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Testimony for HTH/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 13:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Senate Committees on Agriculture and Judiciary and Labor Center for Food Safety strongly supports SB 2521: Relating to Labeling

Dear Chair Green and Chair Hee, Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Dr. Ashley Lukens and I am the Hawaii Program Director for the Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on furthering the public's right to know how their food is produced, through labeling and other means. We have over 400,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including many thousands in Hawaii. CFS has worked on the issue of genetically engineered crops and GE labeling for nearly two decades, at both the federal and state levels. To that end, we have worked with dozens of states on the crafting of GE labeling bills.

I am also an adjunct professor of Political Science at UH Mānoa and UH West Oahu, where I have taught classes on food, agriculture, and policy since 2006.

I am writing in strong support of SB 2521, which requires the labeling of foods that are produced using genetically engineering.

The intention of SB 2521 is simple: it merely requires that foods that are produced using genetic engineering be labeled as such. The bill is intended to provide Hawaii consumers with information about the foods their purchase that is currently hidden. Currently more than 80% of all processed foods contain genetically engineered ingredients, such as corn or soy – yet this information is not provided on the food label or made available to consumers in any way.

Unlike more than sixty other countries, including the European Union member states, Japan, Brazil, Russia and China— the U.S. has no law requiring labeling of genetically engineered foods. Yet polls have repeatedly shown that the overwhelming majority of Americans—over 90% in most polls—believe GE foods should be labeled. As a consequence, millions of consumers are unknowingly purchasing and consuming unlabeled genetically engineered foods every day, despite the fact that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA, does no independent testing of their safety

Labeling of GE foods is not an effort to shut down the advance of science and technology; rather, it is an effort aimed at offering the public full disclosure, preserving the right of free choice in the marketplace, and creating a better food industry. Requiring GE foods to be labeled should have no adverse impact on a company's ability to conduct new, forward thinking research. In fact, if future GE products claim to offer consumers' benefits, labeling offers these companies an opportunity to distinguish these beneficial products from other ones in the marketplace.

Of course currently none of these beneficial products exist: One of the main reasons for opposition to GE labeling is that, despite three decades of research and hundreds of millions of dollars in public and private investment, the industry has failed to come up with even one trait that attracts consumers. Their products

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offer only potential risk and no benefits to consumers in cost, nutrition, flavor, etc. Labeling will reveal this, and the companies are justifiably worried that market forces will therefore not favor their products.

In sum, the intention of SB 2521 is simple: it merely requires that foods that are produced using genetic engineering be labeled as such. The initiative is intended to provide Hawaii consumers with information about the foods they purchase that is currently hidden. One of the great freedoms we have as Americans is the basic right to choose in the marketplace. If we want to know if our food contains gluten, high fructose corn syrup, trans-fats or MSG, we can simply read the label. This information has empowered millions of Americans to take control of what we eat and feed our families, for health, religious, environmental or ethical reasons. However these freedoms are being denied to the more than 90 percent of Americans who want to know if their food is genetically engineered. Since FDA has to date refused to label GE foods, it is up to individual states to lead the way—as Hawaii has in many other areas—and protect this state’s interests, including its public’s health, its public’s right to know, its agricultural economy, its farmers and its native ecosystems.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony, and I am happy to provide further analysis or respond to any follow-up questions from the Committee.

Respectfully,

Ashley Lukens, PhD
Hawai‘i Program Director
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Jason Moniz	Hamakua County Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

Comments: As a beef cattle producer for 25 years, fourth generation in my family in agriculture and as president of an organization that represents other Hamakua farmers and ranchers, I oppose SB 2521. There are no scientific, health and therefore any rational reasons to warn consumers about food produced with genetic engineering. If enough consumers want to know the GMO content of their food, the market will figure it out, as it has and will label food free of GMOs as such. Society does not need politicians with self driven agendas sticking their nose in our lives. If it's dangerous do something about it, if it's not keep your nose out of it. Foods that have been produced with deregulated genetically engineered food crops (corn, canola, sugar beets, soybean, papaya, squash) have been approved by the USDA and FDA. Multiple national and international scientific bodies have reviewed scientific research on the safety of GMOs and have found them to be at least equivalent to non-GMO crops. Find the science that says otherwise before you decide to criminalize food producers..

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February 9th, 2014 ~ **SB 2521 ~ Relating to Food labeling**

Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

We **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill; it creates the perception that the Hawaii papaya is not safe. Its a safe affordable food, cherished by our kapuna and keiki alike.

You would force the Hawaii papaya industry and its hundreds of small family farmers to label their boxes and each fruit bin; adding a significant burden on the small independent farmers who sell safe, affordable food to our communities. Often you can find local papayas at 3 for \$1 at the farmers market; the ultimate dollar menu item; yet this bill allows the exact same papaya when sold cut in half at a food stand, restaurant or grocery store for 10 times the cost and it would be un-labeled. ***This is not a safety issue its a scare tactic which violate the current FDA guidelines.***

Hawaii Papayas would be labeled yet the bill exempts Cheese, yogurt and any product produced with enzymes; which is the majority of those products even those sold in natural food stores!

This state-level proposal to mandate biotech labeling hurt consumers, small business and farmers!

Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain any biotechnology-derived ingredients, can choose foods labeled "certified organic" or "non GMO."

The industry supports the Voluntary labeling of food products, as long as those labels don't infer any difference in healthfulness or safety.

Please do not add additional burdens to our industry either by cost or tainting the consumer perception that our products are somehow unsafe, they are safe and we Proudly grow both GMO and non GMO papayas for Hawaii and the world. We ask you to kill this bill.

Mahalo,
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Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
SB 2736 ~ Relating to Agriculture and Food labeling

January 26, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Green and Committee Members,

We, the HAWAI'I PAPAYA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, **STRONGLY OPPOSES** this bill; it creates the perception that our product is not safe. We provide an amazing product for Hawai'i consumption and the world.

The Hawai'i Papaya Industry is re-growing strongly after being decimated and our marketing strategy of exporting our high quality papaya, the best in the world by many consumer quotes and is a win-win for Hawaii's economy that provides an exportable crop that is also consumed at affordable prices by locals and tourists alike.

Accordingly, we want consumers to know about biotechnology, and what it means to them. Unfortunately, labeling initiatives are not intended to inform consumers about biotechnology.

These proposals are intended to scare consumers into making other shopping choices (e.g., organic or non-GMO foods) further diving agriculture and consumers.

This state-level proposal to mandate biotech labeling hurt consumers, small business and farmers!

- Mandatory labeling of foods produced using biotechnology would unnecessarily result in higher food costs for consumers – especially those least able to afford it.
- The state-borne costs to enforce mandatory labeling provisions may be in the millions of dollars.
- We saw where California's Proposition 37, estimates annual food costs for an average-income family would have increase by approximately \$400. How can Hawaii's residents afford that when our costs of living is so high already?

The U.S. Federal Policy on Food labeling says it must be "truthful and not misleading":

- Foods containing biotech ingredients are compositionally the same as conventionally produced foods; Distinguishing them with a special label would mislead consumers by falsely implying they are different.
- The **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** has consistently held that
"...there is no significant difference between foods produced using bio-engineering, as a class, and their conventional counterparts."
- The **American Medical Association** stated in June 2012:
"There is no scientific justification for special labeling of bioengineered foods, as a class, and that voluntary labeling is without value unless it is accompanied by focused consumer education."
- The **American Association for the Advancement of Sciences** stated in October 2012:
"The FDA does not require labeling of a food based on the specific genetic modification procedure used in the development of its input crops. Legally mandating such a label can only serve to mislead and falsely alarm consumers."

Consumers already have a choice in the marketplace:

- Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain any biotechnology-derived ingredients, can choose foods labeled "certified organic" or "non GMO."
- The industry supports the Voluntary labeling of food products, as long as those labels don't infer any difference in healthfulness or safety.

Please do not add additional burdens to our industry either by cost or tainting the consumer perception that our products are somehow unsafe, they are safe and we PROUDLY grow both GMO and non-GMO papayas for Hawaii and the world. We ask you to kill this bill.



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Monday, February 10, 2014

Senate Committee on Health
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: Senate Bill 2521: Relating to Labeling

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Committees:

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on SB 2521, and respectfully submit the following written testimony in opposition to the bill. Times Supermarket is based on Oahu and operates 26 stores with locations in Maui, Kauai and Oahu.

SB 2521 requires labeling of foods that have been genetically engineered and provides a penalty for violations and authorizes private civil enforcement of the Act.

SB 2521 has the potential to seriously harm businesses and consumers alike. Thus, we ask that you hold this bill for further discussion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Bob Gutierrez
Director of Government Affairs
Times Supermarket

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louisa Wooton	Kauai Kunana Dairy	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support this Bill. As a certified organic farm, we are proud to label our organic produce and the cost of labeling and certification has not put us out of business. If genetically engineered food is safe, producers should be proud to put this label on their products. Give the consumers a fair choice. Mahalo, The Wooton Family

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Graham Ellis	President - Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie A Whalen	Hawaii Agriculture Research Center	Oppose	No

Comments: This is entirely unnecessary. Labeling generally denotes a risk as determined by the federal agency. If you recall in California practically all establishments now have a warning regarding possible health risks due to the presence of alcohol. If you label everything there is no way for the public to determine significant risks versus insignificant. Anyone wishing to avoid GMO for whatever reason can just go organic! So what is the problem. We need to begin to determine the elephants from the mice with respect to health risks in society. These are not determined by the loudest or uncivil voices but by the many established scientific organizations of our nation and those around the world. Please stand up and behind your public agencies and the science that they rely on. If not, then we need to stop funding these public entities and just let chaos rule. Thank you for an opportunity to provide input.

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**BASF Plant Science Testimony Opposing Hawaii Senate Bill 2521
Relating to GM Food Labeling**

9th February 2014

BASF Plant Science offers the following points to the Senate Committee's on Health, and Judiciary and Labor, for their consideration as they analyze the real impact that Bill 2521 could have on agriculture, research and the economy in the state.

