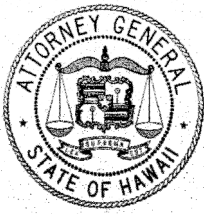


# SB2777

# Testimony

Clarifies that section 205-5, HRS, relating to zoning requirements applies to lands not within the forest reserve boundaries. Clarifies that land uses described in section 205-2, HRS, relating to agricultural lands shall be permitted without further limitations or restrictions, rather than as determined by the land use commission.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 2777, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND ON WATER AND LAND

**DATE:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 **TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 225

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Bryan C. Yee, Deputy Attorney General

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Chairs Nishihara, Espero, and Solomon and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General offers the following comments on this bill.

Among other things, this bill proposes to amend section 205-5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to remove the Land Use Commission's (LUC) authority to allow additional compatible uses to the uses described in section 205-2, HRS. See page 5, lines 7-9. The bill also proposes to add the phrase "without further limitations or restrictions." See page 5, lines 9-10. If this bill is enacted, the first sentence of section 205-5(b), HRS, would read as follows:

**§205-5 Zoning.**

....

(b) Within agricultural districts, uses described in section 205-2 shall be permitted without further limitations or restrictions; provided that accessory agricultural uses and services as identified in sections 205-2 and 205-4.5 may be further defined by each county by zoning ordinance.

In removing the LUC from this subsection and in adding the additional phrase, the Legislature may be inadvertently creating an ambiguity as to the authority of the counties to impose further limitations and restrictions through zoning. Currently, the counties are allowed to place further limitations and restrictions on agricultural lands through specific types of zoning pursuant to section 46-4, HRS. For example, the counties may limit retail activities on certain agricultural lands even though allowed under section 205-2(d)(15), HRS.

If the Legislature did not intend to limit the zoning authority of the counties, we recommend that you delete the phrase "without further limitations or restrictions."

We respectfully submit these comments to the Committees for their information.



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

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE; PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; AND WATER AND LAND  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014  
1:30 P.M.  
Room 225**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2777  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairpersons Nishihara, Espero, and Solomon and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2777. The Department of Agriculture offers comments.

This bill appears to remove the long-standing authority given to the counties to establish restrictions on the uses of agricultural lands described in Section 205-2. The uses of agricultural land in Section 205-2(d) that are subject to the amendment include: wind energy, biofuel production, solar energy facilities, agricultural tourism and activities, open area recreational facilities, geothermal resources development, and agricultural-based commercial operations. Input from the counties should be solicited prior to the passage of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.





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HEARING BEFORE THE JOINT SENATE  
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON SB 2777  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 225  
1:30 PM

Aloha Chairs Nishihara, Espero and Solomon, Vice Chairs Kouchi, Baker and Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFBF stands in strong support of SB 2777.**

Agriculture is an industry that must plan years in advance. Projections, financing and timing of land purchases and leases, of infrastructure, improvements, equipment, and market development are taken in a long view by agricultural businesses, often over decades.

Uncertainty increases risk. Undue risk increases costs and drives young farmers and ranchers away from the industry. Uncertainty caused by changing conditions of all kinds often come from weather and markets and are of paramount concern to the agricultural sector. These are often beyond the control of producers. HB2777 brings some certainty to the regulatory framework established by government. This measure addresses controllable risks and creates some stability in an area that is often blown by political winds.

**Please show your support for farmers. A vote for HB 2777 is a vote for farmers.**

**Thank you for passing SB 2777**

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**SB2777**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret Wille	Hi County Councilmember- Dist 9	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This is another attempt to undermine county home rule with regard to ag zoned lands and agricultural policies and practices. Clearly the intent here is to override the existing County of Hawaii and County of Kauai laws restricting the cultivation of GMO crops and associated pesticides. This is one more way these puppet state legislators seek to elevate these multinational chemical corporations above the law.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Sakala	Kona Chapter Hawaii Farmers Union United	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs and Committee Members, I write today in opposition to SB2777. This bill would be a step back for our states and counties. Thank you for not supporting SB2777. Respectfully Submitted, Steve Sakala President, Kona Chapter HFUU

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TO: Chairs Nishihara, Espero, and Solomon  
Members of the Committees on Agriculture, Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs, and Water and Land.

FROM: John Bickel, President  
Americans for Democratic Action/Hawai'i

RE: Oppose and Comments on SB 2777 Relating to Agriculture

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii oppose SB 2777 because it appears to preempt review and decision-making at both the State and County levels, and to allow a complete free-for-all on agricultural lands, including the unrestricted use of genetically modified seeds. The part of the bill that deals with forest reserve boundaries does not concern us as much as: "land uses described in section 205\_2, HRS, relating to agricultural lands shall be permitted without further limitations or restrictions, rather than as determined by the land use commission." This seems to restrict what counties can do to regulate agriculture. While there is no consensus on the benefits or harms regarding genetically modified organisms, we should allow counties to make restrictions as they see fit on this and other issues.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Puanani Rogers	Ho`okipa Network - Kauai	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Louisa Wooton	Kauai Kunana Dairy	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the language of this bill and the many potentials for abuse of agricultural lands that could result. It takes away the rights of county governance and could ultimately hurt farmers. This is not sound legislation and should not be supported. It would also prevent counties from regulating any potential environmental or public health issues that might arise from poor/dangerous agricultural practices.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
dr melissa yee	Seeds of Truth	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this back ended attempt to pre empt the counties from carrying out their constitutional mandates. Certain members of this committee representing lobbyists and biotech companies desperate to keep their stranglehold on these islands are using the legislature to manipulate public policy in Hawaii. We are tired of these tactics and we know who you are. Hawaii deserves good lawmakers who are concerned about the future of this state and preserving the environment and wellbeing of its citizens for coming generations. This is no longer about short term profit for the corporations. Please do not pass this bill. It shows bad intent and will have long term repercussions. Sincerely, Dr. Melissa Yee Seeds of Truth

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Albertini	Malu 'Aina	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Legislators: Our organization opposes SB2777 which appears to be another "sneak attack" to subvert county Home Rule and over ride county ordinances opposing GMOs. I speak as a farmer of 34 years in Kurtistown, where our Malu -Aina farm has grown a wide variety of organic fruits and vegetables. Our organization, Malu 'Aina, is in strong support of Home Rule and in opposition to GMOs. We need to stand up to the agro-chemical corporate profiteers and to those in County and State government who are in the pockets of these GMO criminal enterprises that want to cut away our county voice to protect our own health and safety. I suppose I should not be surprised at how low some people will go to line their own pockets at the expense of future generations. The world is in terrible shape with unprecedented toxic pollution, climate change, etc. because profit and greed have dominated decision making. The precautionary principle has not been followed. The precautionary principle states that when you do not know the full consequences of an action, error on the side of caution. For the GMO supporters and promoters I have a proposal: Put your mouth where your money is. Step forward. Demonstrate your corporate loyalty with patriotic vigor. Volunteer yourself and your family members to Monsanto to be genetically engineered. Why just support GMO Monsanto round up ready crops, GMO ringspot resistant papaya, etc. Volunteer to have these and other genetically modified organisms --round up resistant genes fired directly into your own DNA. And put a new label on yourself. "Round up Ready" legislators and go down to the state yard at least once a week and get sprayed with round up so we the citizens can do a health study of you, not us. But if you really want to show your commitment as a Genetically Modified Organism, take the experiment to the next level. Brush your teeth with Round Up, wash you clothes with it. Shower in it, put it on your breakfast cereal and rice. Show the voters what you are really made of. For the first pro-GMO politician to step forward to become round up ready genetically engineered, I will present you with an "M & M --Monsanto & me" T-shirt with your photo proudly displayed." I want to close by saying that I do believe in redemption, hard as it may be for GMO promoters to repent, like a camel trying to get through the eye of a needle. But GMO's once released can't be recalled, even when there is personal repentance. This is all the more reason for following the precautionary principle. Support Home Rule. Ban GMOs. Kill bill SB 2777 and any other sneaky attempts to subvert the will of the people in favor of corporate interests.

Mahalo. Jim Albertini

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Towers	PAN	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Members: On behalf of PAN and our 8500 supporters across Hawaii, I'm writing in strong opposition to SB 2777. The bill is another attempt to restrict the rights and responsibilities of local governments to protect the health and safety of residents, especially children. In short, the bill as written, would limit the authority of county governments to implement critical protections from pesticide use and genetically engineered crops on agricultural land. We respectfully ask that you oppose this bill.

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Mercy Ritte	The MOM Hui	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Oppose	Yes

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melanie Bondera	Kanalani Ohana Farm	Oppose	No

Comments: I am concerned this bill could pre-empt Counties choosing precautionary policies for their unique situations. Thus, I oppose.

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Leslie Wingate	GMOFHI	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Evern Williams	Ka Lei Maile Alii Hawaiian Civic Club	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bruce corker	Rancho Aloha	Oppose	No

Comments: To Members of the Committees: My name is Bruce Corker. I am a coffee and Sharwil avocado farmer in Holualoa in Hawaii County and strongly OPPOSE SB2777. The Legislature needs to protect Hawaii farmers--not the biotech companies. To the extent that this measure may preempt Hawaii County's ban on GMO coffee and taro, SB2777 threatens the continued economic viability of Kona's coffee crop. If the planting of GMO coffee were to be allowed because of State preemption, there would be cross-pollination and the risk of the loss of European and Japanese markets for Kona coffee. We do not want to incur economic damage similar to that suffered by white wheat farmers in the Pacific Northwest last spring when a farm in Oregon was discovered to have GMO wheat growing in its fields. The response of Japan was to suspend white wheat imports from Oregon and Washington with resulting economic losses to farmers. Kona coffee farmers do not want to risk similar losses. Please reject SB2777. Respectfully submitted, Bruce Corker Rancho Aloha

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Dr. Jana Bogs	Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.	Oppose	No

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Testimony for AGL/PSM/WTL on Feb 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Colette Ferris	Kolo Kai Organic Farm LLC	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB2777

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shawzy Cann	Cann Farm Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments: Please make the right choice for the future generations and stop the poisoning of the Islands, the water, the food, and the people. There is s different way to do business and create profits. If you need assistance with new business models and thought forms pertaining to the cultivation of agriculture, contact me and I'll assist with the transition of perspective and development. Mahalo Shawzy Cann

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February 25, 2014

To: **Senate Committee on Agriculture (AGL)**  
**Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs (PSM)**  
**Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)**

Re: SB2777, AGL/PSM/WTL 2/27/14, room 225, 1:30 PM  
**Strong opposition**

From: Robert Petricci representing Puna Pono Alliance (PPA)

Aloha Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, AGL,  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair, AGL,  
Senator Will Espero, Chair, PSM  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, PSM  
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair, WTL  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, WTL  
and committee members:

PPA opposes SB2777's requirement that activities in agricultural zones generally described in HRS § 205-2 be issued permits "without further limitations or restrictions" – that is, without the need to comply with all local laws or regulations. Those activities include geothermal as well as growing crops – wiping out the home rule viability and intent of Hawai'i County ordinances that prohibit fracking, night drilling and GMO, for example. The legislation would appear to turn the structure of state agricultural land use regulation on its head, taking away home rule authority the counties have exercised for decades. In my opinion, SB2777 is a self-serving reaction of factions willing to sacrifice established and reasonable land use law for political expediency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this legislation.

Robert Petricci, President  
Puna Pono Alliance





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SB 2777  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to reasonable and responsible growth that protects land, water, cultural resources and human health, opposes SB 2777 that deletes county involvement in permitted uses within the agricultural district.

SB 2777 is anti-home rule. The bill removes county government oversight and public participation in determining appropriate uses on agriculturally zoned land.

SB 2777 removes the ability of county governments to pass ordinances regarding uses on agriculturally zoned land that express the desires and needs of each island's residents.

SB 2777 is a step backward. Instead of moving forward with state and county governments working together for the betterment of Hawaii's citizens SB 2777 takes the "big brother" approach of dictating how agricultural land *shall* be used on each island.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 2777.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do Not Infringe Upon Home Rule.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katarina Culina	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish you people who are trying to preempt County laws that protect our health would come live in my home for a while and get sprayed by (verified by Dept of Ag) Ametryn Pendimethalin Diuron Hexazinone IN MY RESIDENTIAL ZONED HOME. (not ag zoned) It is wrong to preempt Counties. Stop selling out to your big donors, the chemical companies.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Freitas Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jamey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: other states have laws that require clear disclosure of the content in its title. maybe its time for HI to adopt similar requirements to prevent hidden legislation. This seems like an attempt to sneak in legislation.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Counties must retain their autonomy in order to adequately protect and preserve the health of the people and the environment. We cannot solely leave these kinds of protections to the state when the majority of votes are from Legislators who do not live here and who do not have an interest in the long term health of our lands.

