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February 19, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2039  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF  
TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
SERVICE

Room 211  
9:20 AM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFB stands in strong support of SB 2039**, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) cooperative extension service, to improve education regarding agricultural sciences and food safety.

The excellent work performed by UH CTAHR's cooperative extension service cannot be overstated. The ongoing outreach and education is unparalleled in the State. Farmers and ranchers rely on this program for their very success. Identifying education regarding agricultural sciences and food safety as priorities is important; particularly the latter which will presumably help producers navigate the myriad regulations reflected in the USFDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Please allocate all necessary resources toward this critically important program. Agriculture in Hawaii depends upon it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure of vital importance.

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**SB2039**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council strongly support this bill. A Maui Livestock Agent is one of our top priorities.

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February 18, 2014

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**WAM hearing on SB 2039**

Vincent Mina  
President  
Maui

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, honorable committee members,

HFUU is **in Support of SB 2039**. We support CTAHR having four additional extension agents, as Maui has needed a livestock extension agent for years now, and it is our understanding that the funds that paid CTAHR's coaching of farmers in Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) have dried up. For food safety and food security, these extension agents are a crucial factor to the equation. We need education in the agricultural sector, and inspiration for the young people to farm.

Simon Russell  
Vice-President  
Maui

David Case  
Secretary  
Kona

Inspiring young people to farm brings us to the second part of our comments. We approached you, Mr. Chairman, last month with a request that you support "On Farm Mentoring", to bring a vast experience and knowledge base to the farm, having farmers disseminate their knowledge of building soil health and recycling of nutrients back onto the farm to our keiki o ka aina.

Ray Maki  
Treasurer  
Kauai

This bill is your chance to do that. With the average age of farmers being 60 and my being one of them, we need to be on purpose in getting the mana'o of our farming kapuna spread liberally across all interested parties in every way possible. Hawaii is food insecure, and this educational tool is going to help bring some balance into the equation by paying CTAHR to administer funding for farmers to teach what they do on their farms to lower costly imported inputs in raising the vitality of the soil and also their cropping systems.

Pamela Boyar  
Member  
Oahu

HFUU Vice President and Legislative Chairman Simon Russell, and Oahu Farmers Union President Pamela Boyar met with you last month to discuss this and other items (GAPs) as well. **We are asking for your vote for a \$350,000 appropriation for on farm mentoring program to be administered through CTAHR, in addition to the funds that are appropriated for the four CES agents.**

David Fisher  
Member  
Maui

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Sakala  
Member  
Hawaii Island

HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED

  
Vincent Mina, President

*The Hawaii Farmers Union and its Chapters is a nonprofit corporation formed under Hawaii law. It advocates for the sovereign right of farmers to create and sustain vibrant and prosperous agricultural communities for the benefit of all Hawaii through cooperation, education and legislation.*

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Simon Russell	Hui 'O Malama 'Aina	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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