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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	The Kohala Center-HISGN	Support	No

Comments: Being part of a non-governmental organization that has a strong agricultural focus, and an integrated focus, I want to voice my support for this type of public/private partnership to build the future of food in Hawai'i. From agricultural education K-16, to beginning farmer training programs, to development of a viable seed industry for market farmers, to development of agricultural cooperatives, to development of GAP certification programs, to EBT Programs for Farmers Markets, to creating partnerships with FFA Programs, to conducting agricultural research, to building the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program with schools statewide, to collaborating with organizations and state agencies to build the Farm to School and School Garden Programs statewide, to creating garden kitchen classrooms and nutritional education for our keiki, to conducting cooking demos at farmers markets, to conducting research on climate change in agriculture and alternatives to inputs these are the current programs of The Kohala Center. Creating strong partnerships in this area between government and the community NGOs will only strengthen our farm economy, food security needs, and the health of our communities. Mahalo Senators.

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Rene Siracusa	Malama O Puna	Support	No

Comments: Malama O Puna is a Hawaii-based environmental 501(c)(3) whose mission is to protect our precious natural heritage. We support retaining lands in agriculture, since that land use can work in tandem with ecosystem protection, whereas paving over land for development cannot. Puna has been called the 'breadbasket' of the state, but we are continually losing land to development, because farmers find it increasingly difficult to make a decent living. At the many workshops, seminars and symposia I have attended in recent years, a repeated theme was the need to provide a venue for the creation of value-added products to make farming more economically viable. We are working with a local, Hawaiian-owned business, Pahoia Feed & Fertilizer, to create a community certified kitchen, and we have just signed a memorandum of agreement with the East Hawaii Community Development Corporation to cooperate and partner, sharing skills and resources. EHDCDC has agreed to provide food safety instruction to our kitchen's users and will develop an interactive website that will link together farmers and home gardeners with food suppliers, retailers, customers and agencies and ngos providing resources. So they have already begun to do what is discussed in the reso. The state, with its goal of agricultural sustainability, cannot expect to achieve that unless it steps in and helps those who are moving forward in that direction. Please pass SR38. mahalo.

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East Hawaii Community Development Corporation (EHCDC), 501(c)(3)

April 09, 2013

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Senate Resolution 38, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT HELP LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MEET FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

Aloha, Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to convey our support for Senate Resolution 38. This resolution responds to the ever increasing relationship between food safety and food security. More than ever, the health of our food system is an opportunity for building strong communities through increased market access for local agricultural producers, and to making sure the people of Hawaii have access to safe, local food.

Furthermore, implementation of federal food safety standards is projected by the FDA's economic impact assessment to have a cost 4-6 times greater for small farms than their larger corporate counterparts. This could represent as much as 7% of their gross sales a year, and the difference between these small agribusinesses surviving or not. The East Hawaii Community Development Corporation is committed to serving this population and finding opportunities to bring down the fixed cost of implementation for food safety compliance by providing the latest technologies, outreach and forming partnerships, and technical assistance.

East Hawaii (EHCDC) **supports** Senate Resolution 38 on account of the opportunity to bring awareness to the important issue. Passage of this measure will pave the way for further initiatives that support food safety and agricultural marketing in Hawaii.

Regards,



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Rosemarie Patronette	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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MS Matson	Individual	Support	No

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support my pledge to pass this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janeel Hew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Greetings, I stand in support of SCR71. I strongly urge you to pass this resolution. Any and all efforts in the strengthening of safety regarding Hawaii's local farming, is an essential and necessary action. This resolution will help ensure public health and economic sustainability. It will also help to reassure your constituents that you are not solely supporting GMO industries, which have put yet another negative light on our State. Thank you for your consideration as I say again, I strongly urge you to pass SCR71. Janeel Hew

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Danielle Downey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This effort will support and sustain smaller producers with local products, which benefits producers, consumers and our community.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support efforts to increase Hawaii's food security and sustainability. This resolution would support the small farmers and the public at large. Please pass this resolution.

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Jared Dmello	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

by

Donald O. Straney, Ph.D.
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SCR71/SR38 SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITIES THAT HELP LOCAL AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCERS MEET FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD
SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

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

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I support the intent of SCR71/SR38 that supports the efforts of non-governmental entities to help local agricultural producers meet federal food safety and food security requirements.

This resolution will facilitate progress towards enhancing food safety and security for Hawai'i and contribute to strengthening agriculture research, development and education.

I support the intent of SCR71/SR38. Aloha.

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Kaialii Kahele	Individual	Support	No

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