- BASF Plant Science supports requirements for accurate and informative product labels that communicate information that is relevant to health, safety and nutrition. In order to provide higher transparency for customers and consumers, we welcome any sort of labeling as long as it is not misleading or discriminatory.
- National policy in the U.S., as expressed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is that requiring labeling of foods that are no different from foods produced through traditional methods would be misleading to consumers because it falsely implies that there are differences in safety and nutritional characteristics, when in fact none exist.
- Food labeling policy should be based on facts and science, not fear. Leading scientific organizations that have reviewed the issue agree that foods containing genetically engineered ingredients or animals which were fed food containing genetically engineered components are safe and are not materially different than their traditional counterparts.
- Foods and food crops produced using biotechnology are among the most reviewed, studied, scrutinized and regulated products in the world. Scientists and scientific bodies around the world have overwhelmingly affirmed the safety of foods produced with biotechnology.
- The Federal policy on food labeling says it must be *“truthful and not misleading”*: Foods containing biotech ingredients are compositionally the same as conventionally produced foods; Distinguishing them with a special label would mislead consumers by falsely implying they are different.
 - The FDA has consistently held that *“...there is no significant difference between foods produced using bio-engineering, as a class, and their conventional counterparts.”* The FDA policy states that *“it has ‘no basis for concluding bioengineered foods differ from other foods in any meaningful or uniform way, or that, as a class foods developed by the new techniques present any different or greater safety concern than foods developed by traditional plant breeding.”*

- The American Medical Association stated in June 2012: *“There is no scientific justification for special labeling of bioengineered foods, as a class, and that voluntary labeling is without value unless it is accompanied by focused consumer education.”*
- The American Association for the Advancement of Sciences stated in October 2012: *“The FDA does not require labeling of a food based on the specific genetic modification procedure used in the development of its input crops. Legally mandating such a label can only serve to mislead and falsely alarm consumers.”*

We **oppose** the passage of SB2521 because it is clear its intention is not to accurately inform consumers, but rather to discriminate against agricultural biotechnology where there is no basis in science to support such.

Thank you for allowing BASF Plant Science to testify regarding SB 2521. Again, we urge the committee’s to vote against the bill and to enable further growth of a vital agricultural sector with incredible opportunities for our citizens In Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Chen	Paradise Action Womens Alliance	Support	No

Comments: YES! Label it! We have a right to know what we are eating and feeding our families!!!

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

Comments: Aloha, Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB2521 for the labeling of genetically engineered foods. Labeling of genetically engineered foods will allow consumers to make informed choices about what they eat and feed to their families. Please pass SB2521 and with amendments to include labeling of GMOs in processed foods. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evern Williams	Ka Lei Maile Alii Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: Our members feel that it is essential that we, the public, know what is in our food. We have a right to both know and choose what we want to eat. Why does the biotech industry spend millions to the truthful labeling of our food? what are they trying to hide? Please support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
derek brewer	Eco Hostel Hawaii, GMO Free Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am an organic farmer on the Big Island of Hawaii. I was heavily involved in the prohibition of growing GMOs on the island of Hawaii. I have done extensive research and would consider myself very knowledgeable on the GMO issue. Whether you agree that GMOs are dangerous or not there can be little argument that the consumer has the right to know what their food is and what is in it. It is a inherent right that everyone should have. We require water to labeled as an ingredient so why wouldnt we do that for a plant or food item that has never existed before the past decade? Other countries around the world have required labels and we are actually behind on this process. The adding of cross species DNA can lead to allergens in food that did not previously exist. The GMO soybean aquired a nut allergy after dna from a nut product was added into its genetic structure. It would be impossible to know for sure whether other plants will or already have had this process. In order for the ever growing number of people with food allergies this can be a life threatening confusion that could easily be resolved with a label. We have the right to know what is in our food even if the FDA considers it generally recognized as safe. Please label it!

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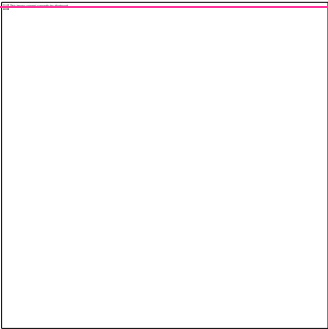
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Corey Gillins	Big Island Dairy	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill and ask you to oppose it as well. Labeling should be a market-driven function and not a regulatory function when there is no scientific evidence of potential harm. Labeling is already taking place in the market. For those that are concerned about this issue all they have to do is look for items labeled organic and pay the premium associated with organic products. Don't force those who are not concerned about this issue to have an increase in the cost of their food due to a bill that mandates labeling and creates additional cost that will be passed on to consumers. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this issue.

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**Statement of Mercedes-Nicole K. Ritte, Founder, The MOM Hui
Hearing on Senate Bill 2521 Relating to Labeling of Genetically Engineered Whole Foods
Before the HTH/JDL, CPN/WAM Committees
Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

The Moms On a Mission Hui (The MOM Hui), founded in May 2013, is a statewide grassroots group of forward thinking mothers who advocate for protecting the health, safety, and well being of all children, present and future.

The MOM Hui **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 2521 and the labeling of Genetically Engineered Whole Foods for following reasons:

- Hawaii consumers have the right to know if the products they purchase include genetically engineered ingredients.
- Clear labels allow Hawaii consumers to make informed choices of products they purchase.
- According to the political opinion survey on GE food labeling conducted by The Mellman Group 92% of American citizens want genetically engineered food to be labeled.
- Several National Academy of Sciences studies have affirmed that genetically engineered crops have the potential to introduce new toxins or allergens into our food and environment.
- To date, there have been no epidemiological studies of the possible impacts of the consumption of GE crops on health.
- Scientists recently found that the insecticide in GE corn is now showing up in our bloodstream and the umbilical cord blood of pregnant women. More research needs to be done to confirm these results and determine whether consumption of GE crops is introducing new toxins into our bodies. Until we know without a doubt that GE crops are safe to eat, we should have a choice about whether we want to eat them.

Respectfully,

Mercedes-Nicole (Mercy) K. Ritte
The MOM Hui - Founder

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Hawai'i Island School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: Half of all states in the US currently have GMO Labeling Legislation. The FDA's willingness to think about "voluntary labeling" is a sign that change is on the way. Hawai'i can join many other states is asking the FDA to support a policy of the labeling of GE foods. We have the right to know. Many people are allergic to GE corn syrup alone, now in most processed foods. Mahalo Senator Chun-Oakland and Senator Green.

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Philip Fernandez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: people have the right to know what they are eating.

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Monday, February 10, 2014

Relating To Senate Bill 2521
Testifying in Support

Aloha Chairs Green and Hee, Vice-Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii **strongly supports SB2521 Relating Labeling**, which would require the labeling of foods that have been genetically engineered, provides for a penalty for violations and authorizes private civil enforcement.

Currently, the United States is one of the few industrialized nations that doesn't require some form of genetically modified labeling for food products. The "Right to Know" is gaining wide support, not just in Hawaii, but nationwide, and polling consistently shows that an overwhelming majority people support labeling food products that contain genetically modified material.

The Democratic Party of Hawaii believes consumers nonetheless have a right to know what is in the food they purchase and consume and encourages this committee to support consumers right to know and move this bill forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
The Legislation Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

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Zoe Alexander	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Hallett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senate Health Committee Members, My family and I strongly support this labeling bill. We would like you to pass this bill as soon as possible. Everyone must be able to make choices on what they consume. Everyone means: parents, caregivers, dietitians, elderly, sick, etc. Labeling should include a list of different species DNA that is present in a product - OR at a minimum, that the product is genetically modified. Ingredients can adversely effect, developing bodies and minds, immunity systems that are challenged, etc. Thank you for hearing our testimony. The public will surely appreciate and not forget the officials that are truly protecting them. Aloha, Lisa Hallett, Todd Andrews, Jessica Andrews

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Autumn Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the TITLE of SB2521: Labeling of Genetically Engineered Whole Foods; Private Civil Enforcement. NOTE: It specifies WHOLE FOODS, not processed packaged foods like cookies or canned soup or SPAM sold in the grocery store. HOWEVER, please fix the WORDING of section 328 to MATCH THE TITLE and refer to WHOLE foods -- AND ALSO INCLUDE processed foods in which the MAIN INGREDIENTS (such as the first 5 ingredients) are genetically engineered. I WANT TO KNOW if the papaya, corn on the cob, zucchini, or soybeans in the TOFU that I buy are genetically engineered. This is how it currently reads: “§328- Foods produced through genetic engineering; labeling. (a) Until January 1, 2015, any processed food that would be subject to this section ... shall NOT be deemed MISbranded if the genetically engineered materials in the aggregate do NOT account for more than nine-tenths of ONE per cent of the total weight of the processed food. Beginning January 1, 2015, any food offered for retail sale in Hawaii is MISBRANDED if it is produced with ANY AMOUNT of genetic engineering and that fact is NOT disclosed....” MAHALO, THANK YOU, ARIGATO!

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Alex Franco	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth A Likotu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha!!! My Name Is Kenneth Likout...I Live In Haiku, Maui...I support this bill because I feel I have the Right as a Citizen of Hawaii...to know what is in the foods I am eating...the reason this is important to me is because I choose not to consume foods that have been produced by GMO Engineering and may contain GMO's and without Labeling these things are essentially being forced fed to me...and that I know is against the law...So please help to make it easier for me and my fellow Hawaiians to make such a choice...If the chemical companies are so sure that these products are harmless then let them spend the money to educate the public and such labeling will do nothing to effect their bottom line...Mahlo Nui Loa for your time, Aloha!!! Kenneth Likout

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Rhonda Stoltzfus	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose labeling as defined in this bill. It will place undue burden on farmers and ranchers in Hawaii.

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Rene Simpson	Individual	Support	No

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

As a resident, consumer, mom.....I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill; This state-level bill to mandate biotech labeling hurt's consumers, small business and farmers!

You would force the Hawaii papaya industry and its hundreds of small family farmers to label their boxes and each fruit bin; adding a significant burden on our small independent farmers who sell affordable, safe food to our communities. Often you can find local papayas at 3 for \$1 at the farmers market; the ultimate dollar menu item; yet this bill exempts the exact same papaya when sold cut in half at a food stand, restaurant or grocery store for 10 times the cost. This is not a safety issue its a scare tactic which violate the current FDA guidelines.

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Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain any biotechnology-derived ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic" or "non GMO."

The industry supports the Voluntary labeling of food products, as long as those labels don't infer any difference in healthfulness or safety.

Please do not add additional burdens to our agriculture industry ...I ask you to defer this bill.

