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**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014
11:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2177, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO COMMUNITY FOOD FORESTS**

House Bill 2177, House Draft 1 proposes to establish a community food forest program that works collaboratively to provide a source of healthy food. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure, but feels the goals of this measure can be achieved through existing departmental programs.**

House Bill 2177, House Draft 1 will create a program within the Department focused on the establishment and maintenance of community food forests. Adequate resources are needed including sufficient funding and personnel to run such a program. The Department believes that through two existing programs, the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry program and the Forest Stewardship Program, that the intent of this measure can be achieved.

Through the Forest Stewardship Program, the Department has been encouraging private landowners to invest in such agroforestry projects, which has included both privately owned food forest establishment as well as community managed agroforestry systems. The Kokua Kalihi Valley project on Oahu is an excellent example of a community managed forest that provides forest resources, food and opportunities for the public to engage in forest management. Additionally, the Department also supports the implementation of Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program, funded in part by the United States Forest Service, which works with local government, communities and schools to increase and improve management of our urban forests and trees, including food bearing trees. Kaulunani has participated in and funded numerous tree planting projects at our elementary, intermediate and high schools; at our urban parks and cemeteries; along roadways; and in our city zoos.

The Department is supportive of this measure if there are new funds to support it and provided there are no conflicts with state procurement laws. Otherwise, the existing programs within Department are sufficient to accomplish community food forests.

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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014
11:15 A.M.
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2177 HD1
RELATING TO COMMUNITY FOOD FORESTS**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2177 HD1. This bill would establish a community food forest program in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to work with county agencies and community-based citizen groups to develop a network of community food forests that use public land to provide sources of locally grown food statewide.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) supports the intent of efforts to increase local food production and become food self-sufficient; however, the HDOA defers to DLNR as to the feasibility of implementing such a program.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. In the Kingdom of Hawai'i, food was plentiful, and people planted everywhere, to give back and care for others. Please vote YES for this bill.

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pat gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! Please continue to support this great idea! Might as well use our open and public spaces for community good! What could be more fun than hiking or walking through a park and reaching up and grabbing a mango or tangerine for a fresh snack?

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Meryl Abrams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill could change how we live on the islands! Wouldn't it be amazing to find food growing all around us? I sincerely hope that our landscaping could be productive for food. This will help make our island more productive in many other areas: health, longevity, community cohesiveness, work production and more.

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Ken Burch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Bill Collins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Kauai resident and registered and active voter, I support HB 2177

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Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members, Please support this very important bill HB2177. I am so proud of Talia Abrams, our future. It is encouraging to know younger generation understands priorities! Mahalo, Katarina Culina P.O box 2142 Paha, HI 96778

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Talia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am Talia Abrams. I am 15 years old, and I am so honored to see my Bill make it to the floor of the house. It is exceed my hopes that my dream of helping feed people that I see in the park that I know are hungry. I thank Representative Derek Kawakami and all the other Representatives that helped build a reality from my Teenpact Experience. It gives me faith that our government is always looking out for all the people. Please pass this Bill Because I want to help people have healthy food to eat, even if they can't afford it.

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Brendon	Individual	Support	No

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