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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support. This bill should evolve over the course of the session with the GAPs task force recommendations. It is important to keep it alive.

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Steve Sakala	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I am currently the VP of Kona Chapter Hawaii Farmers Union. SB 2762 is an extremely important bill to our state. I hope you will vote in favor of this bill to support the establishment and funding for Good Agriculture Practices so that farmers will have set standards they can abide by in order to sell their products to vendors. CTAHR's white paper on this issue lends to the urgency and credibility of need GAP's. Thank you for supporting SB 2762. Mahalo, Steve Sakala

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Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: Clear and attainable GAP are necessary in today's world. Farmer education with clear steps and attainable standards is paramount. This year, The Kohala Center is working with 4 High School Farms in Hawai'i and helping them become GAP Certified. Going through the process with them has been an eye opening experience. A program such as the one outlined in this bill is essential to creating new markets (institutional purchasing) for our farmers any size. On Hawai'i Island 86% of all farms are between 1-9 acres according to the 2000 USDA Census on Agriculture. Of the almost 5,000 farms statewide only a small handful are GAP Certified. As restaurants, institutions, need certification this must be attainable, affordable, and perhaps one size doesn't fit all. Perhaps there are tiers of compliance commensurate with gross sales. Coaching services for farmers will also be an important element.

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Donn DeShayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is necessary to advance safe and environmental agriculture in Hawaii.

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Harriet Witt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need this in order to move beyond our dependence on the mainland!

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture

Tuesday, January 28, 2014; 2:45 pm

By

J. Kenneth Grace

SB 2762 RELATING TO HAWAII GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Koichi, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on SB 2762, which establishes the Hawaii good agricultural practices program, and makes an appropriation for FY 2014-2015.

My name is J. Kenneth Grace, and I am Interim Associate Dean and Associate Director for Research in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am providing personal testimony today on SB 2762, and my testimony does not represent the position of either CTAHR or the University of Hawaii.

As is stated in SB 2762, it is indeed prudent to develop Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for Hawaii's farms, and to establish programs to train new farmers in GAPs, coach farmers through the requirements for the audits increasingly required by retailers to ensure food safety, and take steps to harmonize private and federal farm audit requirements with procedures that are realistic and appropriate to ensure both safe food for Hawaii's consumers, and a continued livelihood for our small farmers.

Although I would defer to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture on the timing and immediate need to add a formal GAPs program to their responsibilities, my feeling is that establishment of a formal HDOA program may be a bit premature at this point. The GAPs taskforce, led by HDOA, which is charged with developing GAPs and an implementation plan for Hawaii is in the midst of this work, and the shape of the final program would logically be shaped by their findings and conclusions. Thus, it may be more appropriate to offset formal establishment of the program until this process is completed.

Although the timing may be slightly premature, SB 2762 points to the increasing need to assist Hawaii farmers with food safety issues through development and adoption of GAPs, with all parties involved in the process. I know that all involved appreciate the attention that the Legislature is giving to this need, and your efforts to keep the process on track, and ensure full participation of state agencies, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), our farming associations, and the entire agricultural community (including not only farmers, but processors, distributors, retailers, restaurants, and consumers).

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments on SB 2762 and the issue of GAPs appropriate for Hawaii.

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David B. Fisher		Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. This is an area where if we are not proactive with affordable, smart, and appropriate strategies and programs; we will find our Agricultural Renaissance killed in the crib. A lot of good work has gone in to developing this bills over the last two years by small farmers volunteering their time to work with both the CTAHR and the DOA with the aid of some of our top legislators. There is much work to do ahead to see this become a reality. Please support this bill as a first step. Aloha David Fisher

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David S. Case	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii's family farms need predictable, realistic rules that govern the requirements for all wholesale and retail buyers of their farm products.

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Unmani Cynthia Groves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Way to go! Yes!

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luann casey	Individual	Support	No

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