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**HB205**

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Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Support	Yes

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**HB205 HD1 SD1**  
**RELATED TO AGRICULTURE**  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 1, 2015

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB205 HD1 SD1, which is part of OHA's 2015 Legislative Package. HB205 HD1 SD1 promotes the food security, self-sufficiency, and cultural heritage of our islands, by recognizing the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian traditional farming techniques and crops and the growth and development of small farms, as agricultural objectives of the State.

OHA is the constitutionally-established agency responsible for protecting and promoting the rights and interests of Native Hawaiians. Accordingly, OHA has a kuleana to ensure the perpetuation of traditional practices and technologies, as well as advocate for the appropriate and sustainable use and development of our beneficiaries' ancestral lands.

Time-tested Native Hawaiian traditional farming methods represent successful agricultural technologies that are ecologically sustainable, culturally significant, and critical to Hawai'i's long-term food security and self-sufficiency goals. Traditional Native Hawaiian farming techniques, such as loko i'a and lo'i kalo, are integrated into natural ecological systems, and have a minimal impact on our environment while allowing our agricultural resources to remain viable for generations. These agricultural methods and crops are particularly suitable for our climate, and history demonstrates their ability to sustain a population commensurate with that of our islands today. In addition, traditional farming communities act as critical repositories of cultural knowledge and values. Therefore, promoting traditional farming methods and crops also supports the cultural heritage of our state.

Similarly, supporting Hawai'i's small farms, many of which already utilize such traditional farming methods, would also provide a substantial and durable increase in local food production. As noted in this bill, the United Nations Committee on Trade and Development strongly urges the promotion of both traditional farming methods and small farms as an essential response to the threat of climate change to regional food security. The flexibility and resilience of a well-developed small farm network will provide the greatest assurances of a local food supply notwithstanding changing environmental conditions, while also reducing our dependency on imported agricultural products.

In addition, OHA notes that this measure may represent an investment in our islands' economic stability. Small farms are small businesses. Supporting small farming operations in Hawai'i supports our local economy and the spirit of entrepreneurship, in the same manner as supporting other sectors of the small business community.

Finally, this bill levels the playing field for traditional agriculture and small farms, by expressly allowing state agencies to consider these important components of food security and self-sufficiency in supporting programs, leasing lands, and taking other relevant actions. It would ensure that traditional Hawaiian agriculture and small-scale farms are prioritized equally while maintaining the existing priority for large-scale farming operations already recognized in the state planning act. Such a diversified agriculture portfolio with both small- and large-scale farming operations, along with a variety of crops and farming technologies, will enhance our islands' food security and resilience to unexpected impacts, while also celebrating our cultural heritage and values.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB205 HD1 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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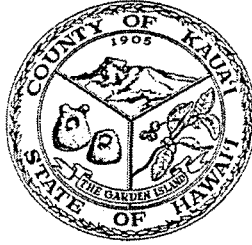
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March 30, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
HB 205, HD 1, SD 1, RELATED TO AGRICULTURE  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 224**

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 205, HD 1, SD 1, Related to Agriculture. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual Councilmember of the Kauai County Council and Planning Committee Chairperson.

The purpose of HB 205, HD 1, SD 1 is to expand the agricultural objectives of the State to include traditional Hawaiian farming systems, traditional Hawaiian crops, and small-scale farming. It is important for our State to continue its efforts to perpetuate and promote greater self-sufficiency, crop diversity, and food security in our islands, which I wholeheartedly support.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the State Committee on Water and Land to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

**MASON K. CHOCK**  
Councilmember

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Testimony of Leilani Williams Solomon  
President, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce  
Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land  
April 1, 2015

House Bill No. 205.HD1.SD1  
Relating to Agriculture

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB 205, HD1, SD1. The Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce's (NHCC's) mission is to connect and strengthen Native Hawaiian businesses, professions and communities and we represent nearly 200 individual members and organizations.