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Michael Arkin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelly Tsutsui	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Barry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is falling way short of what the People of Maui want. Absolutely NO! Do not water down this Clean Air Bill. Enough will allowing polluters to poison the keiki, natives, visitors and the Environment. We want you to serve the people, NOT the Corporations who give you money for your election costs. We are watching you and you will be replaced in office. Hawaii is not for sale to the light paying lobbyist!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hoku Cabebe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Introducers, Its horrendous that you are trying to protect corporations over people. Please stop with these hideous bills to strip county rights to protect our communities from multi billion dollar corporations on our island to rape and take. We need to perpetuate. These bills do not do that. Mahalo to all sensible legislators who will continue to support the health of the people and give these shameful bills a great NO vote! Mahalo!

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David Dinner	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: please stop trying to take our counties powers away.. No pre-emption!!

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Autumn Rose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: No, don't pass this. "...without further restrictions..." is intended to shield who from what? Too broad, too scary. No don't do it.

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: the statement "Within agricultural districts, uses ....shall be permitted[+] without further limitations or restrictions;" certainly leaves a wide opening to pre-empt some of the recent county rulings. Our counties need to have automony when it comes to our food system. I oppse this bill - thank you

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Ann Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Seriously?

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Vincent Leaf	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha. I think a few of your Agricultural committees, and those collaborating with "Monsanto, Syngenta, Mycogen, Pioneer seed, Dow, BASF, Etc, are grossly criminally negligent. i am dead serious. your insistence upon following federal and royal agendas, are a foolish arrogance, a false reality, and a public stupidity on every one, of your legislatures connections to Monsanto. you are making the wrong, choices, and if able, i would fire, every one, of your foolishly ill, scientifically ignorant, members. i wish i had that authority, as you a would already be gone. i am not, Hawaiian, but i am witness, to the cruelest most in humane toxic dust, open air spraying, and destruction of marine life ever known. blowing onto two towns, of good, tax paying citizens. there are babies, keiki, and kapuna, all suffering, under your continued, lack of diligence. by the time we are through, exposing these high crimes, you will be begging to disburse the largest settlement, ever known, to the tax paying citizens, of Hawaii. you think this is a joke, you had better watch your step. warning, # one. you are presently, arrogantly, ignoring your duty, and your own liability, to tax payers opinions, and proof of your criminal behavior. you will not succeed. get ready, to lose your jobs. mahalo ke Akua.

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Carlton York	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I must oppose SB2777 on the grounds that the zoning on Hawai'i county that is not park, reserve or other (at least for now) protected land is agricultural, it is in many instances residential. There should be a buffer zone between residential and industry of no less than five miles, with publicly available source monitoring at all times. You want top hand regulation of geothermal over to DLNER, but what assurance do w have they won't do what DoH did and hand the regulation over to industry? The USGS has produced a map showing the potential geothermal energy extraction sites and with the exception of a very narrow band, in which PGV is already extracting energy, every other site would have to frack. As stated by the Society of Geothermal Engineers, fracking for geothermal seems only to invigorate wells that have already been productive. Fracking for geothermal would require 12 times as much water and has a tendency to cause more earthquakes and of greater severity. HELCO rejected every IRP by stating they did not meet their criteria, and since more residents are going off grid and more are projected, it is pretty much given that any more geothermal energy would not be3 to lower our bills but to support toxic and probably dangerous industry, such as hydrogen, ammonium nitrate (like that unregulated exploding plant in Texas) and possibly a metal smelter, either aluminum or manganese. Our geology would not support a toxic tailing pond for metals smelting, as it would be doubtful a proper lined tailing pond would be dug and for the sake of argument if it were, the rain fall would cause it to overflow its bounds. Someone is getting money from the corporations to destroy the residents of Puna. You may not see it as such, but that is how I view it. Any more geothermal on island will not reduce our bills, not will will it nor will it provide us with any advantage, as the quantity of locals hired would be nominal. The methods of extraction used here are not conducive to a gift, but more of forcible rape. There have been far too many nonproductive wells to show this means of boiling water is not is not practical.

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Jennifer Reschan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mae Fuimaono	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Peggy McArdle	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is a travesty and an affront to the intelligence of the community. Hawaii and Kauai took the lead when the state was caving into monied agricultural interests. We have the right to be free from pesticides, to know what is in the food we are ingesting, and to have the local communities make the local decisions. what oahu wants and needs is not the same as maui, or kauai, or hawaii. The state needs to show some backbone instead of caving into monsanto and its allies whose only interest is making money, the public health and welfare be damned. if i sound angry, i am. this is disgraceful. please vote no and do not move this absurd proposal forward. this is worse than the dead PLDC. lynne matusow 60 n. beretania, #1804 honolulu, hi 96817 531-4260

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marjorie &/or Duane Erway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NOT acceptable!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
shari pilaria	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is wrong to allow chemical companies to operate in Hawaiian lands without the counties ability to object to or for them to not have any further limitations or restrictions. On Kauai most of us are not comfortable with what they are doing and the testing has not been done for enough time to know if their chemicals are safe in the amounts and stacking they are doing. Please put the health of Kauai first, our toursit industry will be ruined if we cannot offer our mainland visitors a green healthy experience! Mahalo Shari Pilaria

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julia Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, please strongly oppose Bill SB 2777 Thanks,  
Maria Clark

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Terez Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lucia You	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jamilee Carter	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please OPPOSE this Bill. It appears to undermine the county's authority over agricultural lands, "without further limitations or restrictions." Respectfully,  
Mitsuko Hayakawa

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Sherry Pollack	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Dizney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please stop allowing big ag to poison our lands and our people.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jack Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I totally oppose this measure. It seems that this issue keeps cropping up, why? Enough is enough. OPPOSE. Let's be done with it. Mahalo...

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dylan Dane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Pesticides should be regulated. They are toxic substances that can adversely affect organic beings such as humans and animals and cause permanent long term damage as well as genetic damage. We are on an island with limited land and resources. The economic standpoint on this issue should not be considered. The future of our island lies with the health of its people animals and land as well as the ability of its people to survive. In order for us to survive sustainably we must be able to provide enough healthy food for everyone. This requires healthy farmland that is not soaked with insect killing pesticides that can cause birth defects and cancer.

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Melia Leslie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please stop trying to force GMO non foods on Hawaii. We are saying NO to GMO. Your job is to comply with the will of the people, and to make decisions that serve the lives of generations to come. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joe Conti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Greeting Public Servants I oppose this bill vehemently and am annoyed but not surprised that some bearucrats continue to go against the wishes of We the People. Please let the counties take care of themselves. I believe the Federal government should leave the states alone as the states should leave the counties alone when the people have spoken. I will find out who supports this and let their constituents know. Do the right thing and strike this down. And while you're at it, support labeling GMOs. Aloha. Joe Conti

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Hallett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha I and my family strongly oppose this bill. Counties must be able to regulate as they see fit regarding agriculture, health and safety. The State cannot and should not continue to undermine the will of the people by way of this kind of legislation. Please consider serving your constituents by protecting them and listening to them. This is election year. Thank you allowing our testimony. Mahalo nui loa, Todd Andrews, Lisa Hallett, and Jessica Andrews

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Kent Fonoimoana	Individual	Oppose	No

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Martha Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lars Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
shantee brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: do not interfere with county home rule. we know whats best for us.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryan Brey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Another Sneak Attack Bill?! Seriously. The public and "people" have spoken. We wish to outlaw and ban GMOs. Tell your corporate masters you tried and work on technology which actually helps repair and build life in sustainable, permaculture, food forest ways. Aloha.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sandra Scarr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To the Senate Agriculture Committee: How many times in the legislative sessions will Hawaii's citizens have to stave off attacks on Counties' authority to protect the health and welfare of their residents? This bill, like others, is an attempt to take away Counties' authority to act on behalf of its residents to protect health and safety. Please kill this bill in Committee.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marya Mann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha honorable legislators. Please stop trying to Undermine County Anti-GMO Regulations. I oppose\*SB2777, Section 205-5. The statute has an amending subsection (b) to read as follows: "(b) Within agricultural districts, uses ....shall be permitted[+] without further limitations or restrictions. Oppose GMOs for the Children and community health. Mahalo, Marya Mann

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Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this bill appears to creating a loophole for large agricultural business to get away with polluting our land with out restriction. We must regulate what is sprayed on the lands! These chemicals are toxic and are accumulating in our soils, air, and waters. Governments must regulate these companies because it is within their foundations to maximize profits for longevity of the corporation. We NEED our government to protect the planet for future generations! Support mandatory labeling and disclosure of GMO crops, seeds and pesticide use! Make no bill or overarching law that allows companies/ individuals to not be subject to mandatory regulation.

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Caroline Kong	Individual	Oppose	No

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sherrian witt	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rowena Vaca	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to SB2777.

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sharon	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Bambara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable and also the not so honorable representatives - I OPPOSE THIS BILL and every single SNEAKY bill designed to let in Corporate interests to destroy this island. To the so-called representatives who keep trying to bring up these bill, I ask and wonder how you look yourselves in the mirror in the morning? What part of STOP REPRESENTING CORPORATE INTERESTS don't you understand? How low and despicable will you continue to go during your tenures, which I now will take time out of my life to see that you are REMOVED from falsely serving the Aina and her people. You who have sponsored this bill have truly sunk to levels so despicable, it's hard to imagine you as human. WAKE Up. WE SAY NO to you and your bills sneakily designed to let in CORPORATE greed and profit over people and Aina. You who are sponsoring this bill are truly a disgrace to the word 'SERVICE' - you are in office to SERVE THE PEOPLE you represent, not MonSATAN et.al.

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Randy Rugar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our County Council and the people are opposed to the continued use of GMO testing and pesticide use. Respect the decisions of the voters who elected you to office.

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claudia rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stathie J. Prattas	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, This bill would shamelessly preempt the Counties from Home Rule that is so critical to the people of each County to protect themselves from dangerous uses of the land where they live. No centralized government can ever have the true knowledge of the will of the people of any given County...and that is why Home Rule is so important. The new language in this bill to amend the statute would undermine the right of the people in each County to determine what is pono in their lands. Please defer this bill. Mahalo, Stathie Prattas County of Hawaii

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Toni Withington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. Another power grab by legislators. Democracy means more power closer to the people, not rule by state edict.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
pamela burrell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, This bill is so dangerous. Please oppose. Of course we need limitations and restrictions! This land is our treasure. We must do the utmost to protect and enhance the quality of life here for generations to come. Not for those who come and go. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Pamela Burrell, Kaua'i resident

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Rosanoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am concerned about SB2777 as I fear it is a stealth bill to limit County actions on farming and is an attempt to undo the recent pesticide bill on Kauai and the recent GM bill on Hawaii Island. This "Right to Farm" legislation has already been deferred via other bills of this legislature, due in large part to your constituents letting you all know that this is not legislation we support because it is not good for Hawaii. To "hide" such intent once again only shows how little the authors and sponsors of this bill respect our democratic republic, how they think they know more than the "people" and how they are trying to side step an open process that is key to our Country's best ideals. I trust you will vote NO on SB2777.

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Eileen McKee	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryce Boeder	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am in opposition to SB2777 and it's companion bill, HB2467, because despite the ambiguous language of the bill insinuating that it supports "sustainable" and "long term viability of agriculture" it actually does just the opposite; it's not even about clarifying zoning as stated in HB2467. This seems like just another piece of "bought and paid for" legislation by the chemical seed companies in an attempt to bypass the counties' home rule authority.

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Peace & Aloha,  
Sandy Herndon  
Kapaa, Kauai

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John Gelert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Walter Ritte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Walter Ritte from the island of Molokai, and I strongly oppose SB 2777. This bill will preempt the powers of the County Government and take away opportunities for community input into land use proposals.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Emmons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Enough with the sneak attacks to protect Big Ag companies!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tina Floyd	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please DO NOT pass this bill. Passing laws which bypass lawful checks and balances, such as reviews by the land use commission is not good for the state, for citizens, or for small farmers. Hawaii and Kauai counties have determined and legislated a need for greater restriction and regulation on the biotech industry. This bill would undermine the will of the people, and be in direct opposition to legislation passed at the local, county level. KILL THIS BILL. Respectfully, Tina Floyd

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff vesci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is just another attempt at protecting the profits of the corporations at the expense of the people.

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alicia morrier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charles Zahn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let the Farmers Farm.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Avi Okin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a sneak attach on local control of agriculture by chemical company backers. Defeat it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julian Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is designed to thwart state rights and I totally oppose it. I am an agreeable person but this flood of bills trying to do the same thing of removing state rights is becoming annoying. All politicians connected with this bill also are going on my oppose list.

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Julia Nemoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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George Robertson	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Lehmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Measures such as this that would otherwise authorize agricultural uses without further limitation or restriction, should specifically reaffirm Counties' right under Home Rule to adopt such ordinances as are deemed necessary by them to regulate modern agriculture in their area and region.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senators, I now understand the blatant attack on Home Rule by members of the Senate in favor of the Biotech Industry. GMOS have no place in my world. I have seen first hand the destruction of these abominations on animals, humans, land, and the water. I encourage you to take your orders from "We the People". We have entitled you to do our bidding. Corporate money shall not be an issue to the survival of our world. I oppose this Bill, SB277 and any and all Bills that are brought forward to favor the BIOTECH Industry. Aloha, Paul

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Michelle Blake	Individual	Oppose	No

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Unmani Cynthia Groves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I was particularly concerned about this section. SECTION 2. Section 205-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: "(b) Within agricultural districts, uses [compatible to the activities] described in section 205-2 [as determined by the commission] shall be permitted[;] without further limitations or restrictions; According to a memo from my attorney, "This bill would appear to strip counties of the authority to restrict uses of agricultural land, and therefore is another preemption bill. It should be opposed." Ch. 205 concerns the Land use Commission.