Mahalo,

Lorie Farrell

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Sandra	Individual	Support	No

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Dana G. Moss	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Wheelers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Labeling is our human right. GMO products by now are glyphosates ridden ,and this is linked to all sort of maladies. My father almost died because he has celiac decease and we lost my uncles and my grandfather to that illness. Gluten labeling would have saved their lives as it did for my father. Nobody would have imagined that gluten could kill some people but it does. Glyphosates are horrific toxins and they are killing Americans every day in very insidious ways. We have the right to know. Please Kokua and Support GMO labeling and truth in Hawaii. Mahalo! http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCcQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Farticles.mercola.com%2Fsites%2Farticles%2Farchive%2F2013%2F06%2F09%2Fmonsanto-roundup-herbicide.aspx&ei=5iD4UsSIDI-EogSH7ICwDQ&usg=AFQjCNGI7Th1H_-sGzI7qqfdInKg96JQ_A&sig2=FqvDL41mG-KmJYTV7-iuzQ&bvm=bv.60983673.d.cGU

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

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Please do not add additional burdens to our agriculture industry ...We ask you to defer this bill.

Mahalo,

Silvia Barber | Senior Scientist
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to know if I am feeding GMO's to my family or not. Look at what GMO's have done to lab rats, I don't want me or my family to be lab rats..thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Law	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our family totally supports the need for GMO labeling. I read every product's ingredient label so I know what I am feeding my family. Please vote to support GMO labeling, thank you!

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I SUPPORT GMO LABELING SB 2521!!!!

Today I am writing to you AGAIN to support gmo labeling. AGAIN!!! And will continue to do so until we get this big AG companies under control. As a registered nurse I strongly support SB 2521. More and more studies are showing the increasing dangers of gmo foods in our diets. I could go on and on and if you're not aware of these then I'm sorry but the fault will be put on you for being negligent to the people. It is 2014 and enough actions and studies have come forward showing concerns and even evidence that gmo labeling is needed. I'm confused at how our food system allowed gmo in without the public consent to begin with!@#\$\$% So with that said SUPPORT GMO LABELING SB 2521!!!

Sincerely,

Keoki Medeiros RN

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Hooser	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER COUNCILMEMBER, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL SB 2521, RELATING TO LABELING Committee on Judiciary and Labor and Committee on Health Monday, February 10, 2014 1:45 p.m. Conference Room 229 Dear Chair Green, Chair Hee and Committee Members: Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 2521, relating to labeling. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as Chair of the Economic Development (Sustainability / Agriculture / Food / Energy) & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Councilmember of the Kaua'i County It is important to point out that many Nations around the world already require labeling of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) products, and that major UnitedStates grocery retailers are also now supporting National labeling requirements. Passage of SB 2521 will add further momentum to the National movement to label and Hawai'i can be a leader in this effort. There are many reasons to support labeling but the core principle is that people have the right to know and the right to choose what they are buying and what they are eating. Some consumers are very concerned about possible health implications of consuming GMO foods. Without question the level of sensitivity to chemicals and food allergens vary tremendously from person to person. Without labeling, people are unable to make informed choices. Though there are many numerous studies on the health impacts of consuming GMO products, few of these studies have been conducted by independent researchers focusing on the long term impacts on humans, specifically children and pregnant women. Other consumers are equally concerned about the moral, ethical and political implications of buying GMO products. They also deserve the right to know and choose. These concerns include: • The environmental and social consequences caused by the commercialization and patenting of new life forms is far reaching, yet largely unknown. • The globalization and ownership of the world food supply by a handful of multi-national companies is detrimental to food sovereignty, and threatens the very foundation of traditional agrarian communities. • The reduction of bio-diversity caused by the concentrations of a single dominant species developed through genetic modification will ultimately weaken the species, and cause yet unknown impacts to related species. • The transgenic foods created when crossing animal and plant genes have impacts to those whose vegetarian diet may be based on religion

or culture. • Locally, the explosive growth of the GMO industry has driven up the cost of farm land to the detriment of farmers who actually grow food for local consumption. Most of the debate on the GMO labeling issue is focused on the health implications and/or the claim by GMO companies that GMO foods are “substantially equivalent” and thus should not be labeled. However, there are precedents in law for additional reasons to mandate labeling of food items including “Dolphin Safe” labeling laws which were enacted for environmental protection reasons. For these reasons combined with the health and diet implications, myself and many other consumers believe we should be able to choose whether or not we would like to purchase and consume these products. It is governments’ role and fundamental responsibility to protect the health and welfare of the people and of the ‘aina. There is no question that more and more people are trying to take back control of their diets and to make better choices with regards to the foods they consume. For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge this Committee to unanimously pass SB 2521, and to support the right of the people of Hawai’i to know what is in the food they are consuming and to make informed choices based upon whatever reason they choose to. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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mike deYcaza	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Compliance is a must for this law. The Grocery Manufacturers Association, and Biotech chemical/seed companies must not market GMO foods without a label telling we the people what we are eating. WE THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO THE TRUTH OF WHAT OUR FOOD IS MADE OF!

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Ken Burch	Individual	Support	No

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair

Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Monday, February 10, 2014, 1:45 pm

Conference Room 229

SB 2521: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs and Members,

My name is Bart Dame and I am testifying on behalf of Progressive Democrats of Hawaii in support of SB 2521, which would require labeling of foodstuffs containing genetically engineered ingredients and creates the right for the state and private parties to sue violators of this statute.

Progressive Democrats supports the right of consumers to the information necessary to make an informed consent in the purchase of food they will consume or prepare for consumption by their families. We believe the right to know what you are buying and what you are eating, is a basic right. We do not believe we, nor do we believe you, have to pass a judgment in the controversy over the potential health effects of GMO foods in recognizing the "right to know." The very fact a majority of consumers want this information should be enough to justify the requirement.

We support the authorization of enforcement of this statute through lawsuits brought by the state or private third parties. This helps keep regulatory costs down for the state and incentivizes private parties, upon suspicion that a food item may contain genetically engineered , to investigate further, to take on the cost of tests and to bring lawsuits, or the threat of lawsuits, as a means of enforcing compliance. And it does this without forcing the state to bear the costs of testing and inspection.

The threat of a lawsuit will also incentivize food processors, distributors and retailers to ensure the products they bring to market are properly labeled, to inquire from their suppliers for reassurances of the accuracy of such claims. Again, without cost to the State.



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A final comment: It is argued by opponents that the Hawaii retail market is so small that some food processors and distributors may opt to not participate in our market rather than endure the costs of complying with this law. That argument may have some merit.

Rather than allow this to kill the bill, we suggest borrowing a provision from the labeling law passed in Connecticut. Have this law go into effect only after California, or perhaps a combination of other Western states, pass equivalent laws. In that way, there will be a large enough market to compel compliance and grant Hawaii consumers a right we can probably not compel on our own.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james trujillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: mahalo for accepting this testimony in favor of labeling for GM products. regardless if the product is safe or not, consumers have the right to know what is in it and how is it made. SB2521 attempts to address that concern. WE WANT TO KNOW! please pass this bill on to the next committee and listen to hundreds of consumers who have concerns about their food and the products we consume. LABEL GM products so we can choose to eat it or not. mahalo for considering this testimony in favor of SB 2521. with respect and aloha, james g trujillo kapaa, HI 96746

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Albertini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our organization supports labeling of genetically engineered foods. People have a right to know and make a choice to buy or not to buy Mahalo. Jim Albertini

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

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Senator Josh Green, Chair

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Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain any biotechnology-derived ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic" or "non GMO."

The industry supports the Voluntary labeling of food products, as long as those labels don't infer any difference in healthfulness or safety.

Please do not add additional burdens to our agriculture industry ...We ask you to defer this bill.

Mahalo,

Stephanie Iona
(808) 478-5045
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To: Committee on Health
Senator Green, Chair

From: Michelle Lau
2920 Ala Ilima Street #1505
Honolulu, HI 96818

Re: SB 2521 RELATED TO LABELING

In Support

Chairs and Committee Members:

I support HB 2667 because we should be able to make the decision of what we are eating. We have been eating genetically modified crops since 1996. Many people are avoiding crops, such as wheat, corn, etc., because they know most of those products are genetically modified. Biotechnology companies claim genetically modified products do not need to be labeled because there is nothing wrong with the products. However, there are studies that show the process of growing genetically modified crops have harm society, as children are getting sick on Kauai from the chemicals. On Kauai, biotechnology companies are spraying chemicals near schools, hospitals, etc. causing children to breathe in the chemicals and as a result, become sick. Because of the harmful effects of the process, people are becoming against of genetically modified organisms causing people to avoid those products altogether. With a labeling law, we will finally have the decision of what we are consuming.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
roger strong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Gmo's are not safe. People need to know which foods to protect their children from eating. The burden of medical costs due to gmo's will be on the state of Hawaii. Give the people have a chance to make good choices that will save the state from the cost of bad choices.

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Brian Emmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The time for GMO labeling is NOW! Actually, it should have happened many years ago, but... DO IT NOW! GMOs should be labelled!

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

I OPPOSE this bill. It is custom made niche market, yet affects us all. Why should I have to pay to inform a small pocket of the community, when they already have their expensive, specialty stores that do this for them?

This bill is a waste of time and money for the community at large and only serves a few. Food already costs me a large portion of my income here.

Is there a safety issue here that I should be made aware of? Is this necessary for the health of our residents? If so, I would like to know how. I haven't seen any reliable study come out that says making a plant resistant to disease by putting another known, naturally occurring, edible protein in it is going to hurt me. If messing with genes in food is bad, then label ALL food as genetically manipulated because all domesticated varieties are.

If you pass this bill, it will show me who your real constituents are: not common people; just a privileged few. This time our votes will reflect who we really are: supporters of our local papaya and U of H farmers, as well as families who already struggle to put food on our tables without this extra expense forced upon us.

Mahalo,
Sundee Cline

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Morton Bassan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As food consumers our food labeling laws should tell us what we are eating. Very purposefully my family pays more to buy wild caught fish. We don't buy farm raised fish that are generally fed corn and antibiotics. As consumers we are very pleased we live in a state that requires our food be correctly labeled.

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

I OPPOSE this bill; This state-level bill to mandate biotech labeling hurt's consumers, small business and farmers!

