
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that supporting local
2 agriculture is a strategic public investment that will build
3 community resilience and strengthen the productive base of the
4 economy. The current lack of young farmers and ranchers with
5 the experience, skills, and ambition to undertake the rigorous
6 and complex work of farming and ranching as a business poses a
7 significant hurdle to revitalizing local agriculture. To
8 address this problem, the legislature finds that rebuilding
9 existing programs that educate, support, and encourage youth for
10 agriculture careers, like the 4-H program, is a timely and
11 efficient means of achieving community resilience and
12 sustainability.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
14 4-H program.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
18 the University of Hawaii, college of tropical agriculture and



1 human resources to implement and operate the 4-H program to
2 educate and support youth in agriculture careers.

3 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
4 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

4-H; University of Hawaii; College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to operate and implement the 4-H program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:34 pm

by

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and

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 2455 SD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the House Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2455 SD1, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to operate and implement the 4-H program.

We support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

4-H, under the direction of Cooperative Extension Service (CES) faculty within the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is one of the oldest and most effective programs of non-formal education in Hawai'i. 4-H assists young people age 5-19 in developing life skills and in forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society, and touches approximately 35,000 young people annually throughout the State of Hawai'i. The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

The key to both the longevity and the relevance of 4-H to today's youth is the flexibility of the program. Although its projects in livestock and crop education are well-known and very successful, 4-H members may also learn about food and nutrition, clothing, health, safety, the environment, and leadership. As a future-looking organization, 4-H's new programs even range from aerospace to theatrics to food safety.

We are in agreement with the recommendation of committee report SSCR2063 that an amount of \$120,000 be provided. These funds will be used to employ staff to assist with program development, and to provide support for the annual 4-H livestock show, a culminating event in the livestock educational program for young people in the State of Hawai'i.

Growth and sustained success of 4-H in Hawai'i is limited only by the availability of resources. SB 2455 SD1 will contribute resources necessary to sustain this successful youth development program, and we thank you again for the opportunity to express our support for this bill.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2014
2:34 P.M.
Room 309
SENATE BILL NO. 2455 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Choy and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2455 SD1 relating to agriculture. This bill appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) to operate and implement the 4-H program. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill, but defers to CTAHR.

The future of agriculture depends on our keiki, and this measure promotes the existing 4-H program which strives to educate students on food & nutrition, livestock, crops, forestry, and leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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March 18, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TESTIMONY ON SB 2455, SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 309
2:34 PM

Aloha Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, 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.

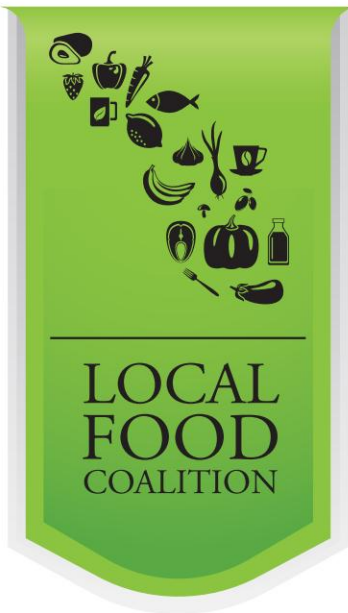
HFBF strongly supports SB 2455, SD1, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to support the 4-H program.

Hawaii's 4-H program is vitally important to the future of agriculture in Hawaii. We can no longer rely solely upon our public education system for education and training of the next generation of sustainable farmers and ranchers. Operating in Hawaii for nearly 100 years, the 4-H has a long history of fulfilling this goal. The passion and direct interaction of volunteer farmers and ranchers with young people will help grow and perpetuate the ranks of the next generation of farmers and ranchers. These organizations address sustainability on social, economic and environmental levels. The 4-H program has a proven track record of not only exposing and educating young people to positive, hands on experience in agricultural production, but is also a program that instills leadership and life skills in a wide variety of projects.

It is clear that we must strongly support agricultural education for our young people if we are to increase Hawai'i's long-term resilience and sustainability.

Please support SB 2455, SD1 as a continuing step towards rebuilding the vitality of the 4-H program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
 Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – 2:34 p.m. – Room 309

The Local Food Coalition Strongly Supports SB 2455 SD 1, Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am general partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Honolulu-based impact investment firm, which is working to improve the quality of life for Hawai'i residents by investing in projects that create more locally grown food, increase renewable energy and reduce/recycle waste. We are representing on behalf of the Local Food Coalition, which is an organization comprising farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawai'i's food supply.

The Local Food Coalition strongly supports SB 2455 SD 1, which requests a state budget appropriation to help build the next generation of Hawai'i agriculture leaders by helping to fund the 4-H program and their support for careers in agriculture. We ask that the legislature consider similar support for school garden programs that nurture our youngest students with experiential-based learning and complements the 4-H agricultural education.

Ulupono recognizes the vital importance of 4-H with their long history of educating and training the sustainable farmers and ranchers of our community. 4-H helps address sustainability on social, economic and environmental levels as they provide hands-on help in providing the next generation with the practical tools they need to succeed. Supporting 4-H will help revitalize local agriculture by providing the experience and skills needed to take on the rigorous but rewarding work faced by farmers and ranchers in Hawai'i.

As part of the Local Food Coalition, Ulupono is very pleased to support proposals designed to help grow more local food. Our group's members came together last year with one common goal: to promote the local production of food in a sustainable and economically sound manner to benefit Hawai'i's people through the revitalization and expansion of our state's agricultural sector. This year the Coalition is continuing to pursue this comprehensive approach because it is the most effective way for Hawai'i to develop its resources for diversified food production, as well as lessen its dependence on importing that which can be grown, raised and processed locally.

The Coalition includes the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation, the Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Hawai'i Farmers' Union United, 4 Ag Hawai'i, the Hawai'i Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association, the Kohala Center, Hawai'i

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- Ulupono Initiative

Food Manufacturers Association, Hawai‘i Food Industry Association, Hawai‘i Association of Independent Schools, Maui School Garden Network, Malama Kaua‘i, and Ulupono Initiative.

We believe that working together we can help produce more local food, support an economically strong homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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