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Comments: We ask that the programs be designed to utilize inputs that originate in Hawaii, thereby increasing food security, and stimulating the local economy.

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January 30, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON SB 2400
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 229
2:50 PM

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

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF 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.

HFBF supports SB 2400 which creates a partnership between the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to develop a new farmer program.

We applaud the initiative taken by the introducers of this bill to provide research, including crop, market and human resource capacity, educational opportunities, services, and other resources to assist new and existing agricultural businesses to thrive and grow.

CTAHR has a century-long history of supporting agriculture in Hawaii, caring for the environment and enhancing and sustaining ecosystems. CTAHR's scientific community has been crucial to the development of the agricultural sector. We believe that CTAHR's mandate to engage in research, instruction, and outreach, plays a vital role in the success of Hawaii's agricultural industry.

We support this partnership between CTAHR and ADC which we believe will teach people interested in a farming and ranching career how to grow, raise, process, capital management, land management, and other components to successfully operate a farming or ranching business. If successful, this model can be applied and used on other agriculture regions throughout Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture,
Senate Committee on Higher Education
and
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 2:50 pm
by
Tom Apple, Chancellor
and
Maria Gallo
Dean
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 2400 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairs Nishihara, Taniguchi and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Kouchi, Kahele and Slom, and members of the committees, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2400, that has the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources working together to design a program that creates new farmers by identifying emerging crops and productive uses for lands managed by the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) and to design a program to prepare a workforce to cultivate these lands.

The Legislature and the people of Hawai'i have an increasing sense of urgency with respect to food security. The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, through its research, instruction and extension, has been assisting and training farmers in Hawai'i for more than 100 years. CTAHR's major focus is production agriculture which is a crucial component of a healthy economy.

Presently, we are finalizing an MOU with ADC to specify partnering with regard to establishing successful farming operations on particular lands. We see a strong role for CTAHR in providing extension services to tenants as well as conducting relevant research to maximize the potential of this agricultural resource for the people of Hawai'i.

SB 2400 would allow the State to benefit greatly by leveraging CTAHR's expertise with ADC to foster diversified agriculture.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express our support for SB 2400.



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES
ON AGRICULTURE
AND
HIGHER EDUCATION
AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

Thursday, January 30, 2014
2:50 p.m.
Conference Room 229

SENATE BILL NO. 2400
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Nishihara, Taniguchi, Dela Cruz and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2400. The purpose of this bill is to create new economic opportunities, and to sustain and enhance Hawaii's diversified agriculture industry through agribusiness development. In coordination with College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources extension services, this program could potentially help farmers discover microclimate crops for each region and pinpoint how much yield is needed to process each crop into value-added products. By identifying individual niche crops, essentially, this program will provided farmers with long-term career opportunities. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) supports the intent of this bill.

ADC mission is to acquire, and manage in partnership with farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture groups, selected high-value lands, water systems, and infrastructure for commercial agricultural use and to direct research into areas that will lead to the development of new crops, markets, and lower production costs.

The recent acquisition of 1,723-acres of Galbraith land in Wahiawa, ADC has been overwhelmed by interested farmers and ranchers seeking land for agricultural operations. A coordinated plan to provide research, educational opportunities, services and resources to assist new and existing agricultural businesses to thrive and grow will be helpful to building a sustainable farming system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Michelle Kwik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe Maui really needs to grow and harvest hemp and train young people to do this. Besides the agriculture department we need to sustainably create products that are sustainable and non-toxic from the crop (e.g. material for clothes, curtains, hemp seeds to eat, building materials from hemp etc.... We need to train how to do it without pesticides and chemicals that are bad for the water, air, or land. The dollar is losing its value and all value will be found in air, water, soil.

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Oppose	No

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