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Sandy	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barb Cuttance	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify is Strong Opposition to this bill.

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jw nalda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Oppose	No

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Benjamin Marantz	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Moran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please allow local control of local lands. We support state government help when needed, but not when it overrules local county rules. Mahalo. Mike Moran Maui

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anne Thurston	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Like so many others, I strongly oppose this bill. We do not want the state government to interfere with the powers of our county. Please do not pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joe kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: legislator efforts to sabotage local measures for democratic home rule are offensive to your constituents, we are watching and working to protect our children. mahalo and aloha

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Geoffrey Lasr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is another attempt by developers and their cronies to do an end run around county home rule and the power of communities to regulate what goes on in them. Within agricultural districts, uses [ compatible to the activities] described in section 205-2 [as determined by the commission] shall be permitted [;]WITHOUT FURTHER LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS; provided that accessory agricultural uses and services [described] as identified in section 205-2 and 205-4.5 may be further defined. WITHOUT FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS SAYS IT ALL GEOFFREY LAST

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joe Ritter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Convolutd and indirect. Seems like an attempt to have unrestricted use of Ag land likely for GMOs and RUPs. I do not support this sneaky way of passing laws!

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barbara childers	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joan Lander	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
randy wolfshagen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Peoples health is more important than international chemical companies profits. Please support you local constituents, not big chemical companies. Prevent these proposed changes suggested in SB2777. If you have taken campaign contributions from Syngenta, BASF, DOW, Pioneer, Monsanto, or an affiliated PAC do the right thing and recuse yourself from these proceedings. The proposed changes are an attempt to invalidate the gargantuan efforts made by the local citizens of Big Island and Kauai, and if necessary, citizens of the the other islands. These heroic efforts have resulted in local ordinances PROTECTING CITIZENS from harmful practices by large agrochemical companies. Protecting its citizens is every county's primary responsibility and right. Do not attempt to invalidate these important protecting ordinances. Instead, support them. - Randy Wolfshagen, Kekaha

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dana G. Moss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Over site is important to keep our keki save and healthy. I oppose this bill.

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penny s	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: No GMO!

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tj simms	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Lisa Kirbin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Una Greenaway	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: enough with all this...we believe truly in malama na keiki..malama 'aina...shut this bill down and do the pono things we need to clean it all up, and please all stop taking biotech money.

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Gene Groves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose!

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Cynthia Frith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joan Heartfield PhD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SD 2 would be an improvement on SD1.

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daniel uppendahl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Carol Cam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Douglas Pase	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill argues AGAINST self determination by counties and their residents, which I strongly oppose. Our democracy is an experiment in self determination. To support this bill is to OPPOSE democracy!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The people of Kauai and the state of Hawaii deserve open disclosure of produce being genetically modified.

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Leslie Larsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ninu-Alexandri Quirk, MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators. I oppose SB2777 and all bills that limit home rule by the County governments. Agriculture practices, land use and zoning are best determined by the citizens of each island and their elected representatives on the County Council. Please vote AGAINST SB2777. Sincerely, Ninu-Alexandri Quirk, MD Kapoho, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robin Gaffney	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Hedgecock	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sindhu Rumpler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: the state must and should keep control of agriculture. OPPOSE SB 2777

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Noah Brustin	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mitchell Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is simply another attempt to circumvent the will of the people regarding propagation of GMO crops. The matter was already disposed of. This attempt to take control away from the local governments in Hawaii is anti-democratic, dishonest and corrupt. Kill SB2777! We will be watching.

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meredith murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose at any price

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Harden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello legislators, Please do not gut counties' authority to restrict use of agricultural land. This would open the floodgates for GMOs. Mahalo.

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Ken Stover	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Strong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

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zelda -mae kahula	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Zoe Alexander	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Another attempt to preempt and weaken local authority.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roberts Leinau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: empower counties

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Danielle Spitz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Suzanne Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The counties have spoken, and yet they are being overridden by a handful of politicians who want to strip them of the authority to decide how the ag lands in their own counties are used. How many times do the people have to keep saying the same thing? We don't want politicians tampering with how ag lands are used by passing SB2777. The REAL bottom line is that some politicians are caving in to big corporations who fund their campaigns, and they are too cowardly to stand up for the truth. Remember, 2014 is an election year...WE WON'T FORGET.

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Hannah Israel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Diane Scheurell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Friedberg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Serafina Gajate	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: County restrictions on use of Agricultural land is vital to preserving what little true farmland exists on the Big Island, that hasn't been leased out to GMO croppers or re-zoned into yet more housing. Food sovereignty is of vital importance to Hawai'i, now more than ever, and we need to protect and use our remaining farmlands!

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Charles Bischoff	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Zoning, especially for agriculture land, must be left with the local authorities. We want more farm land not less.

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Roland Kleger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rosemarie Patronette	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dephlia Rackley	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Harris, M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hardeep Kharbanda	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary True	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please quit trying to get around the will of the people. Laws should work for the benefit of the people, not the interests of the corporations. Corporate profits have no conscience. Sometimes law makers closely aligned with these corporations also don't have consciences.

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Laura	Individual	Oppose	No

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tia pearson	Individual	Oppose	No

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dhyan sandhya	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Cherry	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keith & Cathie Okimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miriam Bouret	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: please protect the islands right to protect the people, the land, the water and our way of life from these chemical giants posing as farmers. Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ano Hanamana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is not pono to deny each island the capacity to decide what happens on it as far as things that effect the people of the island. The majority of the people don't want GMOs and we have the right to set that boundary. I strong oppose this bill and any bill like it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Ross	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: GMOs do not belong in our food chain. I feel there is sufficient evidence to support this position.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Walker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I strongly oppose SB 2777 and urge you to vote against it. I believe it is critical that each county decide what agricultural practices are healthiest and best for it. Unfortunately, the state has not been able to fund enough enforcement and oversight to protect our environment and the health of our residents and visitors, so it is of the utmost importance that decisions are made at the local level. This issue has been addressed several times already this session and it has already been made clear that this is the desire of the majority of voters in Hawai'i, so I request you oppose this and then start working on other matters yet to be addressed in this legislative session. Mahalo, Maria Walker Kapa'a, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Galloway, PhD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to oppose this and any bill which will allow corporate interests to subvert the clear will of the people as well as their safety and freedom to know what they are eating and what farms are spraying on their crops.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stuart Coleman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't pass this amended bill or any other amendment that would undermine home rule.

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Kassia Gann	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joy Silver	Individual	Oppose	No

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Doug Pittman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To take away home rule for the sake of giant chemical companies is just not pono. We can farm successfully without chemically-dominated agriculture. The only real benefit will go to the multi-national chemical companies. I am a farmer and a member of the Hawaii Farmers Union United, as well as the Hawaii Farm Bureau. I provide fresh food weekly to our community. This is the type of farming you should be encouraging, not GMOs that we can't even eat. Passing this bill will just further prove our government has been bought!

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Eve Dion	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephanie Austin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill takes decision making on GMO related pesticide/herbicide use away from the individual counties and gives all power to the state. Outer islands must have home rule on matters that affect the health and welfare of residents - as they choose through their elected council members. The State often seems to respond to large corporate interests at the expense of the individual: our local outer government representatives listen to the voices of the citizens who elected them!

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Sidnie Zari	Individual	Oppose	No

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Harvest Edmonds	Individual	Oppose	No

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haleem hamid	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not strip counties rights to decide what's best for their specific circumstances.

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*To Whom it may concern:*

*We should not restrict the use of Ag land. I am strongly opposed to this bill.*

*Consumer and Voter*

*Sharon Ortiz*

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Delbert Contival	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Why in the hell would any legislator want to preempt and weaken local authority? Pimping for corporations has never been more obvious!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victoria Holloway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I write to strongly oppose SB2777 and ask you to do the same. This bill is yet another attempt to strip counties of the authority to restrict use of agricultural land, and therefore is another preemption bill. Please stand up for the rights of the people, not the corporations. This is your sworn duty and I ask you to uphold it. Mahalo for Opposing SB2777.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pohakamalamalama Palmer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With each island being special, as are it's people, the need for land use decisions locally is critical. Molokai doesn't want a lot of things Oahu does, like windmills, underwater cables and GMOs.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Any crop grown in the open has the potential to cross pollinate or contaminate other crops. With GMO crops this is also true. Farmers trying to maintain GMO-free crops are at risk of losing this ability. Here-in lies a problem with the bill. In allowing GMO crops, organic farmers and other non-GMO crop farmers may no longer be able to grow crops as they intended, reducing their market and their profit. Genes from GMO crops have the potential to contaminate these non-GMO crops. BY LEGISLATION these farmers would not be able to grow the intended crops that the legislation purportedly would allow!

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Jamie Louis	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a long term (30 yr) resident, tax paying, voting citizen, retired businessman, and lover of this Island and State. I am grateful for the privilege of stewarding 11 acres on the Big Island and have taken very good care of the aina. Every island is different and has varying needs. We should be entitled to locally control how our island chooses to use the ag land. I strongly oppose this bill and stand shoulder to shoulder with most of our residents on this topic. The legislators are responsible for representing the people, not special interests. Please take that responsibility seriously. Mahalo, Lorn Douglas

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Robin Kory	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norris Thomlinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill as another attempt to limit the rights of local counties to set protections for their residents. This threatens to prevent counties from enforcing legislation related to GMOs, pesticides, and other hazardous agricultural practices. Please kill this bill.

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Sandra Fujita	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendan Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Food industry lobbyists have a “one-pager” of talking points that state GMO labeling laws violate the First Amendment, and that any state that passes a GMO labeling law will be sued. Nevertheless states have already begun passing GMO labeling laws (Connecticut & Maine) and not been sued. The food industry is wrong on this, but they continue to make these claims in an effort to scare lawmakers like yourself into rejecting GMO (genetically modified organisms) labeling bills. The fact is, according to recognized legal experts the food industry is way off base. After extensive research and analysis, the following legal experts have independently concluded that state GMO labeling laws do not violate the First Amendment. You can read their analysis here:

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**Testimony: Lynn B. Wilson, PhD**

SB 2777

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, Committee on Water and Land  
February 27, 2014, 1:30 PM, Room 225

Aloha Senators Nishihara, Kouchi, Espero, Baker, Solomon, and Galuteria!

Today, we in Hawai`i stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. Before plantation agriculture and mono-cropping, Hawaii's people understood the significance of and need for sustainable agriculture, taking care of the land and the people generation after generation.

I strongly OPPOSE SB2777 that "clarifies" 205-5, HRS, and ask you to vote against it.

When state law supports agricultural practices of a handful of multinational chemical companies over the welfare of the people in Hawai`i, these laws would contradict the science that supports limiting and conducting more research on these agricultural practices.

Take the example of Kaua`i, the people of Kaua`i voted to:

1. Label GMO foods because they want the right to be informed so they can choose the foods they prefer to feed their families.
2. Require chemical companies to inform the community the names of restricted-use pesticides they apply to fields and also the amounts and timing of those applications because these are powerful chemicals that can travel through the air, through erosion, and carried in the water, and, as, the American Academy of Pediatrics indicates, can have severe health impacts on young children.
3. Require a larger buffer zone around hospitals and schools to avert highly toxic contamination of vulnerable communities.

Kaua`i did not pass a ban, these are reasonable limitations based on science. The people of Hawaii have the right and the responsibility to vote for protecting our agriculture, protecting our water and land, protecting children, families, and communities. Hawaii's legislature has the opportunity to do the right thing, respecting and supporting those communities in Hawai`i by voting to oppose SB 2777.

Thank you and Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Navran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donn DeShayne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill could deny counties of the authority to restrict useage of agricultural lands in their domain. It is another pre-emption bill. I oppose this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenneth A Likotu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please Stop Supporting Big Agricultural by Attempting to Silence the Voice of the People with Legislation Such as This...We Live on These Islands and if We The People do want or do not want something occurring on the Island then We The People Should and Will have it that Way...So Please Stop These Attempts, Mahalo Nui Loa, Aloha!!! Kenneth Likout Haiku, Maui

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brady stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We the people refuse to imbue corporations with exemptions from following the rules. Farmland belongs to responsible farmers. Period and exclamation point! Noone wants what biotech has to offer and therefore they are through trying to bully us into buying their bullshit. Wake up and smell the manure you are shoveling and start supporting real farmers instead of wealthy corporations and absentee owners. Rights and power belong to those who care for the aina.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andi Pawasarat-Losalio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill, SB2777. This bill weakens the right for counties (islands) to care for themselves. We cannot have the big city governing our distant islands, you have no right to extend your arms to us. We want to take care of our 'aina. We know what we need. Allow us to take care of our own. This bill is a dirty trick, we all know what this bill is for, lets not play games here. Our island people, and elected officials are on the same page: We don't want what you got on your island. Stop pushing it on us. This bill will allow for big business to come and ruin our lands for their gain. Protect our lands on the outer islands, and oppose this bill. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bob Babson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The four Counties here in Hawaii must have the legal right to protect the health of its citizens. Please oppose this bill since it takes away that right. Mahalo.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol DeMay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha - Please oppose SB2777. It appears that it would take power away from counties. The counties, by the majority of the citizens of the counties, voice their opinions of what he/she wants for their respective counties. Mahalo. Carol DeMay

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Barry Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Valerie Loh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote NO on SB2777 which takes away the ability to regulate agricultural use of land in the State of Hawaii. Mahalo.

