, and reduce/recycle waste. Ulupono invests in projects that have the potential to create large-scale, innovative change.

Ulupono supports SB 937, which develops a statewide program designed to develop a more sustainable and self-sufficient food supply system in Hawai'i. The task force and new branch of the State Department of Agriculture would be designed to encourage production and consumption of locally grown and locally raised food to decrease the overwhelming reliance on imported food. The proposal envisions a variety of ways to boost agriculture, including marketing and research.

Ulupono supports this proposal to establish as another way to help our community grow more fresh, healthy local food. Ulupono sees that putting more local food on local plates can best be accomplished by bringing people and organizations together who can work on the entire food value chain in a systematic way. We believe that working together we can help produce more local food, support an economically strong homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Kyle Datta
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james trujillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: mahalo for considering this testimony in favor of sb937. we need to invest in the future of growing our own food. sb937 addresses many issues that we must confront in order to achieve self sufficiency. the costs for this initiative must be fully funded; the return on our investment will be paid in full by future generations. one additional aspect that did not receive significant mention is the need for youth training for food production, farm management and other value added entrepreneurial development. career training via DOE CTE programs and UH CC as well as CTHAR programs with an emphasis on seed to table, market development, value added products and professional development and career training. please pass SB937 on to the house for consideration and approval. with respect and aloha, j trujillo

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Encouraging true healthy food production IS the direction our state should be going. The state is wise to cradle Hawaii farmers growing natural food for Hawaii's people, rather than the bio-tech industry. Mahalo for this initiative.

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JW Nalda	Individual	Support	No

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**February 12, 2013
2:55PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 937
RELATING TO HAWAII FOOD RESILIENCY**

Senate Bill 937 proposes to establish a food resiliency program within the State. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) **strongly supports** this measure.

Establishing a formal statewide food resiliency initiative to increase the production of local food is a critical measure that will help advance Hawaii's goals for food self-sufficiency. The Department encourages the Committee on Agriculture to support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you.

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Sandra Herndon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident of Kauai and a constituent, I ask your support of this bill. We need a level playing field for the NON_GMO food producers, if they are to survive and thrive. The Big Phood Pharm Five have plenty (too much) money and funding to make it an equitable choice to the public. Mahalo for supporting really fair practices!

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