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Mahalo,

Mahalo,
Renee Kester

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arius Hopman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We the people are the fourth branch of government. We have the right to know and to defend our health from toxic practices.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend to include processed GMO foods.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2521. In fact I don't have words to stress how important this is. I grew up in Europe and I am very proud that they said "no way, we are not eating that stuff" Please give us labeling at least, although banning it right now would be the intelligent thing to do. I live on the North Shore of Oahu and it makes me SICK to see the test fields and realize that every day we allow those companies to operate here, they are poisoning our aina. A'ole.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirk Puuohau-Pummill	Food manufacturing	Support	No

Comments: As a manufacturer of food for public consumption I find that customers want to know what's in the food they eat. And for good reason. I pledge to continue labeling all of our products with the exact nature of its ingredients. The claim by some companies that this is cost-prohibitive doesn't hold water. Companies have to reprint labeling and packaging periodically and can incorporate changes as they do. We as a company strongly support passage of this bill. Further, before starting our company I was in the food packaging design business for 30 years. Food manufactures redo packaging with ingredient updates and promotional notices on a fairly regular basis. Using the cost of producing new labels hardly outweighs the benefits to the consumer. Sent from my iPhone

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Aeryn Ralha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO foods must be labeled. People have the right to know what they are eating!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricardo Ralha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO foods need to be labeled. Without labels, people cannot make an informed choice about whether to eat them or not.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Y. Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Chairmans Josh Green and Clayton Hee, memebers of the committees:
My name is Kenneth Kamiya and I am a papaya farmer on Oahu for over forty years.
In all due respect, I ask you to deny SB2521 as it is one more regulation that makes farming more difficult and costly. We just want to produce food for everyone and if we continue to persecute farmers for using technology one day there will be no farmers and no food. Kenneth Kamiya

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher English	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Labeling is fine if it is voluntary, it should not be mandated.

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Honorable Senators:

My name is Michael Kamiya and I am a 3rd Generation papaya farmer from the Windward Side of Oahu. **I strongly oppose SB2521 Regarding GMO Labeling.**

My family and I own and operate Kamiya Gold, Inc., which produces the locally grown Kamiya Papaya. Our papayas are also known as the "Laie Gold" variety which utilizes the genetically modified that protect our crops from the devastating papaya ringspot disease.

As a farmer, I implore you to oppose this bill. You are our elected officials and have committed to support the agricultural industry. This bill does not help local farmers. We have already lost our "Right To Farm Bill" and now you are aiming to force us to label our products. Please do not let a small group of activists demonize our industry by requiring us to label them as such. Genetic Engineering is not dangerous, science and even our own federal governments have stated over and over there is no difference. If consumers want to buy products that are not genetically engineered they already have a choice in the marketplace.

We farmers already abide by the laws of food safety, pesticide laws, and good agricultural practices; we do not need additional regulations.

Please hold to your promises and truly support our local farmers by opposing GMO Labeling.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michael Kamiya

Kamiya Gold, Inc.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlotte OBrien	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill and am in favor of labeling all food that has some sort of GMO food in it. I am very cautious about what I eat and think it is essential that all people get to make this most important decision for themselves. There is too much controversy over the type of research that has been done to prove is GMOs are safe or not. I have 3 grand children and I want them to grow up GMO free so I need to know what I am buying when I buy it. Thank you for your help, Charlotte OBrien

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I'm Orlando Manuel,I'm a small farmer on Big Island I strongly oppose SB2521.This bill will burden farmer like me , cost and labor.I urge to kill this bill.

Thank You
Orlando Manuel

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
govinda rubin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, on behalf of my family and my self as well as many people in our community on the island of Kauai, We STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2521. We also oppose SB111/sd1. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: WE need to know. To much of our foods that have been genetically engineered, and perhaps heavily sprayed with pesticides and herbicides, are not labeled for our benefit and health.

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

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Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

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Please do not add additional burdens to our agriculture industry ...We ask you to defer this bill.

Mahalo,

Mark Wood
Mililani

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is a consistent voice in Hawaii, Kauai and the world to label gmo in foods. The industry does not want it labeled, because they know people will resist the food. Instead of improving their product, they trick the consumer. Please stand with the citizens and demand accountability from this industry. If there really is "no substantial difference" then why do they get to patent it? We want to know what is in the food.

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Clarence Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB2521. It is the right of every living person to be informed, if he or she wishes, of the food and drink that goes into his/her body as nutrients to foster life and health. To NOT label foodstuff should be a crime - especially when we (as a civilization) is subject to the whims of corporate business - who concentrate all of their efforts on the bottom line and, in doing so, are probably risking "our" health and lives with "chemicals" that may be detrimental to our health. At least - give us the right to determine the ability to know what we actually eat and drink.

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Rick Morse	Individual	Support	No

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Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB2521 for GMO labeling. This bill is about the right to choose what we put in our bodies while supporting industry transparency and accountability for GMO products. The public deserves to know what they are eating. Please support this bill and label GMOs. Please amend to include processed GMO foods and support this measure.

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

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fred hofer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Bonse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this bill! To know what we are eating, to make choices for our families that are compatible with our beliefs, we must have transparency. We must have labeling.

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Ashina Ashina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have a right to know what is in the food we buy!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Cam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Faye L Wallace	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Bonse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose this bill, as it is not in the best interest of small coffee farmers and its open-ended language does not insist on mandatory labeling of genetically altered crops.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joy cash	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Protect current & future generations of our people. Support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In our increasingly complex world we need information to allow us, as individuals, to survive. Truth in labeling is a necessary part of that ability to survive. GMO foods fall into this "truth". It is our choice to consume what we want to consume. We are omnivores, but some of us choose to consume only certain foods for reasons that are believed to be healthier. We need the labeling to allow us to continue to maintain our healthier lifestyles.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Chairmen Josh Green and Clayton Hee and Members of the Committee, My name is Patricia Kamiya. I am a farmer's wife. I oppose SB 2521. I feel there are more foods that are gmo than organic. Label the organic foods for those who want them. As a consumer I feel gmo foods are safer to consume. They are approved by FDA, USDA, and EPA. Sincerely, Patricia Kamiya

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, if there's nothing wrong with GMOs, why not label them? consumers have a right to know what's in their food. simple mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Mulinix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Aloha Senators my name is David Mulinix please support SB2521 for GMO labeling hearing Monday and give us the right to choose what we put in our bodies while supporting industry transparency and accountability for GMO products. Regardless of whether or not you yourself support or decline GMOs, the public deserves to know what they are eating. Please support this bill and label GMOs. Please amend to include processed GMO foods and support this measure. I can be reached at dave.mulinix@juno.com. Thank you and aloha."

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Holloway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB2521 and ask you to do the same. Whether you support GMO's in our food or not, please uphold the people's right-to-know and to make the choices that are best for themselves and their families. Thank you for standing up for our rights. Sincerely, Victoria Holloway

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dena Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Although I am not a fan of labeling produce in its natural state, the one exception to that, for me, is in relation to GMO foods. ALL food, regardless of what kind, should be clearly labeled so consumers can make choices regarding what substances enter their bodies. Please support this bill...

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary M. Barter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill deserves to be passed, but it should include disclosure of all and every GMO ingredient in a processed food.

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Dear Senators,

I support bill SB 2521 to label genetically modified foods in Hawaii. There are still many unanswered questions regarding the safety of GM foods. None of the federal agencies responsible for approving these foods (USDA, EPA, FDA) perform safety testing on these products. Most testing is done by the biotech companies themselves, and none of these tests have been long-term (i.e., > 3 months). There are many diseases that require decades to develop (e.g., cancer). Enough questions have been raised that we should exercise caution in the approval and use of GMOs.

Without labeling we cannot perform safety testing as we have no idea who has eaten these foods and who has not. Even China and Russia require labeling (and the biotech companies comply when asked). Why are American citizens being kept in the dark? Where is the transparency from the biotech companies?

Americans, like five billion other people on this planet, have the right to decide whether or not they want to eat genetically-modified food. This year, more than 20 states in addition to Hawaii will be introducing similar bills to label GMOs. This is a grass roots movement of concerned citizens—mothers and fathers, concerned about the well-being of their families. I urge you to pass this bill without delay. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jan Pappas
Aiea, Hawaii

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alicia morrier	Individual	Support	No

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Keomailani Von Gogh	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie Wingate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Real GMO labeling gives us a choice to keep our keiki healthy

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
naomi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha. I support SB2521 for GMO Labeling. It is a right as a consumer to understand what kind of products I am purchasing. I chose not to eat GMO foods and it would be easier as a consumer if they were labeled.

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Aloha Senators,

Please think about the many countries that require labeling of genetically engineered foods. Then think about our dysfunctional federal congress and how unlikely they would pass any meaningful GMO labeling laws in the near future. Our families deserve better, we deserve to know what we are eating and what we are feeding our children. States need to step up to the plate (really!) “We the people”, not corporations/big money, needs to be your primary concern.

LABELING AROUND THE WORLD

Currently, 64 countries around the world require labeling of genetically engineered foods. Unlike most other developed countries – such as 15 nations in the European Union, Japan, Australia, Brazil, Russia and even China – the U.S. has no laws requiring labeling of genetically engineered foods.