The State Planning Act currently establishes several objectives for Hawai'i's economy with respect to agriculture, including the continued viability of our sugar and pineapple industries; the growth and development of diversified agriculture; and the maintenance of agriculture as a dynamic and essential component of the state's strategic, economic, and social well-being. This measure will level the playing field for traditional agricultural methods and small farms by adding them as additional agricultural objectives of the state. We urge the support for traditional Hawaiian agricultural technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), māla (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches) that have historically sustained significant populations for generations.

Traditional farming communities act as repositories for traditional knowledge and help perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture and lifestyles. Small farms contribute significantly to our local economy, and provide a range of local agricultural products to help meet our local food needs and enhance our visitors' culinary experiences.

For these reasons, we ask for your support in passing out this measure. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to present our testimony.

Me ka mahalo,

Leilani Williams-Solomon

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Leimana DaMate	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Support	Yes

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**Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee  
State of Hawaii  
Post Office Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Testimony of  
Leimana DaMate  
Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
2:45 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In Support of  
House Bill 205 HD1 SD1  
Relating to Agriculture**

House Bill 205 HD1 SD1 includes traditional Hawaiian farming and crops and small-scale farming to the state planning objectives and policies for the economy. **The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) supports this measure.**

The AMAC works with moku and ahupua'a communities through the Aha Moku System (System), a traditional land and ocean management system that dates from the 9<sup>th</sup> century and has been restored by the kupuna practitioners of each island. Through this System, generational resource knowledge and methodology is shared with the site-specific communities of an ahupua'a as well as with the DLNR to whom the AMAC is attached. One of our mandates is to advise the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on issues related to natural and cultural resources (§171-4.5).

One of the major components attached to the Aha Moku System is traditional Hawaiian farming and agriculture which includes crops such as kalo, 'uala (sweet potato), limu (various seaweed), 'awa, ho'io (native ferns), and 'olena that were cultivated using traditional farming techniques. They continue to be important sources for food, medicine and cultural practices today. In the moku system, as practiced by the AMAC, the native Hawaiian resource practitioners who have the generational knowledge of the land resources of specific sites within an ahupua'a have been successful in identifying and perpetuating the natural and cultural assets of these sites – often bringing forth empirical resource and cultural knowledge of an area.

Native Hawaiian traditional farming methods and crops have been successful and are economically sustainable. Many small farms incorporate native Hawaiian resource methodology which results in an increase in local food production. Adding these methods to the state's planning objectives would contribute to the sustainability of local food production while continuing to perpetuate native Hawaiian cultural contributions.

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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	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT HB205 which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms. Currently, our State Planning Act prioritizes sugar and pineapple industries and diversified agriculture. Although these objectives have merit, I believe it should be updated to reflect community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. I feel we can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). These agricultural systems have historically fed large number Hawaiian communities with minimal impact to the environment. I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: Fully support HB205, HD1, SD1 that would include traditional Hawaiian farming and crops and small-scale farming to the state planning objectives and policies for the economy. Former Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair, and the members of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Charting a Course for Hawaii's Sustainable Future would be pleased at this direction. Throughout, the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan recognized the importance of preserving and perpetuating Kanaka Maoli cultural values. Additionally, it called for perpetuating Kanaka Maoli food production. The Plan also noted that thriving local farms help preserve green space and a rural way of life, and makes us less vulnerable to external catastrophes. Adding traditional Hawaiian farming and crops and small farms to the objectives of the state is the right direction to contribute to food sustainability. Please pass this measure. Respectfully, Leimomi Khan, president

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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Submitted to the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 2:45 pm  
By  
Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor  
And  
Maria Gallo, Dean  
And  
J. Kenneth Grace, Associate Dean  
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 205 HD1 SD1 – RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, we respectfully submit testimony in support of HB 205 HD1 SD1, which updates the State's agricultural planning statute to add the growth and development of traditional Hawaiian farming systems and traditional Hawaiian crops, and the growth and development of small-scale farms, as agricultural objectives.

