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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation	Support	No

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Amelia Ensign	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Breene	Waihuena Farm	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I oppose SB2454 because it creates a very pro-biotech industry biased and unbalanced task force to study state regulation of GMOs. This looks like a sneaky way to sweep much needed regulation of pesticides and biotech under the rug. Where is the representation from organic farmers, cultural, environmental, and consumer advocates? The interests of our organic farm would not be represented on the proposed task force. Please oppose SB2454 now, and don't waste our time and money on this bad bill. Mahalo, Angela Breene

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Anne Thurston	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The public is concerned about the way that this bill is written. The proposed task force is dominated by pro-GMO agencies so that the public will not be able to trust its findings. Please rewrite the bill to ensure that it is evenly balanced with organic farming stakeholders, consumer advocacy representatives, environmental advocates, cultural representation and equally pro and against panel. The community takes this issue very seriously indeed and is depending on the its legislators to take a fair approach.

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Bryce Boeder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carlton York	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

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claudia rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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Courtney Bruch	Gmo Free Maui	Oppose	No

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Courtney Bruch	Individual	Oppose	No

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David	Individual	Oppose	No

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Emily Kandagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hardeep Kharbanda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The proposed composition of the committee seems very pro-GMO biased. It also seems like a waste of resources. Organic farming requires chemical-free and pure conditions, whereas most GMO crops require toxic chemicals that contaminate our soil, water and air. Regulation is simply necessary, for this reason alone. As for the agricultural output, there are other ways to meet the growing food demand. For a fraction of the cost of this task force, the state could subsidize enough gardening supplies for residents to grow their own food. This would reduce the demand on our farms, and reduce the need for the larger output that GMO agriculture claims to provide.

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Harvest Edmonds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this Bill !!!

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Jack De Feo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm vehemently opposed to this bill SB2454, SD1. This bill in plain language amounts to nothing more than hiring a group of foxes to guard the hen house which in effect stacks the deck against the health & welfare including the better interests of the people of Hawaii. In closing bill SB2454, SD1 is NOT pono in any way you chose to look at it. Please use your conscience and heart in opposing this bill and stand with the majority of the people of Hawaii who oppose this bill. Mahalo, Jack De Feo

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Jamilee Carter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A GMO task force composed of Pro Biotech Industry people.. No Thank You!

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Julia Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to this Bill. Stacking the task force with pro GMO fans are the not the folks I want to be making decisions for my family and I regarding GMO 's in Hawaii. Their vested interest is money only.

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Justine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, I am concerned about the composition of the task force and that it is too heavily biased towards the pro-GMO perspective. Most of these proposed agencies proposed have already testified in line with the GMO industry on numerous occasions. The task force should include organic farming stakeholders, consumer advocacy representatives, environmental advocates, and cultural representation otherwise this bill should not passed as written. Thanks for your consideration, Justine Espiritu

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Katie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please reconsider this bill with extensive amendments to the task force selection. While I am in support of section 1a of the bill, because I believe that regulation should be studied by a balanced task force representing the interests of all stakeholders, I have serious reservations about the makeup of the task force outlined in section 1b. There needs to be a requirement, not an option to include by other stakeholders, for taro farmers and organic farmers to be represented. The medical field should also be represented. OSHA should be represented. DLNR, independent environmental groups, and wildlife experts should also be included. Neighborhood Associations should be re[represented]. I oppose this bill as written. It needs to be amended to require representation by all stakeholders in order to move forward in a meaningful way. Mahalo.

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Mae Fuimaono	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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makoto lane	Individual	Oppose	No

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Norris Thomlinson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senators: You have failed "We the People" by continuing to support the Biotech Industry over the protection of the aina and the people of the Islands of Hawaii. Your persistence in this support of this Industry over the will of "We The People" may have an adverse effect on election outcomes in November of 2014. 76% of people polled yesterday, by the newspaper, want GMO labeling. I say no to the fox in the chicken coup. I oppose the selection process for this study group...Aloha, Paul

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Sandee Phillips	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Where is the equal representation from organic farmers or the general public, what kind of games is Nishihara playing by always leaving the people's voice out of these decisions. I will be holding signs letting everyone in his district know the way he is not fairly representing the people. If me and my family have to go door to door we shall, this is an outrage that our choices and voices are being squashed. Not going to happen as long as I have over two thousand family members to help and that does not include friends either. Stop the corrupt way of dealing with our islands and the land use.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE. It's very obvious to Hawai'i residents now that GMO and massive use of pesticides go hand in hand. We don't need a 'task force' - we need the poisoning of residents to stop.

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stephanie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose a government controlled task force to determine whether a state-established regulatory regime should be implemented concerning GMOs. Hasn't the state done enough damage in allowing high technology corps. tax incentives back in the mid 90s and perpetually turning a blind eye to the sterilization of the aina for GMO test crops? NOW we are supposed to ascent to putting this matter in your hands via SB2454? -I DON'T THINK SO. You people as a whole have undermined the health of the people and the aina while lining your pockets with biotech's filthy money. ENOUGH!!

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Susan Bambara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear REPRESENTATIVES - I oppose this further time-wasting smoke and mirrors diversionary tactics. NO means NO. Please already, stop allowing these hedging, costly, efforts to divert the will of the people who say NO MORE GMO's on Hawaii - please halt these constant attempts to subvert the WILL OF THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT who have said NO GMO's! Mahalo for having a conscience and doing the RIGHT thing not the 'corporate will of PROFITEERS' trying to OWN all food. NO subcommittees, no more hedging, just NO already, PLEASE!!! P.S. My father was a man of science so this isn't some kind of purely emotional plea...India and whole countries have been destroyed by this GMO madness and PR lies. You are ENTRUSTED to represent the resounding WILL OF THE PEOPLE on this Island who have repeated come out of their homes to tell you NO. Please listen. Thank you!

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Comments: I strongly oppose this measure as I do not agree with a committee making these decisions, these should be decisions made by Hawaii residents, not persons with interests in the GMO industry! Do not approve SB2545

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