Below is a full list of countries that require labeling (courtesy of [The Center for Food Safety](#)):

1. Australia
2. Austria
3. Belarus
4. Belgium
5. Bolivia
6. Bosnia and Herzegovina
7. Brazil
8. Bulgaria
9. Cameroon
10. China
11. Croatia
12. Cyprus
13. Czech Republic
14. Denmark
15. Ecuador
16. El Salvador
17. Estonia
18. Ethiopia
19. Finland
20. France
21. Germany
22. Greece
23. Hungary
24. Iceland
25. India
26. Indonesia
27. Ireland
28. Italy

29. Japan
30. Jordan
31. Kazakhstan
32. Kenya
33. Latvia
34. Lithuania
35. Luxembourg
36. Malaysia
37. Mali
38. Malta
39. Mauritius
40. Netherlands
41. New Zealand
42. Norway
43. Peru
44. Poland
45. Portugal
46. Romania
47. Russia
48. Saudi Arabia
49. Senegal
50. Slovakia
51. Slovenia
52. South Africa
53. South Korea
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63. United Kingdom
64. Vietnam

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Aubrie Marie Allen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ALOha, I strongly support this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Green, Chair Hee and Members of the Health and Judiciary and Labor Committee, My name is Mary Lacques and I am testifying in strong support of SB2521, with amendments to include processed foods. I am in support of the passage of SB 2521 because consumers have a right to know what they are feeding themselves and their families. Those of us testifying today in support of SB2521 are in agreement and are standing with the majority of Americans who believe we have that right. All of the major national polls have shown that over 90% of Americans support labeling of these transgenic novel products that have been in our food supply for almost 20 years. You have undoubtedly heard from many concerned citizens today about the growing list of health and environmental concerns that have been attributed to the ingestion and cultivation of GE products. But unfortunately the majority of Hawaii residents know little about the genetic engineering of our food supply, let alone the labeling issue, but I would like to point out that Hawaii has a long history of supporting labeling, primarily at the national level, but with recent activity of support at local, grassroots levels. In 1999 the late Congresswoman patsy Mink signed on to a letter supporting a recommendation to the Food and Drug Administration to label GE food. Mink was a co-sponsor of House Resolution 3377, The Genetically Engineered Right to Know Act, and also co-sponsored H.R. 713: "to require the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a report regarding the safety and monitoring of GE food." In March of 2012 Senator Akaka signed on to a bicameral letter addressed to the Food and Drug Administration asking the agency to require the labeling of GE food. Three months later, in June 2012, both Senator Akaka and the late Senator Inouye voted in favor of an amendment reaffirming the rights of states to pursue their won labeling of GE food laws. (Sanders Amendment). Mahalo for allowing Hawai'i residents and visitors the right to know what is in our food, and for ensuring the passage of SB2521, with amendments to include processed foods, Mary Lacques P.O. Box 14 Hale'iwa HI 96712

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autumn ness	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time to join the growing number of states who are passing similar laws. There is NO reason not to. People deserve the freedom of choice regarding the food they eat and serve their families. Any producer who is afraid that it will hurt profits needs to respond to market demands to produce what consumers want. That is what a free market is, not duping your consumers into buying a product that they are ignorant about.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha my name is Sandy and I would like to ask you to please support SB2521 for GMO labeling. Please help us to have the ability to choose what we put in our bodies. This measure also supports industry transparency and accountability for GMO products. Regardless of whether or not you yourself support or decline GMOs, the public deserves the right to know what is in the food that they are buying. There is an increasing awareness of health concerns regarding consuming GMO's and a growing number of people that want to know if the food they are buying have GMO's in it. Many, many countries already require the labeling of GMO's. Please support this bill and label GMOs!! Also, please amend the bill to include processed GMO foods and support this measure. It would be great if Hawaii can be among the leaders in this area! Mahalo, Sandy

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Terez Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support labeling and hope that you will, too.

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SUPPORT of SB 2521

Honorable Senators,

I am writing today in support of SB 2521 for the LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS. The voters of the Neighbor Islands have made very clear their support for their right to know what they are consuming. This bill is in keeping with the strong and united voice you are hearing from our island voters. We require the right to know. This supersedes agri-business interests seeking to profit from our ignorance. It is time that we re-balance this equation. It is time that informed consumers generate market forces that reward farmers producing health-enhancing fresh foods, rather than those adjusted to accommodate ever-larger volumes of toxins to maintain production systems that are not inherently viable. As a manager of health-related social services for the last 25 years on Kauai, I value the concerns raised by our physicians, scientists, nurse organizations, farmers and community organizations. It is time that the steady poisoning of the environment, our waters and our children be brought to an end. With your courageous leadership in support of this bill, it will be. Humberto Blanco,

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February 9, 2014

Senate Committee on Health Chairman Green, Vice-chair Baker and Honorable members,

RE: SB 2469 Relating to Telehealth

I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of this measure with reservations. The definition of health care provider in the language of this bill limits the definition to 42 U.S.C. However, the State of Hawaii has defined naturopathic doctors (ND) as physicians. Consequently, this bill in its current form restrains the trade of ND's by disallowing reimbursement of services when provided by telemedical means.

Please include language that does not inhibit or restrain the practice of naturopathic medicine in the State of Hawaii, particularly when access to medical care, especially in the rural regions of this State are limited.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

I OPPOSE this bill; This state-level bill to mandate biotech labeling hurt's consumers, small business and farmers!

You would force the Hawaii papaya industry and its hundreds of small family farmers to label their boxes and each fruit bin; adding a significant burden on our small independent farmers who sell affordable, safe food to our communities. Often you can find local papayas at 3 for \$1 at the farmers market; the ultimate dollar menu item; yet this bill exempts the exact same papaya when sold cut in half at a food stand, restaurant or grocery store for 10 times the cost. This is not a safety issue its a scare tactic which violate the current FDA guidelines.

Hawaii Papayas would be labeled yet the bill exempts Cheese, yogurt and any product produced with enzymes; that is the majority of those products, even those sold in the natural food stores!

Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain any biotechnology-derived ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic" or "non GMO."

The industry supports the Voluntary labeling of food products, as long as those labels don't infer any difference in healthfulness or safety.

Please do not add additional burdens to our agriculture industry ...We ask you to defer this bill.

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Ho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB2521. You can read the labels on our foods now ~ you can tell right now which food items are genetically modified. You don't need this legislation. Know your food source. Know your local farmer and rancher. Eat locally grown.

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Loh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our family strongly supports SB2521 because it is essential for the health of the people of this state to be able to make informed choices when it pertains to the food we eat. Please vote YES and support this bill. Mahalo.

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Carlton York	Individual	Support	No

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Oppose	No

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brady stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is just one important battle in the peoples' war for clean, healthy food. It's time for America to stop protecting these criminal biotech institutions which are destroying our food supply. If they could prove their products are safe then they wouldn't fight so hard to oppose labeling. In fact, they know beyond a shadow of a doubt that people don't want their products and as soon as we begin labeling, that will lead to their demise. Please act on behalf of your constituents and pass this law for the greater good of the community. We can work together to create a vision for a healthy, sustainable agricultural model where more than enough food is produced to feed the island several times over instead of giving a free pass for companies to pollute our land to produce junk seed for more unhealthy packaged foods and sick feedlot animals.

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Bob Farias	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melia Leslie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE label our foods!! I am a mother and very concerned appalled with whats happening here in Hawaii and around the world with our food supply. I DO NOT want to feed my child ANY GMO's! I should have that RIGHT!! My family is urging you to see this bill thru! MAHALO

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Erika Schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Hawaii State Senators and Representatives, Please vote YES on SB 2521. It is clearly a well measured and thought out Labeling bill with a clear focus honoring the rights of the people of Hawaii to make reasonable, informed choices about the foods we feed to our families. Here in Hawaii we have been listening for years as the Chemical Companies have touted their feelings about the merits and safety of their GMO products. Why the concern about those products being labeled if they are so safe?? It seems the chemical corporations want to have it both ways: They want to PATENT their seeds as 'unique and different' than natural crops, but then protest labeling because they say GMO is 'the same' as natural crops. It either is.. or it isn't. Clearly, since patents have been granted on the DNA of these unique, different and not naturally-occurring crops, they are NOT the same as naturally grown foods, and should be labeled so we can make informed choices! Additionally, my family is concerned about the increased use of PESTICIDES on GMO crops. Studies have shown that eating GMO Free dramatically reduces the amounts of pesticides found in the blood, by as much as 70% ! If I can reduce the amount of pesticide exposure for my children, by choosing foods that are GMO Free, and grown with fewer pesticides, then why wouldn't I? The answer is, because it's difficult to discern right now what is, or is not GMO. I, as a mother, have the RIGHT TO KNOW. I want to feed my children healthy food, without Roundup Glyphosate Herbicide, Atrazine, Paraquat, Lorsban, Mustang, 2,4-D and other toxic chemicals that are used on GMO crops in amounts much higher than traditional crops. Because of the 'patented' DNA that makes these foods 'different' than normal crops, and because of increased pesticide use on GMO crops - I want to know what is genetically modified in my foods. Again, the industry has said for years that their 'different and unique' patented DNA is 'the same' as regular food (I know, confusing, right?) - The big question you should be asking is: If GMO's are so SAFE, why is the industry FIGHTING so hard against labeling and disclosure? Why do they want to keep consumers in the dark? I urge you to Please vote YES on SB 2521. Mahalo for your careful consideration of these measures.

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Dephlia Rackley	Individual	Support	No

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RC Blake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to know what I am eating

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James Sartoris	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass legislation for the labeling of GMOs. We label for salt and sugar content. This should have been a no-brainer over a decade ago.

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Marcus Hoapili	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Reschan	Individual	Support	No

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Carolyn Ornellas	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Silver	Individual	Support	No

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Edward Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please remember that the choices we make affect us all and our future generations.

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James Long	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in support of SB 2521. It is the right time to do so. Thank you, James Long

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

I OPPOSE this bill; This state-level bill to mandate biotech labeling hurt's consumers, small business and farmers!

I have been a Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for more than thirty years in the area of crop production and plant sciences. This testimony is submitted as a private citizen and voter, and not as a representative of the University.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does require labeling to provide information as to altered toxins, allergens or nutrient content. FDA does not require labeling because of some bias. There is no valid scientific evidence that genetically engineered food are not as safe as food produced through other plant breeding methods.

The US labeling laws are built on the basis of being truthful and not misleading. Food labeling laws need to be set by the Federal government, not state by state.

Anyone can now label food "GMO Free" if that label is truthful. If a food was so label then Hawaii consumers would be able to make a choice based upon accurate labeling. Major wholesaler and retailer are taking this approach.

This Bill is dishonest and misleading. It states first that food derived from genetic engineering should be labeled "genetically engineered" then it grants an exemption for Hawaii grown produce and food grown without knowing and intentionally use of genetically engineered seed or food, or organically grown. These exemptions mean that a consumer "RIGHT" to know if a product contains genetically engineered material is being trampled upon. This failure to label products covered by these exemptions would be contrary to the intent of section 328-6 Prohibited Acts - adulteration and misbranding.

I have no idea where the definition given in this Bill came from: "Methods of fusing cells beyond the taxonomic family that overcome natural physiological reproductive or recombinant barriers and that are not techniques used in traditional breeding and selection." this seems to be from a "creationist" workbook and attempts to further restrict science, and seemly evolution.

