

# SCR137/SR73

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEFINE "BEST USE" OF LANDS UNDER LEASES FOR AGRICULTURE, BASE AGRICULTURAL LEASE RENTS ON THE VALUE OF THE LAND FOR THE INTENDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACTIVITY, GRANT RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO RENEW OR EXTEND AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF TWENTY YEARS OR MORE TO THE LESSEE PRIOR TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE LEASE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AND TRANSFER EXPEDITIOUSLY ALL OF ITS MANAGED LANDS LEASED OR UNDER REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

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

Comments:

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Caroline Kong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: UNBELIEVABLE. Same players, same harm to Hawai'i. Shameful.

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Keith	McCandless Ranch	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Weidenbach	Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association	Support	No

Comments: This resolution correctly identifies and offers appropriate resolutions to the current problematic situation that exists with DLNR managed lands used for agricultural purposes. As such, the HAAA strongly supports this measure.

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Janet Ashman	Individual	Support	No

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Sandra Herndon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this resolution for many reasons- the first being that this appears to be another maneuver to hand our prime ag land over to the Chemical Seed companies for GMO research...NOT farming. The Dept of Agriculture appears to be very biased in favor of these `Aina polluters, so it seems more equitable to the people of Hawai`i to allow control of these lands to remain in the hands of DLNR...UNLESS of course, you'd like to return them to the Kanaka Maoli. Shame on the introducers of these bills- time after time, they try to sell out their constituents' rights to Big Ag. Mahalo for the opportunity to express my concerns.

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claudia rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Dinner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Reschan	Individual	Oppose	No

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

Comments: I firmly oppose this clear attempt to this is intended to lock in leased lands to the GMO companies who have proven to be terrible polluters and who have shown no respect for the Aina nor the people who inhabit it.

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Bud & Katy Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bud & Katy Gibson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Everything listed here will be a benefit to agriculture. The Department of Ag should be the agency to oversee all ag leases.

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Carol Hart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is clearly intended to protect the agrichemical companies and the landowners who are abusing the land. I live in Kekaha, another ground zero for pesticide contamination of great proportions, and we the people need protection from the constant shower of restricted use pesticides raining on our communities, schools, and hospital. Their practices are not pono with the land, water, air. Please do not pass this bill!

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Alex Franco	Maui Cattle Company	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose.

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Support	No

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Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE this bill. It may potentially lock in leases to agricultural practices that would eventually endanger our environment and our health.

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Judie Hoepfner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill and ask that you not be swayed by corporate greed!

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Judie Hoepfner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill and ask that you not be swayed by corporate greed!

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representatives of the Citizens Of Hawaii, I am writing today to strongly oppose the possibility of our Native land being permanently leased to Monsanto. As you know there is widespread and valid concern that Monsanto is experimenting with un proven pesticides combinations and has not addressed basic concerns with Pesticide Disclosure. I am sure you are also aware of the Shaka Movement in Maui County, currently underway with gathering Hawaii voters signatures that if approved, put the citizens of Hawaii in the position of choosing whether there should be a complete Moratorium on GMO "crops", untill they can be proven by independent scientists to be safe. Monsanto can wait till the Citizens who elected you have their say in November. Learn how to say NO to Monsanto please, no matter how much they have funded your campaigns. They can't take back their money if you actually have the backbone to stand up to them. What do they actually contribute to the Islands? They may employ some people but if the Hemp Bill is approved, they will lose their employees cause they will have a healthier option for farming than working with experimental, dangerous poisons. No one want to work in a haz mat suit in the hot Hawaiian sun. Please put Monsanto on hold. A better future is coming without Biotech poisons. How many acres do they currently lease? What are they paying for the use of this Land? How much insurance do they have to clean up the poisoned land they leave behind? Has anyone figured out the cost of their environmental damage, to the air, soil, water and reefs, to the pollinators, the keiki and the pristine ecosystem of the Hawaiian Islands. Do Not be used, deceived or coerced by these multinational Corporations. They do Not have this Stat's best interest in mind. We can all see it, why can't you? Mahalo,

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Lori Nakamura-Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF SR73. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

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denise woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill. This is nothing more than a ploy by the chemical companies to guarantee that they can keep using the lands and people of Hawaii to increase their bottom lines. to the detriment of Hawaii. The people are watching.

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSE.

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