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Adam Carlson	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wendy Arbeit	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. Counties should be allowed home rule with regard to agricultural uses and restrictions. Obviously authorities there are less controlled by Big Ag and Chemical companies than are too many of our state legislators. Counties are clearly more in touch with the needs, desires, and concerns of their citizens and should not be constrained by the state. This is a very bad bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Dean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: No one can predict the future. Unintended consequences from innovation is a fact of life and the public must always have the right to speak up about certain activities that are impacting their lives in a negative way. The county council is the method by which the people are given power to protect themselves, their children, and the environment. As such, there should never be restrictions on the council's ability to fulfil this obligation. Please strike the last amendment that reads, "without further limitations and restrictions." Mahalo nui loa

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W.K. A	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victoria Cannon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose this bill. Do not try to overthrow county home rule. Victoria and Trudy Cannon

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Gommers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I OPPOSE SB 2777 because it removes the opportunity for local controls on the county level to regulate agriculture!!! This is a dangerous Bill and not well thought through. The ramifications of this Bill if passed will negatively affect our Islands for years to come. It is irresponsible to pass such a bill and extremely short-sighted. IT benefits Big Ag Companies at the detriment of the people of Hawaii. Thank you for your service to our State and for your consideration of this opposition. Sincerely, Ann Gommers

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patsy Nitta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Especially to DelaCruz--saw you on tv and liked what you had to say about agriculture and putting food on the table! However, why strip the Counties from enacting their own laws. Kauai County Council is the only body who listened to the people on Kauai. We need to have government take our issues into consideration and have high priority regarding our concerns. Oahu has their own concerns unlike Kauai---who should know better than the people who live within each district/Island!! Please don't put us into one category and govern like we all have the same needs and concerns! What would happen if the Federal gov. controlled the State's stewardship? By the way, who controls the pen at the capitol? Who wrote in "without further limitations or restrictions" in 2777? Ever think that your food will be sprayed with 2-4D? Every think that spray with 2-4D will drift into your home, school, town, waterways? This will happen if we give the biotechs the go ahead without further limitations and restrictions. It's like me telling my grandchildren to go ahead and eat whatever you want and as much as you want--icecream, soda, aspartame, pastries and watch as much tv and whatever channel you want---no limitations and no restrictions! HOW CRAZY IS THAT?!!!! By the way, ask our Veitnam vets about 2-4D---listen to their stories! Please have our best interest at heart! Please protect the people, all the living creatures, our land and our waterways! Don't forget what is on the seal of the State of Hawaii--UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO. We were made to memorize this in elementary school, i have never forget it and what it means! Open your hearts and go talk story with our elders, listen to them,their heart beats and make decisions with your hearts and not your egos! Aloha and mahalo!

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Scott Middlekauff	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Black	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to SB2777.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
michael swerdlow	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carolyn Ornellas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is getting ridiculous!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sharon Boyer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lawrence Ford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I emphatically oppose this bill. It will limit Hawaii county's ability to determine what is best for it. Home rule is absolutely necessary in a functioning democracy. Please uphold democracy and defeat this bill. Sincerely, Lawrence Ford

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vaughn Paul Manley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Please makes sure that it doesn't pass.

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susan siegel	Individual	Oppose	No

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maureen Langberg	Individual	Oppose	No

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chris kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maureen Garry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please OPPOSE this legislation. Mahalo, Maureen Garry

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Newton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. The language change removes the county's right to regulate agriculture. My business buys produce from Hawaii Farmers and I support the right for each county to add additional regulations to the state and federal regulations.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Virginia Aycock	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as it appears to strip counties of the authority to restrict use of agricultural land, and therefore is another preemption bill. Please do not pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ralph E. Burr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ken Love	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Passing this bill would weaken local authority and in a sense foster revolution in a system many on the borderline try to support.

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Testimony for AGL/PSM/WTL on Feb 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cheryl King	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This seems to be another attempt to restrict the County's authority to regulate agricultural use of land--as such, I oppose it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Bishop	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: strongly oppose any legislation that would diminish the Counties power to create laws that would help to protect the health and well being of the residents of those counties.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I oppose this bill as it appears to strip counties of the authority to restrict use of agricultural land, and therefore is another preemption bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Luana Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carolyn Lampe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a VOTER and a human in America and small business owner for more than 30 years in Hawaii I have a right to say NO WAY GMO. Thank you C.L.

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Niyati Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB 2777 is just wrong for Hawaii. The people of Hawaii island voted to label all products that contain GMO material. Why is that now being challenged by a few senators and representatives? Who are we protecting? Are we doing this for the consumer or the producer? I, for one, do NOT want GMO's in my food supply or that of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I want pure, organic food to eat that has not been modified to meet someone else's standard of attractiveness or productivity. Please vote no on SB2777. Thank you. Sincerely, Cynthia Sallee-Brown  
PO Box 82 Paauilo, HI 96776

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beau Barthel-Blair	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE SB 2777. Yet another underhanded and ill-conceived effort to undermine and strip the people of the right to have local authority over how our agricultural lands are cared for. This is a BAD BAD pice of shoddy legislation!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Theodore Banta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Big Island Bill 113 and Kaua'i Bill 2491 would be made null and void if these State laws are passed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miriam Jacobson	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
M. Llanes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE SB 2777. Local counties know more than the Sate what is in their best interest. Also it challenges the current GMO labeling laws other counties have adopted. Laws, we who do not live in those counties, do not have any business messing with.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mallory Durel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, and appreciate your support in opposing this bill as well. It is imperative that individual communities - COUNTIES- reserve the right of authority over the use of their agricultural land. This bill seeks to remove this right of the people, stripping them of their power to dictate what is and what isn't agriculture. For example, the difference between chemical testing vs. growing food. The state considers multinational corporations testing restricted use pesticides as agriculture. I beg to differ, and feel that healthy communities demand and deserve the right to say NO when their land is so blatantly being poisoned and destroyed for present and future generations. Thank YOU.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
debera first	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill. It is our right as citizens to decide how we want to live on our island and we work hard with the County officials to come to mutually beneficial agreements. Home rule is our right. Please vote no to this bill!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eve Powers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would override local authority and negate the will of our citizens.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Wheeler	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaleopono Norris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Pre-emption of county and state land use commission prerogatives to examine and rule on permissible land uses on a case by case basis, guided by the wishes of local citizens, must not be allowed. This bill is written to further the interest of a very small group of business people who see that the majority of Hawaii citizens are increasingly concerned about the spread of GMO biomass permeating the state of Hawaii, our beloved home. Allowing this bill to proceed further will be a criminal begging of the question on the part of legislators with power to act. Don't allow it!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Protecting agricultural lands from development is of utmost importance if we are to have any chance of having food security here in Hawaii or if we want to increase our ability to sell agricultural products to the rest of the world.

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Koohan Paik	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marlene Celinski	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ramona Herlihy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose.

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Aloha,

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2777** which aims to preempt and weaken local authority regarding GMO policy!

I am a long time citizen and organic farmer on the Hamakua Coast on Hawaii Island. I thank God that Billy Kenoi had the guts to stand up to the pressures of big business and do what is right to protect the health and well-being of our Hawaii Island residents. Now certain unconscionable politicians want to take that away. This is so sleazy I cannot even express how disgusted I am with Malama Solomon and others.

Sincerely,

Donna Mitts

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Ho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I cannot believe you are willing to let anything at all happen on agricultural land without limitations or restrictions. Our agricultural land is finite, we are on islands- land, water and communities must be protected to insure viability and health for now and for future generations. "This bill would appear to strip counties of the authority to restrict use of agricultural land, and therefore is another preemption bill. It should be opposed."

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I own a house in Papaikou and I am contemplating moving my 58 acre organic farm operation from Camp Verde, Arizona to the big island. If, this bill is passed, I will rethink my plans of moving my organic agricultural activity to the state of Hawaii'. I believe that my presence in organic agriculture in Hawaii' could be a valuable contribution to the establishment of a local source of organic food for the state of Hawaii'. A second contribution that I could make is the establishment of local sources of sustainable energy.

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jeanne wheeler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lydia	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB2777

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
s sanders	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Refuse their money. Greedy corporations will come up with other things later. Oppose now. One step at a time. Join the worlds opposition.

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marion geruschat	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: it is tyranny to remove local control from the counties for food and land safety. it is a power grab and the people will not allow it. everyone is watching. thank you for your service.

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Beth McCormick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeremy Cann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We can be sustainable in all our islands only by being independent of food systems that are based on profit for those companies, organizations and the very few individuals that push them. For our children's future and our island's health and sustainability oppose bill SB2777 as currently written.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
katy bayly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The people of Hawaii need to be involved in the decision making process on what happens with our land. The FDA, EPA and other federal "regulators" are not taking care of Hawaii. The are in the pocket of the corporate interests, that is a fact! Please let the people of Hawaii take back responsibility for protecting and preserving our beautiful islands for all future generations!

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Peter deVries	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jesse Law	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose any legislation preempting the right of counties to determine their own policy regarding land use issues, specifically as it relates to their right to protect their farmlands from MEGA corporations chemical and pesticide dependent GMO crops.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jake Jacobs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB2777 is yet ANOTHER sneak attack on the will of the people. We have clearly spoken that we want our crops, food and water protected from poisons and GMOs, yet one bill after another keeps coming up to circumvent the will of the CITIZENS of our counties and the state. SB2777 would prevent our county governments from protecting us from corporations who care only about maximizing their profits and nothing for our health. PLEASE DON'T PASS SB2777

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February 25, 2014

**Testimony on SB2777 for Agriculture/Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs/Water and Land Committees Hearing on February 26, 2014**

I oppose SB2777.

This bill would require that activities in agricultural zones, generally described in HRS 205-2, be issued permits "without further limitations or restrictions"—that is, without complying with local laws or regulations. Those activities would include geothermal as well as growing crops—wiping out the home rule viability of Hawai'i County ordinances that prohibit fracking and regulate GMOs. The legislation would appear to turn the structure of state agricultural land use regulation on its head, taking away home rule authority the counties have exercised for decades.

Joining a long line of legislative initiatives (The Public Land Development Corporation, the Hawaii Community Development Agency, etc.), this bill preempts community self-determination. The bill "streamlines" regulations to empower big business and agriculture at a time when exactly the opposite approach is needed.

By championing, rather than attacking the role of the community, the legislature would encourage development of more sustainable business environment, will provide opportunity for the small businesses that fit in with the community, will encourage big business and agriculture to modify their programs to work within the community, and will encourage communities to shape and improve themselves.

As a member of the Mayor of Hawaii's Geothermal Public Health Assessment Working Group, I am keenly aware that much of the controversy concerning geothermal development in lower Puna has occurred because land use procedures have sorely disenfranchised the community. In short, those procedures ignored community planning, paid little attention to local concerns over economic impact, ignored cultural objections, were silent as to potential health effects, were insufficient in establishing a monitoring system for hydrogen sulfide and noise, and left the community feeling powerless over its future direction. SB2777 would exacerbate, not ameliorate these types of problems.

I strongly oppose SB2777 and ask that it be deferred.

/S/ Thomas L Travis

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Travis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB2777. It is another attempt to preempt County Authority. I do not understand why the legislature continues to try to override local communities, when it is clear that by building strong communities we will build a strong state. From communities come sustainability, friendly economic activity, fairness, cultural sensitivity, and environmental awareness. Stop SB2777.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The citizens of Hawaii & Kauai County went through countless hours of testimony and legislative process to agree that FOR THEM, further expansion of GMO related agriculture was not wanted. SB2777 is another end run attempt to change the desires of the populace. How these legislators can ignore the wishes of a vast majority of the people is sheer arrogance, ignorance and self-serving. PLEASE DEFEAT SB2777 and HEAR the voice of the people. That is your elected charter.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nancy Yamachi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE!!! Please think about your constituents first, not those companies who are only thinking about their profits!