The industry supports the Voluntary labeling of food products, as long as those labels don't infer any difference in healthfulness or safety.

Please do not add additional burdens to our agriculture industry and consumers...We ask you to defer this bill.

Mahalo,
Robert Paull
Honolulu HI 96821

Is Labeling Really About Our "Right to Know"?

"We are going to force them to label this food. If we have it labeled, then we can organize people not to buy it."
Andrew Kimbrell, Executive Director, Center for Food Safety

"Personally, I believe GM foods must be banned entirely, but labeling is the most efficient way to achieve this. Since 85% of the public will refuse to buy foods they know to be genetically modified, this will effectively eliminate them from the market just the way it was done in Europe."
Dr. Joseph Mercola, Mercola.com

"By avoiding GMOs, you contribute to the tipping point of consumer rejection, forcing them out of our food supply."
Jeffrey Smith, Founder, Institute for Responsible Technology

"With labeling it (GMOs) will become 0%... For you the label issues is vital, if you get labeling then GMOs are dead-end."
Vandana Shiva, environmental activist

"The burning question for us all then becomes how—and how quickly—can we move healthy, organic products from a 4.2% market niche, to the dominant force in American food and farming? The first step is to change our labeling laws." Ronnie Cummins, Director, Organic Consumers Association

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alison thalmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is so important to me and to the rest of Hawaii if not the world!!! Please pass this Bill!!! We are really fighting hard to have disclosure and the right to know what is in our food. The labels on food will help ALL citizens determine what is best for their family...we deserve this! I want to give my family the best food possible and to keep them as healthy as possible for as long as I live. And after I am gone, I want them to continue "knowing" what is in their food. I am also speaking as a 31 year old female, and future mother. We can help stop if not lessen the effects that GMOs have on our bodies. The food we eat determines our health. We need healthy options, organic options to be the platform of nutrition out bodies need to sustain life as we know it! Not chemicals, poisons and GMOs that may be giving us diseases and illnesses. I am praying this change occurs now, the world needs this. Americans need this. Please help us, pass this Bill! Mahalo nui loa!! Sincerely, Alison Thalmann

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Adam Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm in strong support of GMO labeling. We have the right to know what we are consuming.

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Michael Bryan	Individual	Oppose	No

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jw nalda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is what we want.

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Benjamin Cohn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO labeling is crucial for consumer choice and health

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Mahalo nui Senators for this time
Please forgive the unmodified public speaker in me as I share with you this piece in support of SB2521
(Deep breath)

Have you ever looked up at the moon
And imagined
Looking down to earth
And seeing earth the way it really is?
Like home
Have you ever held your child at night
And promised her in that moment
In the realm of your heart
That the real gifts of nature will be in her life
Untampered with
Fruits from the tree
Fish from the sea
Potatoes from the ground
That when she eats a tomato
She's not really eating a flounder
Or when she's drinking soy milk
She's not really drinking rondup
Don't you want to see our community thrive?
Label these
mixed genes
corn-herbicide
Round up ready crops
glyphosate-resistant wheat
No I will not allow my daughter to eat
Your sugar beets and gmo-fed ham
Not in my house
not with a mouse
Not in a tree
Call it the precautionary Mother in me
Please
Help us out of the dark
By requiring labels
Let us decide
Whether or not
We will be their rats
Let us decide where we put are money
In the hands of the few
Or the many
We are fighting for labels
Why are these biotech
And junk food companies
Spending millions in opposition

Of their consumers?
Everything is labeled
(Deep breath)
Low calories
Fat free
Sugar free
Made with real fruit
Smart choice
Heart healthy
Whole grain
Fat reduced
Low carb
Low sodium
Cholesterol free
Multigrain
High in fiber
Light
And
Lean
Enriched pasteurized
Fortified vitamin d
Grass fed
Cage free
Free range
Free roaming
All Natural...
Now thats naturally processed not naturally grown
Everything is labeled
everything
But
One.
One simple line
Is all it would take
Produced with genetic engineering
A change they just won't make
They change their labels all the time
Without costing the consumers a Dime
Please turn on the light
For Hawaii
Be the moonlight in all this darkness

Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jamey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: me and my family support SB2521 for GMO labeling that gives us the right to choose what we put in our bodies while supporting industry transparency and accountability for GMO products. Regardless of whether or not you yourself support or decline GMOs, the public deserves to know what they are eating. We support this bill and label GMOs. Please amend to include processed GMO foods. All polls on this issue show more than 90% of Hawaiians support GMO labeling. It's what we want. It's what we deserve.

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Subject: I SUPPORT SB 2521 ~ Relating to Food labeling
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 10:45:24 AM

Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 9th, 2014

Dear Committee Chair Hee & Green and Committee Members,

I SUPPORT this bill; This state-level bill to mandate biotech labeling helps consumers know what they are eating and have confidence in their food supply.

I grow Hawaii tropical fruit - Lychee. I sell my fruit by wholesale and direct retail marketing. My customers often ask me how I grow my fruit and what pesticides I spray on my trees and what fertilizers I use. They sometimes ask if the fruit is GMO. Consequently, I know that my customers want to know what ingredients are contained in their food. I believe that big agribusiness and farmers do not have the right to intentionally hide the ingredients in their crops from consumers. Government should not assist anyone from hiding useful information from the public.

I eat and enjoy Hawaii GMO papaya. While I believe that GMO foods are not harmful to my health, I do not know that for certain, but that is true for all foods that we eat. Those who want to hide the fact that food contains GMOs give credence to suspicions that GMO foods may be harmful. This is a foolish approach. It is my choice to eat GMO foods. All consumers have the right to make that same choice for themselves. For years big agribusiness has been using our federal elected officials to prevent consumers from being able to make that choice. Now big agribusiness and some farmers are trying to use the same tactic by using Hawaii legislators to censor food labels. This is unfair, unjust and should be illegal.

This is America. Preventing unnecessary government censorship is practically the same as upholding our first amendment right of free speech. Companies like Monsanto are totally cynical in paying off legislators to hide information from the public. Legislators who take money in exchange for hiding information from their own constituents are the moral equivalent of traitors, in my opinion.

If big agribusiness had been smart 25 years ago they would have used the same high pressure advertising campaign, that they are using now, to inform consumers that their GMO products are beneficial and not harmful to health. Instead, they chose to manipulate public officials to hide that information.

This cynical approach to information sharing should not happen again in Hawaii. Hawaii is supposed to be about Aloha, not the manipulation of officials and citizens. It is obvious that many people want to know whether, or not, their food contains GMOs. Otherwise, this debate would not be happening.

Please pass SB2521. Mahalo

Fred Pollock
Kihalani Orchards
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Groves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe we have a right to know the source and content of the food we buy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frederick Bauld	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We must label GMO foods in order to protect ourselves from the unknown affects these products will cause. I am aware of the additional costs regarding the labeling but my interests lie in the safety of the people. Perhaps this initiative will be one of the first steps in ending GMO farming.

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Subject: Strong Support of SB2521 for GMO Labeling.
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 10:56:19 AM

Aloha Honorable Chair Green, Chair Hee and Members of Senate Health and Judiciary and Labor Committees,

I am writing you today to ask humbly but **strongly** for your support on SB2521. I am not going to write a lot now since the hearing is today but it is very important to 90% of the Nation that our food be labeled so that we can make a choice as to whether we eat products made with genetic engineered raw materials and also whole foods that have been genetically engineered. Since the Federal government has not been able to pass a law requiring this we are asking for You – our Representatives to our State of Hawaii – to do what is right and pass this Bill.

As you probably are very aware at this point, the population is getting more active and vigilant as to what our representatives are doing regarding this issue. Please step up to the plate and vote for the People and pass SB2521 with the amendment to include processed GMO foods.

Mahalo nui loa,

Harvest Edmonds

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Foods that contain GMO ingredients should be labeled as such just as other all other ingredients are required on food labels.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Nishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It gives me an informed choice of the foods that I choose to feed my family.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for supporting SB2521. GMO labeling is essential! If the gmo ingredients aren't harmful, why don't they want you to know they are in their products (for profit). Mahalo for listening to the People you Serve!

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Testimony to the Health and Judiciary and Labor Committees
State Capitol, Conf. Room 229 at 1:45pm
February 10, 2014

RE: OPPOSING SB2521 TO REQUIRE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED LABELING

Dear Chairs Grren and Hee, Vice Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce. I am writing to Oppose SB2521 to require specific labeling genetically engineered material.

This is an unnecessary business mandate and we feel that the negative impacts have not been adequately weighed in this bill. We disagree with such labeling as:

- The FDA has determined that genetically-modified crops do not differ from non-genetically-modified crops and therefore do not need to be labeled as such.
- It is estimated that 70-80% of the products in our grocery stores already contain GMO and that this important fact is not widely understood.
- That many common and desired products would no longer be offered in Hawaii as large manufacturers will not create such labeling solely for Hawaii's small market.
- Requiring labeling for ingredients that do not pose a health issue undermines existing labeling laws and consumer confidence and sends the wrong message.
- Labeling already exists for those who have GMO concerns. They can avoid products with GM ingredients by selecting products that have been labeled "certified organic" under the National Organic Program.
- If there is a market advantage to promoting non-GMO products, businesses whose products do not contain GM ingredients can elect to appropriately label their products to let consumers know – *as General Mills has just done with Cheerios. According to the Health column in Time Magazine's January 20, 2014 issue, "It's not that the food giant thinks GMO ingredients pose a health risk. Quote the opposite. Rather, as General Mills VP Tom Forsythe wrote in announcing the change, "We did it because we think consumers might embrace it." And, Whole Foods has also chosen to label voluntarily.*
- Creating an unnecessary mandatory labeling program would:
 - Heap more and needless costs onto businesses, adding to our already high cost of doing business in this state;
 - Increase costs for consumers, despite the fact that the FDA has indicated labeling is not required; and
 - Further burden state regulatory agencies.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you oppose SB2521.

We appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony as you consider this important matter. If you have any questions regarding our testimony, please contact us at 808-244-0081.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
pamela burrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this simple right to know what is in our food. They label salt, sugar, fats etc in food. I fail to see why labeling for GMO should be any different. Please support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Gommers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All who live in Hawaii deserve a choice. I support GMO labeling so that we each have a choice about what we eat. If there is nothing wrong with GMO foods, then why not label them as such? Research on GMO is regrettably limited by the patents registered by the companies that create the GMO seeds, so objective research is sorely lacking. Thank you for your consideration of my wish to support GMO labeling.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mr Gavin Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this SB2521 and all related issues and hope all will consider in this manner. My vote will be with those that do.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iris Iwami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We are a state with a small population. By requiring labeling of GMO foods there will be food manufacturers who will not label their products only for Hawaii. We will lose food choices and food will become more expensive. Labeling should be for content not process. And there are NO studies that show GMO food is detrimental.

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Guy Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose mandatory labelling of GMO crops. This would do nothing to benefit the consumer. GMO products have a well established safety record. This measure would be especially harmful to papaya growers. The opponents of biotechnology are quite wrongly disparaging this useful technology and this label could adversely affect the purchasing decisions of the many consumers who have been misinformed. If a food processor or grower wishes to label his product as non-GMO, that is his right. But it would be wrong to require producers of GMO products to bear the expense and possible negative implications to label their products as GMO.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nathan funderer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this Bill! Aloha, Kit

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Michael Arkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Fox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support small farmers by supporting this bill and let consumers make their own choices about what they put into heir bodies. Charging small farmers who produce REAL, natural organic foods to put a label on their product is unfair - labeling requirements should be applied to the large agribusinesses who produce and sell non-natural genetically engineered foods. SUPPORT THIS BILL PLEASE!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Veronika Bajwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My husband and I, and actually everyone I know, stongly support SB2521! We have the right to know what type of foods we are eating so we can choose accordingly. It is common sense! A list of ingedients is required on all foods being sold in stores, so GMO is just another ingredient that needs to be listed. GMO labeling is required in over 60 countries in the world so far, it is not a big deal to do.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We all want to know the quality of food we are eating. Not everyone can grow their own Organic food so it's necessary to have any and all gmo's labeled.

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TESTIMONY
OF
UNMANI CYNTHIA GROVES
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
BEFORE
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2014 1:45PM RM 229

SENATE BILL NO. 2521
RELATING TO HEALTH / JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

Aloha and Committee members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. In general I support the intention of this bill. However, I would propose a consideration of specific additional amendments based on well informed studies and behavior in regard to “informed consent and disclosure” issue with GMO labeling:

Regarding still a belief by a number of state legislators that federal level is regulating GMOs. An attorney who has been in court opposing the GMO companies advised me that once GMOs were approved years ago, those GMO crops and foods were **deregulated** when categorized GRAS (generally regarded as safe) based on 3-4 month studies on rats and monkeys in the 1980 or 1990s. Assumptions made then in the studies have since been shown in independent studies in scientific journals to be based on outdated theories and practices, which when GMOs were given to domesticated animals have shown results that GMOs were less than healthy. Results of harm are showing up in humans. Industry may claim they are correlations, not causation even in the L-Tryptophan deaths and hospitalizations. Federal safety parameters have been very limited in determining GRAS--Generally Regarded As Safe—focused on methodology rather than impacts to humans. Adverse effects have been subsequently limited primarily to 1) how many people were hospitalized and 2) how many died. Deemed less significant at the federal level, a far bigger range of adverse affects from simple, immediate acute symptoms sub acute, and chronic long term symptoms not addressed at the federal level.

Independent studies on GMOs and health are available via the transparency the internet affords us such as: **GMO Myths and Truths: An Evidence Based Examination of the Claims Made for the Safety and Efficacy of Genetically Modified Crops.** 123 pages annotated report of studies, facts and fiction: Downloadable PDF of the full [GMO Myths and Truths report](http://earthopensource.org/files/pdfs/GMO_Myths_and_Truths/GMO_Myths_and_Truths_1.3b.pdf)
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We have serious issues unaddressed by legislators and regulators to date by the introduction of GMOs and heavier pesticides in our food and grown on our lands, particularly with the amount of GMOs throughout our food supply at this late date.

Particularly note in a 1/21/13 article: concerns by regulators regarding a hidden viral Gene VI in GMO crops that went unreported for years by a major company in HI despite knowledge after approval that that gene can cause autoimmune responses (the system attacking itself). **"Regulators Discover a Hidden Viral Gene in Commercial GMO Crops"**
<http://www.independentsciencenews.org/health/regulators-discover-a-hidden-viral-gene-in-commercial-gmo-crops/> We should not so easily dismiss such data.

I have enclosed: **GE Crop Risk Assessment Challenges: An Overview** By [Dr. Charles Benbrook](#) 5/6/13 who has testified in court on numerous occasions with great respect by the courts and his peers is worthy of attention.

Suggest you consider an intentional vs unintentional violation clause and add five other amendments:

1. Regarding (3)e I recommend that an **"intentional" violation** due to GMOs used and promoted without proper GMO labeling should be treated differently than an **"unintentional" violation** due to an unsuspected GMO ingredient and fined accordingly. \$1,000 fine does nothing to a flagrant disregard of the rules and regulations and may be considered a drop in the bucket to those who profit more by disregard than by compliance.

2. "It shall be a violation to falsely advertise that GMO labeling will increase cost to consumers or cause harm to the consumers pocketbooks:

"Why Labels on Genetically Engineered Foods Won't Cost Consumers a Dime /Financial Audit" using the Affidavit system, go to http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_27317.cfm

A number of studies have shown it will NOT increase costs, but inform consumers.

Regardless of the shortfall at the federal level, there are good reasons why consumers want labels and are frankly disenchanted with biotech companies and front organizations interfering with their right to know and consumer ability to make an "informed choice" for themselves and families on whether GMOs are appropriate for them.

Washington attorney is looking into violations from the Grocers

Manufacturers Association for attempting to block GMO Labeling Initiatives by shielding campaign contributors

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/16/us-usa-gmo-labeling-idUSBRE99F19B20131016>

3. Requirement could be added to labels: “There are no long term studies that show the safety of GMOs in foods.”

Labels provide a measure of “informed consent” for consumers in a free market democratic society to make decisions based on their needs, desires, health concerns, and in this case give them control over their own genetics and genetic lines with their children.

4. Suggest languaging be considered: It shall be a violation to distribute, grow or sell unlabeled GMO foods unlabeled or unlabeled packaged GMO seeds in Hawaii, particularly to children who are unable to provide informed consent. “

From a health standpoint, the Federal government does not consider the full range of parameters of health risks and potential harms. My Kaiser Permanente physician told me personally that Kaiser Permanente does not have a toxicology lab on Maui, and their lab on island has a very limited range of ability to test whether for GMO food related symptoms or pesticide exposure. Further, one HI State House Rep just told me the medical facilities don't find it profitable to have a toxicology lab. Pesticide exposure requires immediate action, and the staff is untrained to deal with this situation. Further, the state has not provided funding or requirements of disclosure to provide tests. This leaves the public without disclosure of allergic reactions to the food, or what pesticides they have been exposed to, and are at the mercy of the biotech companies without alternative help.

5. Should GMO foods remain unlabeled, The State Finance Division could set a tax on gmo/ pesticide/ chemical companies and manufacturers who continue to grow and sell unlabeled GMO foods, seed and food products without long term tests for health consequences to humans, animals, and the environment. A state fund could be set up to make provisions for proper testing and proper treatment protocol but the DOH would have to be funded for this.

6. Further, there could be legislation established that it shall be a violation to continue to distribute, produce and sell labeled or unlabeled GMO food without providing “required disclosure” and samples to the state and medical facilities in order to set up testing for treatment protocol of

allergies, endocrine disruption and other illnesses from GMOs and their associated pesticide exposure. This could be wieldy, but is suggested to continue thinking about how to handle the health effects from GMO/pesticide disclosure. While it is more difficult to assess and treat ill effects, labeling provides disclosure for choice as well as to get out of harms way for sensitive individuals.

GE Crop Risk Assessment Challenges: An Overview

By [Dr. Charles Benbrook](#) | May 6, 2013

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/ge-crop-risk-assessment-challenges-an-overview/#.UuYTKvZ6eS5>

There have been dramatic changes in the transgenic composition of GE corn and soybeans over the last five years, coupled with a substantial increase in reliance on pesticides and Bt toxins. Compared to the first five years of commercial use (1996-2000), today's GE corn and soybeans in the U.S. require:

- About twice as much herbicide per acre, with glyphosate/Roundup accounting for essentially all the growth;
- In corn, two to six Bt toxins to deal with European corn borer and the corn rootworm complex;
- Delayed release, systemic seed treatments including at least two insecticides and two fungicides, one of which is a nicotinylnyl implicated in honey bee Colony Collapse Disorder;
- A return to corn soil insecticide use as a component of Bt-gene, resistance-management programs (eroding a portion of the reduction in insecticide use brought about by Bt corn);
- Significant and historically unprecedented increases in fungicide use on corn (11 percent of crop acres were treated in latest USDA pesticide use survey [2010], no more than 1 percent was treated previously); and
- Approval and commercial planting in the U.S. of the first GE crop that will be consumed in significant quantities by humans in a largely unprocessed form – Bt and RR sweetcorn.

The move to stacked varieties expressing multiple traits, coupled with the above changes in the intensity of chemical use required to bring GE crops to

harvest, raises new questions about new routes of exposure and about cumulative levels of exposure to GE proteins, potential allergens and pesticides, especially via drinking water, certain foods made from corn or soybeans, and, for infants, breast milk, cow's milk, soymilk, and formula. It also raises new testing challenges arising from the likely presence of multiple transgenes, DNA fragments, promoters, regulatory sequences and chemicals from pesticides (active ingredients, metabolites, surfactants, adjuvants, etc).

These changes pose serious risk assessment challenges that are, for the most part, being ignored by the industry and regulatory authorities. New information is essential to convince regulators that they must invest substantially more public resources in the independent testing of GE crop safety. The two core goals for a new testing initiative should be to (a) resolve lingering uncertainty over the safety of the GE traits currently on the market, and (b) develop advanced testing methods and protocols for application in the testing of future GE food traits.

At a minimum, the following steps should be taken to explore key questions about today's GE crops:

1. Quantification of the levels of pesticides and their metabolites/breakdown products associated with GE crops in key foods and human fluids (blood and urine), encompassing initially glyphosate, AMPA, nicotiny seed treatments and Bt proteins. Top priority foods to test include whole wheat grain and flour, whole wheat bread, and soy-derived ingredients and foods. Essential liquids to test include cow's milk, breast milk, soymilk and infant formula.