We fully support both inclusion of traditional crops and agricultural practices, and support for small farms in the economic objectives for the State of Hawai'i. The most recent (2012) census documents that 63% of the 7,000 farms in the state are less than 10 acres in size. These very small farms produce family food, vegetables and animal products for local sale and consumption, and such high-value crops as herbs and cut flowers. Further, 88% of our farms are less than 50 acres in size, and would still be considered small by many standards. These small and very small farms represent diversified agriculture in Hawai'i, and in large part are the agricultural clients served by the extension service of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Traditional crops such as taro and breadfruit are nutritious, culturally significant and viewed as essential components of food security in Hawai'i; and are also now recognized as having great potential value for export as well (e.g., gluten-free breadfruit flour). Traditional agricultural practices are not only valuable means of crop production, but also serve to inform all agricultural development in the Hawaiian Islands.

Thank you for this opportunity to express the support of the University of Hawai'i for HB 205 HD1 SD1.

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Laura Kaakua	The Trust for Public Land	Support	No

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# THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

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LAND FOR PEOPLE

**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY  
IN SUPPORT OF HB205 HD1 SD1  
INCLUDING TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FARMING AND SMALL-SCALE  
FARMING TO THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR THE ECONOMY**

**HAWAII STATE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
APRIL 1, 2015, 2:45PM, HAWAII CAPITOL CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

March 30, 2015

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

The Trust for Public Land strongly **SUPPORTS SB205 HD1 SD1** which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms.

The Trust for Public Land has had the privilege of assisting State agencies to purchase and dedicate large tracts of agricultural land to farming and ranching in perpetuity. We also have had the privilege of assisting the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and various Hawai'i nonprofits to acquire and protect traditional agricultural areas including loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). We are currently working with many nonprofits and public agencies to purchase and protect traditional agricultural areas. We have seen an increase in the number of local farmers and hopeful farmers that seek to add to Hawai'i's agricultural economy by farming using traditional Hawaiian methods. Our past and current projects assisting farmers that use traditional Hawaiian farming practices have resulted in model programs and land management examples, with tremendous benefit to the public, and a positive impact to the ecosystem. The goal to perpetuate, promote, and increase traditional Hawaiian farming, such as the use of loko i'a, mala, and irrigated lo'i, and traditional Hawaiian crops, such as kalo, 'uala, and ulu, should be included as an agricultural objective of the State Planning Act. Likewise, increasing and developing small-scale farms is also an agricultural objective worthy of inclusion in the State Planning Act. Including both of these goals as State Planning Act agricultural objectives would further the State's goals and efforts to increase food security and self-sufficiency.

We look forward to continuing to partner with Hawai'i's public agencies and nonprofits to maintain and increase both large-scale and small-scale agriculture that increases Hawai'i's self sufficiency and adds to Hawai'i residents' quality of life.

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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 -- Ph: (808) 524-8562 -- Fax: (808) 524-8565 -- [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

Mahalo for hearing this important matter,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura H. E. Kaakua". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Laura H. E. Kaakua

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To: Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair,  
and members of the Committee on Water and Land

From: Brent Kakesako, Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development

Re: Strong Support for HB205 HD1 SD1, Relating to Agriculture

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports HB 205 HD1 SD1, which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops and small farms.

HACBED was established in 1992 as a nonprofit statewide intermediary to address social, economic, and environmental justice concerns through community-based economic development and asset building strategies. HACBED is currently working with a number of community-based organizations in an attempt to explore a food system that restores ancestral abundance – food production and knowledge transfer. Many of the partners who have food producing components are smaller and often have cultural components to their work, which is a critical component of the knowledge transfer component. As such, HACBED strongly supports the proposed bill as it would support the efforts of these partners who are focused on feeding our island and nourishing our keiki.