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shari au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii already has autism hotspots, has already held class action lawsuits over water contamination. Allowing GMO insufficiently researched agriculture to spread throughout our islands endangers organic, our grazing animals, and children because everything seeps into our water table. DNA of GMOs are impregnated with Round-Up, Agent Orange, among other herbicides to withstand heavier pesticide spraying. We are what we eat and drink and the blood of women of child-bearing age are excessively saturated with over 300 foreign chemicals. America is more lenient than other industrialized nations by allowing an exorbitant number of contaminants, chemicals, GMO in our food. We need laws regulating contaminants in our food, preventing herbicide in DNA, promoting organic, chemically untampered, and demoting GMO, crossing plant with animal gene, impregnating seed DNA with herbicide. Data from government agencies and nonprofit organizations were used to estimate the levels of 11 pollutants from four major contaminant groups that represent different chemical classes, food groups and health effects. These were: metals (arsenic, lead, mercury), pesticides (chlorpyrifos, permethrin, endosulfan), persistent organic pollutants (POPs) (dioxin, DDT, dieldrin, chlordane), and processing byproducts (acrylamide). Health effects from these chemical exposures could be significant, although the study did not focus on health effects. Exposure to acrylamide may induce neuromuscular effects. Lead exposure can damage the nervous and reproductive systems and is thought to be harmful at any level. Some of the pesticides have known cancer risks, neurotoxicity and reproductive effects. While these chemicals may seem unavoidable, the researchers suggest ways to lower exposures and protect against health risk. For example: Reduce acrylamide exposure by avoiding or limiting highly processed foods – such as cereals, crackers, cookies, potato chips and French fries. Eat organic produce and drink organic milk when possible to reduce pesticide exposures. Thoroughly wash non-organic fruits and vegetables to reduce pesticide exposure. Decrease meat and dairy products to reduce exposures to persistent organic pollutants, since these chemicals accumulate in fats and can biomagnify in the food chain. When selecting fish, choose varieties low in methyl mercury – such as catfish, salmon and scallops – in place of varieties with high levels – including shark and swordfish.

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Annette Rutty	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Nicholas Ray Wilhoite	Individual	Oppose	No

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Haydn Huntley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm opposed to this measure, because it would prohibit counties from regulating GMO's and pesticide use.

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Bill Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawai'i's land use system defines statutory districts as a general scheme, with specific zoning being enacted at the county level. Uses allowed in country zoning cannot diminish the restrictions on uses allowed in a State agriculture district, only more restricted use is authorized. By the dual land use designation approach, counties can enact zoning ordinances different from – but not inconsistent with – the general state statutes: “an ordinance authorizing a zoning use more restrictive than that permitted under the statutory district, would not conflict with such a regime and thus is permissible.” *Save Sunset Beach Coal. v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 102 Haw. 465, 482, 78 P.3d 1, 18 (2003). "In our county, the County of Hawai'i, it is the county council that has to face the daily problems. It is the county council that gets all the phone calls and complaints. It is the county council that has to appear before the public in public hearings and other hearings that are held to explain certain positions, or why they can't get certain things, or why other things have to be placed on priorities. He, the councilman, is in daily contact – he or she – with his constituents. He can't say, I can't answer that until the next legislature. He's the one who must make the decisions every day. I think this is what we mean when we speak of home rule." Remarks of Delegate Leon Sterling from Comm. of the Whole Debates, in 2 Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of Hawai'i of 1978 at 252 (1980), quoted in *Cnty. of Kaua'i ex rel. Nakazawa v. Baptiste*, 115 Haw. 15, 47, 165 P.3d 916, 948 (2007) The structure of things has worked for decades in dividing land use regulation between the state and the counties. Now, for the sake of a short-term view of retribution against counties acting according to their home rule interests, this proposed legislation would throw a monkey wrench into the well-established workings of the structure governing land use. Such a major change in the scheme of things needs to be based on a well-studied and researched analysis of conditions and not on a myopic reaction that disregards its greater repercussions.

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ruth and harold van doren	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hamakua farmers need protection and this Bill erodes it. Please oppose and save healthy growing local and organic food production.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell Hirsch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please stop letting multinational chemical companies dictate local agriculture in Hawaii.

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

Comments: I can't understand what is so difficult to understand. We ,the People, want to be protected from this greedy companies that have invaded Hawaii and that are polluting it and poisoning our children. It is frustrating to have to be always watching out for public servants trying to sneak in something that can take away our counties right to protect themselves as they see fit. Those poisoners were allowed in our homes and they should have never happened in the first place. I love being aloha, however ,in learning the kind of poisons we are being exposed to I feel beyond exasperated,saddened and worried about the children of Hawaii. Make no mistake, Hawaii is being known as the Poison Islands, and if we loose tourism, then ,that would be a problem. We live honestly,pay our taxes, do the right thing, what for? to end up as guinea pigs for the worst poison users of History? All the testimony you need to see you have seen through so many open hearings in Kauai and the Big Island.The best experts on the field have told you the people need to be protected. To continue to try to impose those greedy chemical companies dirty agenda on us in beyond unacceptable. You were elected to serve the People,not the Corporations. Please do what is Pono.Mahalo.

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liane corcoran	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not want amendment 205-5 approved, if it will remove ability of Hawaii County to enforce its recently approved law to prohibit outdoor plantings of GMO crops. I don't want the state to be able to nullify local control of agriculture land use.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joyce A Folena	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: WE WISH, AND INSIST, OUR HOME RULE IN OUR HAWAII COUNTY EMAIL INTACT IN AG USE AND IN ALL WAYS

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Engle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB2777. Why should the state and people of Hawaii not have a say in what is done on agricultural lands, these big multi-billion dollar corporations think they can grow anything and spray anything on our land without the approval of the people that live here. We will not stand for it. PLEASE REJECT SB2777!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Elder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please save us from big biotech money and their current representatives in government that don't respect the will of the people, the land we live on and the air we must breathe.

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James Long	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gabriele Jaitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Sirs, County authorities must be allowed to regulate Agriculture use of land. I am against any bill that would preempt this authority to be taken away from our counties. Big Island Bill 113 and Kaua'i Bill 2491 would be made null and void if these State laws are passed. It is against my deeply held democratic views that this bill should pass. Thank you, Gabriele Jaitt

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Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Kerr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a resident of the Island of Hawaii I strongly oppose this bill as it nullifies the various Counties ability to determine their own future with things that directly affect them. There is no need for the County Councils or any county government really, if the State comes in and passes this sort of thing that makes meaningless, null & void issues that have been decided on at the local level. We want "Home Rule"!! It seems Monsanto and other big Agri-businesses have somehow influenced various members of the Hawaii House & Senate though some means (excessive influence, campaign contributes, gifts and gratuities??), all of the above? to vote ON THEIR ON BEHALF rather than on their constituents behalf. This is looking a lot like the Same-sex marriage issue where the people of Hawaii overwhelmingly testified against passage, and the State passed it anyway. Are we represented or what? Sincerely, Michelle Kerr

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richard doyas	Individual	Oppose	No

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nicole tergeoglou	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terri Cabreros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2777! Stop this now already! Please stop protecting these corporations and START protecting our islands and people. Stop taking their payoffs and bending to their will and START working for the people of Hawaii. There is a great price to pay for this madness and you will be held as accountable as these greedy corporations, I assure you.

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I oppose the part of this bill that takes power away from the counties to control their own land for agriculture. Dora Chang

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Michelle Matson	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Luella Nohea Crutcher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Where we live is our kuleana and decisions should include our feedback. Please consider how you would feel if you were left out of decisions regarding your home.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Lacques	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in strong opposition to SB 2777. Please leave special interests out of the determination of land use decisions, especially agricultural-zoned lands which in the era of peak oil and in light of food security and distribution issues, and under county regulation. By removing each county's direct participation in determining how these precious lands are utilized, SB2777 would remove the locally invested citizenry from a place at the decision making table. Vote NO on SB 2777, mahalo.

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Pamela Boyar	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Blake Watson	GMO Free Hawai'i Island	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Committee members, I am testifying in opposition to SB2777. It has language contained therein that's strips the individual counties in the State of Hawai'i the right to restrict use of agricultural land- something expressly the counties authority- as well as preempts the counties authority to create laws that further protect it's citizens from the harmful effects of pesticides and transgenetic farming practices- actions who's need is clearly demonstrated by the harmful effects these farming practices have had on the community of Kaua'i. The will of the people have spoken through the county governments loud and clear on this issue. Please represent them, as those voices are only going to get louder the longer the State puts off protecting their interest to health and well being for ourselves, our children, and the future of the health of Hawai'i. Mahalo , Blake Watson GMO Free Hawai'i Island

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Keomailani Von Gogh	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arthur D. Wall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not support legislation that restricts Hi Counties to regulate agricultural usage of land. This bill would remove counties of the authority to restrict use of agricultural land, and therefore is another GMO ban preemption bill. It should be opposed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cynthia Rubinstein	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Lawmakers, PLEASE OPPOSE THIS BILL. Homerule is all we have left. Corporate America has already taken over our state, so all we have to be able to take a stand for our lifestyle now is to, at the very least, be able to determine what can and cannot happen in our living space. Those benefiting financially will still do so, pockets will be lined, we all know it and whom, but to take away home rule is to lose, not those funds, but constituents. Listen to the people and keep home rule for the counties. Cynthia Rubinstein

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Tracy Matfin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill appears to strip counties of the authority to restrict use of agricultural land. As a county resident I see this as another GMO preemption bill. It should be opposed. Mahalo, Tracy Matfin

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Malia Damon	Individual	Oppose	No

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marisela Bracho	Individual	Oppose	No

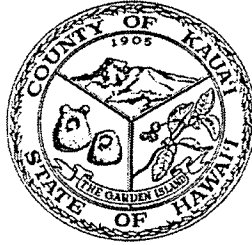
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February 24, 2014

**TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ON**

**SB 2777, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

**Committee on Agriculture**

**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

**Committee on Water and Land**

**Thursday, February 27, 2014**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Conference Room 225**

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Espero, Chair Solomon, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition of SB 2777, relating to agriculture. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as the Economic Development (Sustainability / Agriculture / Food / Energy) & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair and Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

SB 2777 states that the use of agricultural land described within Section 205-2 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) shall be permitted **without further restrictions or limitations**.

It is important to note that County ordinances, laws and rules by definition are "restrictions and limitations."

The legal impact of SB 2777 is that its passage would prevent the County from putting into place ordinances that place limits or restrictions on agricultural use defined in HRS §205-2. Effectively, this means the passage of SB 2777 would nullify both the County of Kaua'i and the Hawai'i County ordinances regulating pesticide and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO).

Apparently, SB 2777 was originally intended to assist a single specific landowner and operator of an agricultural product retail outlet. However, this measure violates the core intent of the Hawai'i Land Use policy that envisions State government setting the broad parameters of basic land use divisions and then having the County govern and regulate the details as they relate to each County General Plan.



HRS §205-2 (d) states the following:

“(d) Agricultural districts shall include:

(1) Activities or uses as characterized by the cultivation of crops, crops for bioenergy, orchards, forage, and forestry;

(2) Farming activities or uses related to animal husbandry and game and fish propagation;

(3) Aquaculture, which means the production of aquatic plant and animal life within ponds and other bodies of water;

(4) Wind generated energy production for public, private, and commercial use;

(5) Biofuel production, as described in section 205-4.5(a)(16), for public, private, and commercial use;

(6) Solar energy facilities; provided that:

(A) This paragraph shall apply only to land with soil classified by the land study bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class B, C, D, or E; and

(B) Solar energy facilities placed within land with soil classified as overall productivity rating class B or C shall not occupy more than ten per cent of the acreage of the parcel, or twenty acres of land, whichever is lesser;

(7) Bona fide agricultural services and uses that support the agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold owner of the property and accessory to any of the above activities, regardless of whether conducted on the same premises as the agricultural activities to which they are accessory, including farm dwellings as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(4), employee housing, farm buildings, mills, storage facilities, processing facilities, photovoltaic, biogas, and other small-scale renewable energy systems producing energy solely for use in the agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold owner of the property, agricultural-energy facilities as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(17), vehicle and equipment storage areas, and plantation community subdivisions as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(12);

(8) Wind machines and wind farms;

(9) Small-scale meteorological, air quality, noise, and other scientific and environmental data collection and monitoring facilities occupying less than one-half acre of land; provided that these facilities shall not be used as or equipped for use as living quarters or dwellings;

(10) Agricultural parks;

(11) Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, or a farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for the enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors; provided that the agricultural tourism activity is accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural use and does not interfere with surrounding farm operations; and provided further that this paragraph shall apply only

Chair Nishihara, Chair Espero, Chair Solomon, and Committee Members  
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to a county that has adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under section 205-5;

(12) Agricultural tourism activities, including overnight accommodations of twenty-one days or less, for any one stay within a county; provided that this paragraph shall apply only to a county that includes at least three islands and has adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism activities pursuant to section 205-5; provided further that the agricultural tourism activities coexist with a bona fide agricultural activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, "bona fide agricultural activity" means a farming operation as defined in section 165-2;"

If passed into law, SB 2777 will have far reaching negative consequences on many levels both intended and unintended. For the reasons stated above, I ask that this measure be held in Committee. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



GARY L. HOOSER  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Gail Jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please kill this bill. Home Rule is so very important!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, and thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am Dr Joseph Kohn, MD, a board certified internist, licensed in Hawaii, with an office here in Wailuku. I am also the medical director of [www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc). I apologize in advance for the limitations of my language and culture. I am speaking as an individual. I am grateful for all the wonderful accomplishments and abundance we as humans, governments, businesses, and farmers have created to date. I recognize the humanity of all of us, our susceptibility to toxic environments, and our need for clean economic growth as well as clean water, clean food, clean land, clean housing, clean clothing, and clean energy. We are in possession of powerful scientific tools to transform our environment. I think the concerns of clean water, clean food, clean land, clean housing, clean clothing, and clean energy are the future for responsible sustainable growth and development on this planet. ...and on Maui??? I respectfully submit that there is no rational reason to pollute our own environment, or destroy ecosystems. Corporations definitionally have economic profit as their primary goal above the good of the public. Just because we have a technology, it does not mean it benefits us to use the technology without concern for the effects on our collective environment. We humans are not guinea pigs. Our actions have consequences. It is our responsibility individually and collectively to do no harm, while we increase the health and prosperity of all humanity, as well as all our systems, public & private. I am honored to contribute. Thank you for your very kind attention.