2. Development of methods to accurately quantify GE protein exposure levels in tissues and organs of concern in evaluating human health risks. The research would also be designed to track the breakdown products formed as GE proteins move through the digestive system. Methods would be developed to identify the form of novel proteins or other phytochemicals from GE foods, as well as the quantities passing from the GI tract into the bloodstream, from the blood to

the kidneys and liver, and in the case of pregnant women, across the blood-brain barrier.

3. Methods must be developed to assess the impacts on fetal development following pre-natal exposure to GE proteins via maternal blood flows. Focus should be on epigenetic patterns of gene expression and the frequency of autoimmune diseases including food allergies, asthma and behavioral problems.

4. In light of novel combinations of exposures, including combinations of glyphosate, AMPA, a nicotinyl insecticide and Bt proteins, short-term cell assays should be used to test for toxic potential of each of these singly and in various combinations. The results can be used to target subsequent, long-term testing.

5. An appropriate, government agency or international organization should fund long-term toxicology and cancer feeding studies in at least two species of laboratory animals on a cross-section of the major traits now in GE varieties. Trials should cover the most widely planted Bt endotoxins alone, the EPSPS gene conferring resistance to glyphosate alone and these two traits in combination. At the conclusion of a first round of testing, the research team should issue recommendations for the design and conduct of future cancer feeding trials applied to GE food traits and render judgments regarding the need for additional testing.” Included with permission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

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Karen Martinez	Individual	Support	No

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Fern Rosenstiel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please Label the Food!!!

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John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please label GMO food! It is substantially different from natural food, as it causes cancer, birth defects, and 30 diseases.

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Allan Reaves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We want to know the truth about our food!!!

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Date: February 10, 2014 Re: SB2521, GMO Labelling
To: Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, Senate Health Committee
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Senator , Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
From: Lisa Yoshimura
Re: Labelling of Genetically Engineered Whole Foods; Private Civil Enforcement

My name is Lisa Yoshimura and I strongly support GMO labeling because the consumers have the right to know whether food they are purchasing has been genetically modified. I believe GMO products pose a serious threat to our health.

The GMO plant technology is destructive to life. A GMO insect resistant plant, for example, kills the predator insect when the insect ingests the B+ GMO portion of the plant. “Within minutes, the protein binds to the gut wall and the insect stops feeding...the gut wall breaks down and normal gut bacteria invade the body cavity. The insect dies of septicaemia (blood poisoning)...”¹ Studies indicate that these B+GMO plants not only break open the stomach of insects, but also causes similar reactions throughout our entire food chain, from the livestock to YOU and ME. “Thousands of doctors are telling patients to stop eating GMOs, the reports are flooding in about a wide variety of symptoms that improve or just go away. Allergies,..., serious digestive disorders, .., autoimmune diseases, are just some of the issues that respond.”²

The health problems resulting from GMO products are very real. A The New York Times article³ disclosed a study conducted by Federal Drug Administration scientists in the area of antibiotics, which similarly demonstrates how foreign matters (as GMOs) introduced into our food chain can adversely affect our health.

“A federal analysis of 30 antibiotics used in animal feed found that the majority of them were likely to be contributing to the growing problem of bacterial infections that are resistant to treatment in people...” “They found that 18 of them (30 penicillin and tetracycline **additives in animal feed**) posed a high risk of exposing humans to antibiotic resistant bacteria through food.” “At least 2 million Americans fall sick every year and about 23,000 die from antibiotic-resistant infections, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates.” “Farmers and ranchers feed small amounts of drugs to animals over their lifetimes..., causing bacteria to develop a resistance passed on to people through the environment and eating meat from animals (emphasis added).”.....“This is an agency that has repeatedly found, since the 1970s (emphasis added), that these drugs pose a risk to human health, but it has not done anything meaningful with those conclusions,” said Avinash Kar, a lawyer for the Natural Resources Defense Council.” “In December 2013, the F.D.A. began formal implementation of a strategy to phase out the use of all medically important antimicrobials,” the agency said.”

Considering at least 64 countries and a growing number of states in the United States have some form of GMO labelling laws, we cannot deny the huge health risks and the questionable safety concerning GMO products. The health and welfare of the citizens of Hawaii should always be our highest priority. I urge you to support mandatory labeling for all GMO products in Hawaii. Thank you.

¹ Ric Bessin, Extension Entomologist, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture

² Institute for Responsible Technology,

³ The New York Times, dated January 27, 2014

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Karen Crutcher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill to label GMOs! I am suffering from various health concerns right now that can be attributed to the pesticides used in the GMO crops. I am now gluten intolerant, which can be attributed to the GMO foods. I need to know, everyone has the right to know! Please pass the bill to label GMO!! Thank you,

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dominique Pinckney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: People should be able to see what is in the food they eat and then make their own intelligent decision about purchasing it or not it should not be hidden from us.

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Angelina Gallegos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Registered nurse, Health Educator and concerned citizen, I write to urge you to support SB 2521 to label genetically engineered (GE) foods in Hawaii. Food labeling has empowered tens of millions of Americans to take control of what we eat and feed our families for health, economic, environmental, ethical or religious reasons. However, these freedoms are being denied to the more than 90% of Americans who want to know if their food is produced using genetic engineering because these products are not required to be labeled in the U.S. Unlike 64 other countries—including the European Union member states, Japan, Brazil, Russia and China—the U.S. has no law requiring labeling of GE foods. As a consequence, U.S. consumers are unknowingly purchasing and consuming GE foods every day, despite the fact that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does no independent testing for their safety. Since FDA has to-date refused to label GE foods, individual states have the duty and the right to take action and require GE food labeling to protect citizen interests, including public health, consumer right to know, the economic interests of farmers and fishers, and our agricultural lands, fisheries, and surrounding environment. SB 2521 is a commonsense bill to protect consumers in Hawaii. Hawaii's citizens have reason for concern over GE foods. A number of studies over the past decade have revealed that genetically engineered foods can pose serious risks to humans, domesticated animals, wildlife, and the environment. The human health effects of eating genetically engineered food are completely unknown, because FDA does no independent safety studies. As for environmental impacts, the use of genetic engineering in agriculture has led to uncontrolled transgenic pollution, threatening numerous microbial, plant and animal species with extinction; a dramatic increase in pesticides released into our environment; and the creation of an epidemic of herbicide-resistant "superweeds." The pending approval of GE salmon brings the added risk of threatening wild salmon and fisheries, and opens the door to the first GE meat products. These health and environmental impacts matter to the public and support the requirement that these foods be labeled. Labeling is essential for me to choose whether or not I want to consume or feed my family risky genetically engineered foods. I urge you to support SB 2521 to label GE foods in Hawaii.

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Benjamin Marantz	Individual	Support	No

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators of the Health Committee, I am a mother of three children and I strongly support the labeling of GMO food. GMOs have never been proven safe for long-term consumption and having them in our food supply without labeling is unethical. Mothers have been feeding our children this patented technology without our informed consent. Our federal agencies have had decades to give us disclosure and has failed us. I ask that the State of Hawaii take the initiative to do the right thing and give mothers the right to know what we are feeding our children. Mahalo.

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Nomi Carmona	Individual	Support	Yes

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Kristin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a producer of agricultural products in Hawaii, I strongly oppose this bill. Labeling of products to differentiate them should be market based and not mandated. If producers who choose to market non-GMO products, they should bear the burden of the additional labeling and in turn be able to charge a better price for their premium products. There are countless examples of producers benefitting from this type of marketing, such as organic, grass-fed, etc. Hawaii producers already struggle with high input costs, expensive labor and over regulation of their businesses. This bill will be just another nail in the coffin for local Hawaii agriculture. Please remember the people you are elected to represent and OPPOSE this bill.

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Lucia You	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in Strong Support for SB 2521. As our elected representatives, I urge you to protect the citizens of Hawai'i from inadequately tested genetic experimentation so pervasive in our food. There are numerous instances of the Food and Drug Administration and Environmental Protection Agency recalling previously approved medications, pesticides and industrial toxins from the market only after consumer exposure with terrible side affects, PCBs, DDT and thalidomide come immediately to mind. Much like GMOs, these were approved, used and were then proven unsafe only after citizens suffered horrific effects. Please see attached links: <http://investigatamidwest.org/2013/09/20/new-report-criticizes-epa-pesticide-registration-process/> <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/Drugsafety/DrugRecalls/default.htm> http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/02/10/fda-drug-recalls_n_821094.html#s236257title=Contrave http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2013/pesticides-09-10-2013.html <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/substances/toxsubstance.asp?toxid=26> <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/substances/toxsubstance.asp?toxid=20> <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2012/sep/01/thalidomide-scandal-timeline> <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/substances/toxsubstance.asp?toxid=59> Further, please consider that GMOs were developed and are always used in conjunction with pesticides, despite many cases of harm to children and the planet. Again, despite universal agreement most are pesticides are toxic, they are approved for use by federal agencies. <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/substances/toxsubstance.asp?toxid=59> I respectfully urge you to support SB 2521. Protect your constituents from the untested effects of genetic modification to our food supply as the agencies at the federal level have failed to do so. Warm regards, Lucia You Kailua, HI. 96734

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Andrea Rosanoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the passage of labelling of food products that contain GM components. Such labelling, required by the State, will urge producers of these products to take the time, effort and money to educate the consumer about these products, something that has been largely passed over in the advent of these new GM crops. The "stealth" of this food revolution has brought on distrust among the consumers to the extent that there is much disinformation, much fear and much hiding of pertinent facts. A food labelling law can only help to stop the insanity as consumers are given knowledge so as to be informed consumers, and the producers will also have knowledge of how much a concern their GM crops are bearing. Only in this way can we go forward with food/crop production and consumer trust as we move in to the future of a large world population, producing and consuming a healthy diet for the benefit of all humanity while the farmers gain knowledge of what crop is best for them to grow each year. Thanks for supporting SB2521. Andrea Rosanoff, Ph.D. Nutrition 808-965-7061

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Hoku Cabebe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have the right to know what we are ingesting. Pass labeling bills!

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Anne Thurston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Across the state, people want to know whether or not their food has been genetically modified. It is very important that this bill should be passed in accordance with citizens' wishes. Please enact this bill!

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support labeling of our food- thank you

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