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Thursday, February 27, 2014, 130PM

Hearing for: SB2777

Committees: AGL/PSM/WTL

AGL Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, AGL, and committee members; Dela Cruz, English, Thielen, Waikai and Slom.

PSM Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, PSM committee members; Gluteria, Green and Slom.

WTL Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, WTL committee members; Dela Cruz, Ihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, Taniguchi, Thielen and Slom.

### **IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF: SB2777**

This bill and ALL relative bills of this nature have already been decided on at the federal level which should upheld as such and not be voted into law. SB2777 is the same as SB111, SD1 which has already been voted down.

**THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GRANT PREEMPTION OF THESE POISON CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN OUR ISLANDS WHO KEEP TEACHING US OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED!!!**

My name is Lori Nakamura Higa; I am a voter, advocate mom. Thank you for allowing this time to submit testimony on SB2777. I am besieged by what I see happening here in Hawaii as these provisions in this bill are only tools that would be used to usurp our **counties' powers and authority** that were **deemed to protect us the people, our communities including our environment, and our sustainable, ecological agriculture.**

Section 46-1.5(13), Hawaii Revised Statutes, stating: "Each county shall have the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life and property, and to preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants on any subject or matter not inconsistent with or tending to defeat the intent of any state statute."

As an example, House Representative Cynthia Thielen has proposed the cultivation of hemp [<http://www.ncsl.org/research/agriculture-and-rural-development/state-industrial-hemp-statutes.aspx>] in moving forward to promote agriculture that's beneficial in numerous ways without causing harm to the environment (actually improving it) and all of its inhabitants, moreover beneficial without the complications of dividing ALL of us in creating and fueling a hostile, poisonous environment at every level between; our lawmakers, our neighbors, our farmers, our lands brought on by this business model of private patents on life which we are beginning to see the evidence of collateral damage it brings. What's beginning to happen here in Hawaii is NOTHING compared to what has already happened elsewhere.

It's the fostering of biodiversity, sustainable, agroecological types of agriculture that should be nurtured, developed and advanced, NOT the "modern" monoculture, private patents, chemical seed companies' strangle-hold agendas, as these private policies on this platform makes for bad public policies for everyone, including all of you and your families. These private motivated policies will know no discretion! This has nothing to do with suppressing science and technology; it has everything to do with the choice you will make today that will affect you and your own family for years to come.

It's a given if these provisions of SB2777 is made into law; Kauai County's ordinance to pesticide disclosure, Hawaii Island County's GMO cultivation banning law, and Maui County's current pesticide disclosure bill (when it becomes law) will be rendered useless to protect and preserve what is necessary as so stated above.

Just when these county laws are needed and intended to be used the most to work the way it should against these external pressures is reasons enough not to preempt our Counties authority with SB2777, and uphold, preserve and support our counties' laws, measures and ordinances to protect especially all of us the people, including you and your families.

**This attempt to usurp authority by the chemical seed companies was already "killed" at the congressional level.** Referred to as the "**Monsanto Protection Act**," its attempt was to give these corporations unconstitutional powers over judicial powers and authorities to continue to allow the cultivation of transgenic crops even if it was proved to be harmful. They tried to sneak it into the Farm (spending) Bill, and congress ultimately struck it out of the 2014 Farm Bill. **This underhanded attempt fueled by industry has no place dictating over the people's government and more importantly only intensifies and promotes the breach of trust! It begs to question, why do "they" need protection and why do they continue to go out of their way to acquire it?**

[http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/02/why-do-g-m-o-s-need-protection/?\\_php=true&\\_type=blogs&smid=fb-share&r=1](http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/02/why-do-g-m-o-s-need-protection/?_php=true&_type=blogs&smid=fb-share&r=1)

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AND here you will find why they continue down their road of seeking preemption and why I oppose these types of bills, and you should too. I decided to look to see if there was an existing model that mirrored Kauai's and our State's dilemma. What I've found is eerily similar to Kauai, while also having an earlier connection to Kauai, except **South America's, moreover Argentina's dilemma is on a *grand*er scale with eighteen years of transgenic, monoculture crop cultivation which now has a history model we can look at and learn from, with the collateral damages especially to human life that cannot be retrieved, cannot be denied in these corporation's attempts to feed the world at a cheaper cost. We should be asking ourselves; what are the **true costs** for promoting this transgenic way of food production? What price if any, can one quantify a human life is worth, then multiply that exponentially?**

Please pay particular attention to these outline issues and the accompanying videos and photos which you may find quite disturbing, but useful in the links provided. (WARNING

MANY OF THE PHOTOS ARE GRAPHIC, ONE IS INCLUDED IN THE BODY OF THIS WRITING). **Consequently, unless something is quickly done about it, it is only going to get worse! You should be asking yourselves, what you will want to be held accountable for if you hold yourself out in condoning and endorsing these global crimes against humanity, against our lands.**

Within this writing of South America I've included testimonies of; **Kauai pediatrician, Dr. Evslin (Kauai), regarding children and pesticides exposure, Dr. Joe Ritter (Maui) - combining Restricted Use Pesticides, RUPs and its "potentiated effect," and Dr. Lorrin Pang (Maui), testimony on the unknown exponentials with combining RUPs. Please view them all,** as it is relevant to the mounting problems in South America and what they are witnessing here in Hawaii.

South America with both Brazil and Argentina make up the largest exporters of soy. <http://www.indexmundi.com/agriculture/?commodity=soybean-meal&graph=exports>

To get a general understanding of what is happening in South America and how it is tied to Hawaii and other parts of the world please watch this 12 minute video to get an overall picture of South America and the cultivation of GMO soy:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GNMKVooN\\_U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GNMKVooN_U)

- 1) Anti-GMO activists? Who are they? Are they really the minority as you would have been led to believe? Are they the misinformed that are ignorant about their own culture, land and practices? Thousands of indigenous Columbian farmers urging their government to **"reject" the "farm bill" and "[t]he destruction of the seed farmers, they were saving seeds to plant next season,** occurred in Campo Alegre and other Colombian people in 2012, for some people these images [are] the symbol of peasant strike again, with **farmers struggling [to] retain the right to maintain autonomy over their seeds.** In addition, **to reverse public land grabs by foreign capitalist.** Read more here: <http://www.popularresistance.org/video-colombian-farmers-win-back-control-of-their-seeds-after-prolonged-strike/>
- 2) Are these more anti-GMO activists? Will they also become part of those that are discredited and ruined by the profiting industry, and ostracized as "fear mongers" and the "misinformed" that only provide "botched " and "debunked" science? Please make sure to read the science that they cite. **Concerns are raised by their own physicians in their findings while "transgenic corn and soy crops" are applied with frequently used chemicals; "Glyphosate, Cypermethrim, 2.4D, Endosulfan, Atrazine, and Chlopyrifos."**

**"Twelve million Argentineans are directly sprayed. This means that a sufficient amount of those 300 million liters of agrotoxics are sprayed on houses, schools, parks, water sources, sports fields, and work areas. In other words, on their lives.** This population is treated by physicians working in the crop-sprayed towns, where **we notice an alarming increase of cancer, birth defects and reproductive disorders which cannot be concealed anymore.**"

Is there a hypocritical stance on "feeding the world?" The same "**mantra**" reiterated here in Hawaii and across the United States of America has found its place in South



America as a means to justify its continued course of reeking havoc without care or discretion. “Livelihoods have diminished because the **land was used to grow food for human consumptions are devoted to monoculture GM soy**. For example **the proportion of hungry and poor in Argentina increased from 15% in 1996 – when the GM soy was introduced – to 47% in 2003.**” “Despite the growing evidence of the toxicity of glyphosate Mediambiente Protection Agency (**EPA**) of the **U.S. Government remains deaf and reciting the mantra that Roundup is “relatively low in toxicity, and without carcinogenic or teratogenic effects.”**”

<http://www.reduas.fcm.unc.edu.ar/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/10/INGLES-Report-from-the-1st-National-Meeting-Of-Physicians-In-The-Crop-Sprayed-Towns.pdf>  
<http://www.amcmh.org/PagAMC/downloads/ads85.htm>

- 3) Are they trustworthy in practicing the, “**good neighbor, good farmers, and good steward policies?**” What have they to show for themselves over the past 18 years since their transgenic products have been marketed and grown in South America? Abuse by these seed companies without a conscience to adopt safe business practices by those administering their product that don’t even comply with buffer zone laws and ordinances to protect their citizens. **Some of these articles mention that even laws in place are often ignored and not implemented.** “**In January, activist Oscar Di Vincensi stood in a field near a friend's house waving a ruling against spraying within 1,000 meters (1,100 yards) of homes in his town of Alberti. A tractor driver simply ignored him, dousing him in pesticide.**” You can watch the actual youtube footage here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MR024T\\_3hK8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MR024T_3hK8)  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/argentinians-link-health-problems-to-agrochemicals/2/>
- 4) “**Not one single worker affected**” by these transgenic farming practices? In Argentina, as ordinances were not enforced or adhered to, neither was there proper training programs to ensure transgenic farm workers’ safety. The least that should’ve been provided is oversight in ensuring safety standards are adhered to by their licensees and the licensees’ employees. (Warning the next photo contains graph footage.)



The photo to the left is of Fabian Tomasi, a GMO farmworker. (photo by Earthjustice)  
<https://www.facebook.com/CleanAirWaterandFood/posts/442255245880729>



The photo to the right is of Fabian Tomasi as of last year. ***“Former farmworker Fabian Tomasi, 47, shows the condition of his emaciated body as he stands inside his home in Basavilbaso, in Entre Rios province, Argentina, March 29, 2013. Tomasi’s job was to keep the crop dusters flying by quickly filling their tanks but he says he was never trained to handle pesticides. Now he is near death from polyneuropathy. ‘I prepared millions of liters of poison without any kind of protection, no gloves, masks or special clothing. I didn’t know anything. I only learned later what it did to me, after contacting scientists,’ he said.”*** (AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko).

<http://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/agrochemicals-health-crisis-in-argentina/>

Please READ and VIEW this article in the CBS news link above, as some of the children featured here mirrors children in Vietnam who are second and third generation out of those exposed to Agent Orange. ***“Axia Cano, 5, (in photo # 8) has hairy moles all over her body that doctors can’t explain...”*** (Note: see also Kim Thao, 16 of Vietnam’s photo in # 6) link below)

Are these safety concerns valid to question the cultivation of GMOs? ***Since 2010, ... house-to-house epidemiological study has reached 65,000 people in Santa Fe province, finding cancer rates two times to four times higher than the national average, including breast, prostate and lung cancers. Researchers also found high rates of thyroid disorders and chronic respiratory illness.***

***"It could be linked to agrochemicals," he said. "They do all sorts of analysis for toxicity of the first ingredient, but they have never studied the interactions between all the chemicals they're applying." Dr. Damian Verzenassi, who directs the Environment and Health program at the National University of Rosario's medical school***

**PLEASE WATCH THESE TWO VIDEO TESTIMONIES BY Dr. Ritter and Dr. Pang:** Maui resident, Dr. Joe Ritter during Maui County’s pesticide disclosure hearing 8 days ago, testified “based on science” with respect to the “potentiated effect” on combining Restricted Use Pesticides, RUPs (as Dr. Damian Verzenassi had stated above). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYHmPyfazZ8#t=130>

Dr. Lorrin Pang, Maui County Health Officer testified about the exponential combinations of the unknown with respect to combining RUPs and the combinations that are being used on Kauai.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znyyrMeWqTo>

***"That's why we do epidemiological studies for heart disease and smoking and all kinds of things," said Doug Gurian-Sherman, a former EPA regulator now with the Union of Concerned Scientists. "If you have the weight of evidence pointing to serious health problems, you don't wait until there's absolute proof in order to do something."***

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/argentines-link-health-problems-agrochemicals>

Dr. Lee Evslin a Kauai pediatrician voicing his concerns about pesticide exposure and children, in one of the Kauai hearings testified, ***“If there is one thing I would beg the council to make sure to happen...is that we start collecting Kauai data. We should know cancer by data. We should know deformities, cleft pallets and so on. They’d go to a certain clinic on Oahu, that data’s all there and it would be relatively easy to put together zip code by zip code. We should have the data essentially, and there is no reason on a small place like this that we can’t.”***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g6D8xAz6fA&feature=endscreen>

Dr. Evslin speaks in addressing the pesticides problems on Kauai, what the new AAP policy are of what doctors need to do to address this issue. Please watch and listen to Dr. Evslin here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJPVqOu5qCA>

- 5) Did you see the children in the CBS News link above? ***“The primary cause has been known for quite some time to be due to the application of the pesticides glyphosate and endosulfan to nearby GMO soy fields, but due to legal circumstances the citizens have been unable to do anything about it until now.***

As things continued to worsen, the charges brought against the two farmers and their pilot (producer Edgardo Parra and pilot Pancello, producer Jorge Alberto Gabrielli was acquitted) were ***finally given recognition after*** there were a recorded ***169 cases of cancer including 30 deaths due to the contamination. Also joining the group, called as a witness, was a mother dealing with her child’s paralysis due to these same toxins since not all the cancer cases and deaths have been fully tallied and/or investigated.*** <http://www.thesleuthjournal.com/historic-ruling-convicts-two-of-three-defendants-for-poisoning-neighborhood-with-pesticides/#>

- 6) More on the children of Argentina, health effects within the communities, on Monsanto and their seed silos, the Argentina government ties, and land grabbers. ***This is a twenty-seven minutes long documentary.*** Take a good look at these children again as some of them resemble the children of Vietnam whose parents, grandparents were the ones directly exposed to Agent Orange. (Warning this video contains graphic footage.) Axia Cano, 5, is featured here also with a photo showing what her back looks like. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-b3YfC47tl8&feature=player\\_embedde](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-b3YfC47tl8&feature=player_embedde)

Also, here’s a link to, ***“Agent Orange: Collateral Damage in Viet Nam.”*** (Warning the link contains graphic images.) Please pay special attention to a photo of a girl, ***“Kim Thoa, 16, suffers from a disfiguring skin condition; her face and body are covered in patches of inky-black, scaly growths. Thoa’s father was sprayed fighting in the South. She worries that her skin looks like that of an animal.”***

[http://digitaljournalist.org/issue0401/pjg\\_thumbs.html](http://digitaljournalist.org/issue0401/pjg_thumbs.html)

**Does Axia Cano, 5, of Argentina look similar to Kim Thoa, 16 of Vietnam?** Both were indirectly exposed to Agent Orange or a component of Agent Orange (2,4-D) and other combined poison chemicals by some of these major seed companies that are practicing their experiments in our State of Hawaii.

**Dr. Evslin urges**, “There’s a growing body of evidence that we really weren’t aware of.” “[T]hese pieces of evidence come to us one by one, and it’s our responsibility to listen to them, use our instincts and make a difference. [T]he (AAP) policy that’s set in America is the policy that goes out to the world. So this body carries a lot of weight.” “They are basically saying to the pediatricians of the world, pay attention to this! These are dangerous substances. Dangerous enough that they are even dangerous even in your houses. **Particularly be concerned about agricultural uses, and one of the pieces (AAP policy) is an increasing concern that the agricultural uses is even going to have more statistics that are worrisome to us.**”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g6D8xAz6fA&feature=endscreen>

“The AAP has approximately 60,000 primary care physician, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists, dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults,” in the United States and in many countries around the world! **The American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP warns, “Prenatal and early childhood exposure to pesticides is associated with pediatric cancers, decreased cognitive function and behavioral problems.**

According to the AAP, recognizing and reducing children’s exposure to pesticides will **require improved medical training, public health tracking, and regulatory approaches.** **They have now set policies with respect to pesticide exposure.**

Dr. Evslin in speaking also expressed his concern for ALL the children on Kauai both sides of this issue whether their parent(s) work for these farms or not! **Kauai’s ordinance for pesticide disclosure falls in line with the American Academy of Pediatrics’ protocol recommendations.**

In Kauai’s case, shouldn’t the State SUPPLEMENT, SUPPORT and/or HELP Kauai County instead of stripping them of their authority? Policies leaving these counties hanging and out of the loop when they are the ones in the trenches makes no sense. This ALL or NOTHING approach only fosters distrust by us, the people of your counties, of your districts. See more here on AAP’s policy: <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/AAP-Makes-Recommendations-to-Reduce-Children's-Exposure-to-Pesticides.aspx#sthash.OsT90VMW.dpuf>

- 7) The activists that are the PEOPLE who live in **their** communities, are the ones fighting for their rights against Monsanto’s seed silo facility which an **Argentina court ruled that this facility is unconstitutional.** <http://revolution-news.com/court-rules-monsanto-construction-unconstitutional-malvinas-argentina/> The activists in Hawaii are the PEOPLE who live in your communities are the ones fighting for their rights to be acknowledged and imploring actions by you who were deemed with the power to help and safeguard them.
- 8) More on fostering the “good neighbor” approach. Those who speak up suffer retaliation threats on their lives. **“Gatica and the Mothers of Ituzaingo faced an uphill battle, having very few resources or any direct access to demand accountability from Monsanto, DuPont and other global agrochemical companies operating in Argentina. They also endured insults and threats from individuals, police officers, and local business owners in Ituzaingo. In 2007, an individual entered**

**Gatica's house and demanded that she give up the campaign while pointing a revolver at her.** <http://www.goldmanprize.org/recipient/sofia-gatica>

- 9) Do you know of Hawaii's, especially Kauai's past connection with Agent Orange? Please know who James Oshita and William Fraticelli were. Know the U.H. connection. **"A year after his Agent Orange work, Oshita was diagnosed with liver dysfunction, bladder cancer, diabetes, chronic hepatitis and a severe skin disease called chloracne. Fraticelli died in April 1981 from lung and kidney cancer; he also had bladder cancer and a brain tumor, court documents indicate."** Please read more here: <http://archives.starbulletin.com/2005/03/27/editorial/special2.html>

**Have you checked how many American farmers have also succumbed to the demise of this elaborate profit model of feeding the world, through their patents which offers hold-harmless protection? Do you know what detrimental effects it is starting to have on the U.S.'s ability to move GMO contaminated grain commodities into countries that reject them? Why do you suppose these countries have begun to or have banned them for many years?**

**The European Union (EU) with a population of 505.7 million alone rejects our GMO papaya. You think they would accept our hemp if we farmed it? Are we assessing our lost opportunities while with the status quo? The agenda of wanting to help some farmers, farm, at the expense of Non-GMO farmers' and organic farmers' livelihoods and/or displacing them replicates that of the "feeding the world" model across our farmlands of the United States of America. Besides the U.S.A. and South America this hostile farming model has replicated itself in Canada, India, Australia, and other parts of the world and NOW showing for itself in the **PHILIPPINES**.**

**Philippines is home of my maternal ancestors and family members who still live there** and their government have rejected the BT eggplant because of this very hostile take over. They already have to contend with their experience with growing transgenic corn and the detrimental impacts done on displacing farmers and stripping them of their livelihood and ability to sustainable farming. Golden Rice is widely rejected as well.

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/genetically-modified-eggplant-found-to-be-unsafe-for-human-consumption-environment/5339915>

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/516829/group-claims-gmos-failed-to-deliver-promised-benefits>

<http://masipag.org/2013/09/gm-corn-farmers-lose-lands-increase-debts-says-new-research/>  
<http://davaotoday.com/main/2012/10/04/bt-corn-use-to-raise-corn-yield-but-farmers-group-wary/>

<http://bulatlat.com/main/2013/08/09/farmers-in-bicol-uproot-golden-rice/>

**Please ask yourselves what do all these other countries know that we still haven't figured out? There are currently 65 countries around the world that regulate GMOs with labels or have outright banned them. Are they anti-science and anti-technology? Our world with a population of 7.14 Billion; these 65 countries make up 5.4 Billion which IS THE MAJORITY, while WE REMAIN THAT OF THE MINORITY WITH THE STATUS QUO!**

Clearly and sadly the professes to wanting to “feed the world” have demonstrated actions of killing the “world” of its inhabitants and its ecosystem in the process, and directly causing an increase in the number of those in poverty, displaced farmers from their lands while stripped of their sovereignty to sustainable farming, those fallen ill, deceased or even murdered. This is yelling at you the disingenuous intent and dismisses any notions that this business model has successfully fed the “world” in its entirety over the past 18 years. Their history is speaking to all of us, should we not listen, should you choose to continue to not listen to what their history has shown for itself?

**So do our counties have president to uphold their authority and power to protect health, life, property, and safety for their inhabitants, their biodiversity in sustainable, agroecological agriculture? Other COUNTIES in the United States of America, yes COUNTIES in OUR COUNTRY, have successfully and rightfully chosen to do just that! You will find that Hawaii Island County is NOT alone in wanting to be GMO “free,” and that Kauai County is NOT alone in being sued by these poison chemical seed companies for the right to apply their poison chemicals without necessary regulations to safeguard the environment and the communities they are having an impact on.**

- 1) **Mendocino County, CA**, was the first county to ban the cultivation of GMOs in their county. In these articles you will read what their measure protects, and how the seed companies tried to sue the county to control wording in the voter initiative, but the court upheld the wording, dismissing the seed companies’ arguments. “In a sweeping victory for Mendocino’s effort to ban the growing of genetically modified crops and food, a Superior Court judge refused...to change language in the upcoming March election ballot.”  
<http://environmentalcommons.org/measure-h-intro.html>  
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2004/01/prweb96594.htm>
- 2) **Trinity County, CA**, was the second county to ban GMOs. “Supporters of the new law...said they were concerned that the genetically engineered plants and animals could someday harm their small farming industry through crossbreeding and other mixing of conventional crop and biotech-produced plants.”  
<http://www.organicconsumers.org/biod/trinityAP080404.cfm>
- 3) **Marin County, CA**. “Measure B applies only to what is cultivated on the land within Marin County’s geography, and does not therefore affect what is imported into the county. The ban excludes medical research done in closed and scientifically controlled environment. [It also] [p]rotects Marin’s Local Farmers and Ranchers. It ensures their freedom to save their own seeds, and to keep land free of GMOs so they can continue to meet the growing demand for safe and healthy food.”  
<http://www.organicconsumers.org/biod/marinimpact31105.cfm>
- 4) **Boulder, CO**. “Their turnout, together with an anti-GMO (genetically modified organism) recommendation from the county’s Food and Agriculture Policy Council, led county officials to vote for a phase out of genetically engineered crops on open space. ... Currently, about 16,000 acres of county-owned land are planted with genetically engineered corn; the new rule will mean these crops will be transitioned out in favor of traditional GMO-free farming practices.”



<http://foodfreedom.wordpress.com/2012/02/07/boulder-co-bans-gm-crops-on-county-owned-land/>

- 5) **Montville, ME.** “The ordinance passed overwhelmingly in a voice vote and requires town residents growing genetically modified crops to phase them out within two years. For the past two years residents have been working with farmers growing genetically engineered crops on phasing in new non genetically modified varieties. According to Jen King, owner and operator of Skyview Family Farm and a proponent of the ordinance, ‘Genetic engineering is a new kind of pollution that spread and reproduces when it is released into the environment. Once a GE crop exists in the environment, its pollen can be passed on, contaminating other plants from the same species. And these newly contaminated plants can then reproduce the pollutions, thereby threatening the diversity of our crops and heirloom seeds. Through our Farmers’ coop, we’ve have been working with the few farmers in the town who are growing genetically modified crops, to switch to crops that will benefit our local food economy, such as providing local non GMO grain for sale to area farmers.’”  
<http://portlandmainepermaculture.wordpress.com/2008/03/31/maine-town-bans-genetically-engineered-crops/>
  
- 6) **San Juan, WA.** “Local voters embraced Proposition 2012-4 by a wide margin in the Nov. 6 election, as the citizen-led initiative banning production of GMOs captured 61 percent of votes tallied Tuesday’s initial election results. Proposed by organic farmers and others, the GMO ban makes it unlawful to propagate or grow plants or animals in San Juan County that have been genetically modified and provides for penalties and destruction of such organisms.”  
<http://www.sanjuanjournal.com/news/177740361.html>
  
- 7) **Los Angeles, CA.** LA County is currently pursuing a ban on transgenic cultivation. “The motion calls for a “GMO-Free Zone” across the city’s more than 502 square miles that would ban the growth, sale, and distribution of genetically engineered seeds and plants.” As explained by City Councilmen Paul Koretz and Mitch O’Farrell, “ A growing number of problems are being traced to GMOs, including the worldwide disappearance of honeybees (through “colony collapse disorder”); concerns over “seed drift” (for example the recent finding of GMO-pollinated wheat growing in an Oregon farmer’s field); the evolution of “superbug” insects which are growing immune to the pesticides engineered within GMO crops; and European studies which raise the question of how GMOs impact human health.”  
<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/10/18/city-councilmen-call-for-gmo-free-zone-in-la/>
  
- 8) Santa Cruz County, CA, City of Arcata, CA, and City Point of Arena, CA also have transgenic cultivation bans; while other states have specific transgenic bans much like our GMO taro ban. Like LA County, other counties as well are currently seeking cultivation bans on transgenic patent crop especially in the Pacific Northwest.

What other places are currently being sued by some of these chemical seed companies to have that right to allow their poisons chemicals in? **“Syngenta and Bayer are suing the European Union, EU (population 505.7 Million) because they believe they have the right to sell their poisons in those countries that want them banned. They keep showing us how they only care about their profits, and how everybody else’s**

science is “flawed,” time and time again. Read more here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/26/opinion/international/bee-survival-in-europe.html>

Lastly, **Dow AgroSciences is seeking USDA approval for a new breed of GMO food crops to withstand the application of 2,4-D**, a component of Agent Orange used in the Vietnam War, and presently being used in South America which if approved will be allowed for cultivation on our U.S. farmlands and directly hidden into our food supply unlabeled.

### **Dow AgroSciences LLC; Environmental Impact Statement for Determination of Nonregulated Status of Herbicide Resistant Corn and Soybeans**

**Docket ID:** APHIS-2013-0042

**Agency:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

**Parent Agency:** Department of Agriculture (USDA)

**Summary:**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) on environmental impacts that may result from the potential approval of **three petitions** from Dow AgroSciences LLC seeking a determination of nonregulated status of herbicide resistant corn and soybeans. Issues addressed in the EIS include the potential environmental impacts associated with the increased use of certain herbicides and possible selection for and spread of weeds resistant to the herbicide 2,4-D combined with resistance to other herbicides (multiple resistance).

Currently under the status quo you and your family will not be allowed to know where these transgenic ingredients will be in the foods you eat. Is this particular new GMO breed of transgenic crops from the experimental test farmlands on Kauai and on other farmlands in our state? Again, under the status quo and if SB2777 gets passed, you and your family will never have that information afforded to you and they will be above the law to keep experimenting with newer combinations of RUPs to maximize their profits as more super weeds and bugs persist. Is RUP combining disclosure necessary?

The USDA is seeking comments for this NEW breed of 2,4-D crops and you can comment on the postings whether or not you would like the USDA to give an “unregulated” approval of these NEW Agent Orange, transgenic crops for you and your family to eat unlabeled.

The comment period deadline is has been extended to March 11, 2014:

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/bulletins/a6d1cf>

**You may submit comments here of whether or not you would like this NEW breed of 2,4-D transgenic crops unregulated into the food supply for you and your family to eat:** <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0042>

I encourage you to scroll down on this link below and read the over 6000 comments now submitted. Please kindly email me if you find any consumer comments looking forward to eating these “substantially equivalent” and “not materially different” new transgenic, man-made, patented inventions that are hailed by pro-GMO activists and their makers as safe because they’ve convince our government to believe it so through DEREGULATION or NONREGULATION, and are no different than plant breeding done for thousands of years. Have you ever heard of plant breeding in the history of man consuming foods that needed to be DEREGULATED OR NONREGULATED? Why is this so?

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0042>

“They just don’t get it,” says a pro-GMO paid activist spokes person from HCIA while being interviewed by the news media. What they really mean is they don’t want everyone to “get

it” so that none of the truth about their notorious, unethical and inhumane business practices remains buried and suppressed while they are allowed the media soapbox to promote their patented inventions that will “feed the world.” They do a marvelous job of PR marketing, and at the end of the day that is all it is, a grandstand marketing scheme that some have taken to believe is the only mantra to “feeding the world,” when the bigger picture clearly spells out how many are contributing into this marketing scheme and thereby perpetuating its existence unwittingly. There are so many other more beneficial options out there. Why are they not being looked into and pursued at a greater level?

These are indeed, social economic disasters, unconscionable, unjust, unethical, inhumane, and unforgivable atrocities. Shall “we” learn from the atrocities of others, addressing our local problem with urgency, then take the precautionary approach that many of the doctors are supplicating for, further focusing on the children who don’t even have a fighting chance at life, while their families especially their mothers helplessly endure the agony of their uncertain future, OR will “we” decide to stay on our own learning curve, throw caution to the wind, dismiss everything that’s not “pro,” but that is “anti,” “debunked”, “botch science,” “fear mongering,” “misinformed” and see where “our” own decisions precariously take us? Are we going to wait to weigh in on the risk assessments in finding out too late what the health costs, environmental costs, social economic costs “we” will bear, you will bear if you choose for us to remain with the status quo and foster the status quo with these types of bills?

**THIS IS NOTHING ABOUT ANTI-SCIENCE AND ANTI-TECHNOLOGY; IT’S EVERYTHING ABOUT THE BREACH OF TRUST. THESE POISON CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN OUR ISLANDS KEEP TEACHING US OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED BASED ON THEIR REPEATED HISTORY!!!**

Please ask yourselves these questions in deciding to hear these types of preemption bills. As a voter and advocate mom, I only have one chance in helping to make a difference for my child, my nephews and nieces, and their children as they are counting on me, counting on all of us, especially COUNTING ON YOU to leave them with a safer and a more biodiverse state and world. We also owe it to these farm workers to find them another job in another farming industry that they too can safeguard their family going into the future. If other counties can transition away from GMOs by using their agriculture resources, why can’t we, or at least start planting the alternatives? You also have your families and friends. Aren’t they worth safeguarding?

Therefore the onus is on you to do what’s right to protect especially OUR young ones. THE TIME IS NOW AND WE ARE COUNTING ON ALL OF YOU TO DO WHAT IS PONO. What will you choose to perpetuate in moving Hawaii forward? Let’s not allow the lives of those directly impacted by these atrocities go in vain, especially the lives of those who are STILL pleading for YOUR help as those are on Kauai, and the rest of the islands!

Points to ponder; should there be patents on **life** if it is used to ruin **life** as we always have known it be pre 1996? The antiquated argument for “substantially equivalent” or “not materially different” is no longer justifiable, and a moot point with respect to factoring all that was not so obvious to us. Now one can no longer unlearn what the history of the past 18 years is telling us. Those of us who come forward to speak with all of you genuinely care about our state in moving it forward in a pono direction, because we all are stakeholders



here, and when I look at my daughter, I too cannot unlearn what I know and I will advocate for her future and the future of our young ones always! What say you?

I leave you with these quotes which some of you probably know are a few of my favorites:

*“The world is a dangerous, place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.”*

*“Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius --- and a lot of courage --- to move in the opposite direction.*

*“No problem can be solved by the same level of consciousness that created it.”*  
- Albert Einstein

I have more that I'm willing to share with regard to GMO labeling when these hearings are scheduled. **Thank you for your time! I WISH ALL OF YOU WELL!**

Kind regards,  
Lori Nakamura-Higa, voter advocate mom

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Marten	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB 2777. It is a sneaky way to undermine outer island efforts to protect their population from the harmful effects of extreme pesticide use associated with experimental development of GMO crops. In addition to the negative health effects, there are negative environmental effects on the soil and water. It is not the place of Senators from other parts of the state to prevent them from fighting for their health.

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Terri Markovich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Honorable Senators, I oppose this addition and note farmers have traditionally used seeds from the best crops, survival of the fittest. I am sad the UH cannot come up with a better solution to the cabbage blight, which was noted by Senator Solomon. I do agree with her the cabbage crop is invaluable but I do believe in healthy soil/healthy plants and believe we need to use technology judiciously, to create a healthy environment, which I believe GMO technology to be a short term remedy and counterproductive in the long term.

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Joy Brann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In accordance with Hawaii State Constitution, to protect the Public Trust Resources for current and future generations, we must preserve our rights to question and require proof that Genetically Engineered Operations and Practices, and associated use and testing of pesticides on our islands, is or is not causing irreparable harm to the people, the environment and Public Trust Resources. Therefore this and similar future attempts to subvert the people's will and the Hawaii Constitution must be vigorously opposed. There are too many unaddressed concerns with harmful health and economic consequences, from poor regulation and pesticide use to irreversible transgenic contamination, that have not been adequately evaluated to prove safety.

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TESTIMONY OPPOSING SB 2777, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

FOR 1:30 PM FEBRUARY 27, 2014 JOINT HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE; COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

I request that you hold this bill. Rather than attempting to ban county ordinances intended to protect public health, protect the environment, and/or control public nuisances I suggest that the Legislature respond to local concerns by enacting and funding statewide programs

Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes currently allows some non-agricultural uses of agricultural classified land. SB 2777's proposed limitations on county zoning arguably may prohibit the counties from using zoning and civil fines to limit the extent of and regulate adverse impacts from such non-agricultural uses. Obviously this would not serve the public interest.

Although it might have been the hidden agenda of this bill to prevent the counties from regulating agricultural use of GMOS and pesticides or from controlling farm-related nuisances, limiting county zoning powers under Section 46-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes would not affect other statutes and Constitutional authority under which the counties are authorized to enact ordinances to protect public health, protect the environment, and control public nuisances. In plain English, there is no way that a bill amending Section 46-4 and Section 205-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes would prevent the counties from enacting ordinances outside their zoning code to regulate GMOs, pesticides, dust, smoke, runoff, noise, vibration, etc.

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Tanya Donohoo	Individual	Oppose	No

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My Name is Barbara Johnson  
in opposition of:

SB2777 introduced by Dela Cruz, Kidana, Solomon, Nishihara clarifies that section 205-5, HRS, relating to zoning requirements applies to lands not within the forest reserve boundaries. Clarifies that land uses described in section 205 2, HRS, relating to agricultural lands shall be permitted without further limitations or restrictions, rather than as determined by the land use commission.

Mahalo.

Barbara Johnson

P.S. As far as the Hawaii Constitutional Rights go, The ag lands and the forest reserve can not be used for none other than private/community use. Since most of our homes are on ag lands this Senate Bill will allow huge corporations to frack anywhere without a permit from further limitations or permissions.

To The committee(s) on AGL/PSM/WTL.

Testimony opposing SB2777

From Richard Morse; P.O. Box 61102; Honolulu HI 96839

Dear Chairs Nishihara, Espero, Solomon and Committee members,

With highest respect, I wish to express strong opposition to SB 2777, Relating to Agriculture;

and to stripping County governments in the State of Hawaii from their authority to protect their citizens from activities of "Modern Farming."

While never mentioned in SB 2777, it is clear that Monsanto Company, and companies like it, are hiding behind this motion under the guise of "*Modern Farmers.*"

Year 2008:

Ken Cook, President of *The Environmental Working Group*, examined stacks of Monsanto Company files, marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and "FYI AND DESTROY" during an investigation of that company's criminal activities.

"This is the one that really tells you the story," Cook says in a videoed interview. He is referencing a file on his desk, and he is clearly agitated by it. The file is "*The Snow Creek Case*", involving the PCB poisoning of the population of Anniston--a small Alabama town which neighbored a Monsanto chemical plant.

There is a video close-up of a document--a letter from the file, dated 1970, with a sentence highlighted with yellow marker. Cook reads it:

"They're saying, **"We cant to afford to loose one dollar of business."** "

The rest of the paragraph explains that Monsanto's priorities are to its clients, and *not* to the health of its neighbors. Cook continues:

"Their neighbors in Anniston were *not* told of the poisoning inflicted upon them. Because they didn't want to loose *ONE* dollar!"

Cook is visibly disgusted.



For nearly forty years Monsanto discharged unfiltered and untreated PCB waste directly into *Snow Creek*, which runs through Anniston. Residents of Anniston have the highest levels of PBC in their bodies than anywhere else in the world. Continuing until today, the people of that town have been living in a cancerous nightmare.

Additionally, PBC wastes, from the Monsanto plant, were also dumped in landfills around the town. The Monsanto people were well aware of the high toxicity of PBC during the period that they were dumping it on Anniston. Cook continues:

"They knew the truth from the very beginning. They hid the truth from their neighbors. They hid the truth from the government..."

"Under American law, it is very rare for executives or officials in these companies to be held criminally responsible. So we have the civil system--civil courts--we make them pay. And the truth of the matter is, in most instances, the price that they pay, decades later, is a fraction of their profits.

"This is why it pays [for these executives] to keep these problems secret. And it makes you wonder what they might be keeping secret now.

"I have to say...we would *never* trust a company, like *Monsanto*, to tell the truth about a pollution problem or about a product. We would **never trust them.**"

Thank you,  
Richard Morse

I hope to attend the public hearing; scheduled on 02-27-14 1:30PM in conference room 225.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rita Grove	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators, Please use your influence to support Home Rule for the counties, specifically in this case with regard to GMOs. The Big Island citizens have voiced their informed choice. We would hope that Hawaii legislators would help to protect this choice, otherwise what is the point of having county councils and county government? Do not trample our Island's rights by giving priority to the concerns of major political contributors and those who would legislate to further their personal agendas. My 27-year old son is on the autistic spectrum. Autism has increased from 1 in 10,000 in 1990 to 1 in 88 children in 2013. Something is causing terrifying physiological changes in our population. Autism and similar maladies may not have touched your family as it has mine, and perhaps GMO foods are not to blame - we don't know. Ancestors referred to the Big Island as the "Healing Island." GMO plants are not consistent with our heritage. It is making a choice for future generations that is not right, a choice that cannot be reversed. Sincerely, Rita Grove

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