HB 205 HD1 SD1 would update the State Planning Act to reflect community-driven efforts to feed communities across the state through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms. Traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies, such as *loko i'a* (fishponds), *mala* (cultivated gardens, and *lo'i* (irrigated patches), fed into agricultural systems that fed large number of Hawaiian communities with minimal environmental impact and could be the foundation for economic development that is culturally grounded and based in the values of this place -- Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Brent N. Kakesako  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED)

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Hawai'i Green Growth	Individual	Support	No

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**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth in Support of HB205 HD1 SD1  
Related to Agriculture**

**Senate Committee on Water and Land**

1 April 2015, 2:45pm, Room 224

Audrey Newman

Hawai'i Green Growth

P.O. Box 535 Ho'olehua, Hawai'i 96729

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*Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 60 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.*

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Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

**Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) supports the Office of Hawaiian Affairs priority HB205 HD1 SD1** to update the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms.

The language proposed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes the important role of traditional farming and Native Hawaiian cultural practices in building a more sustainable, resilient future for Hawai'i. This bill seeks the promotion and growth of traditional Hawaiian agricultural technologies – including loko i'a (fishponds), māla (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches) – crops, and small-scale farms to perpetuate culture, support disaster preparedness, and food security in a changing climate.

In addition to supporting local agriculture and perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture, **HB205 HD1 SD1** will help us to continue building smart sustainable communities and aid in climate resilience. This bill will advance action on the *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'ōia*, a joint leadership commitment to achieve six sustainability targets by 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, green jobs and education. The *Aloha+ Challenge* was unanimously endorsed by the 2014 Legislature (SCR 69), and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The *Aloha+ Challenge* was also internationally recognized as a model of integrated sustainability at the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa.

We respectfully urge your support for **HB205 HD1 SD1**. Mahalo nui for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Audrey Newman**

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Isaiah Kala Kaaihue	King Kamehameha HCC	Support	No

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Jalna Keala	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Support	No

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Kevin Chang	Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo	Support	No

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Testimony Before The Senate  
Committee on Water and Land  
**IN SUPPORT OF HB 205 SD1**  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224

My name is Kevin Chang and I am the Executive Director of Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (or KUA). KUA works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

**KUA supports HB 205 SD1 as an incremental step towards 'āina momona and urge you to pass out of this committee.** This bill would update the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a network of more than 31 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a new and growing hui of Limu practitioners all from across our state.

Many of the communities in the networks KUA facilitates focus on the improvement of natural resource management and restoration of native food and ecological systems, values and ethics more sensitive to the needs of their wahi (their places). We believe our State's Planning Act should be updated to reflect growing community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. We can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches).

The communities we work with are committed to ensuring the long-term health of our cultural and natural resources because they have depended on them for generations. We believe our environment is about long term investing and vision. We believe the vision of 'āina momona includes increasing our state's capacity to develop food systems in a diversity of ways starting at the grassroots. Passing this bill out of your committee would help to go a long way toward reaching this goal.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HB 205, HD1, SD1 RELATED TO AGRICULTURE, which amends the State's Agricultural planning statute for the purpose of achieving the agricultural objectives of the State Planning Act. This measure provides that it shall be the policy of this State, (1) To perpetuate, promote, and increase traditional Hawaiian farming, such as the use of loko i'a, mala, and irrigated lo'i, and traditional Hawaiian crops, such as kalo, 'uala, and 'ulu; and (2) To increase and develop small-scale farms. (HB 205, HD1, SD1) Over the past few years, LURF has been involved in working with concerned Legislators, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, representatives for the University of Hawaii, and Taro farmers (Stakeholders) relating to the preservation of State Taro Lands in the Conservation District and propagation of Hawaiian taro. These efforts have confirmed that there are many uncertainties and challenges relating to traditional Hawaiian farming and the successful propagation and maintenance of traditional Hawaiian crops. LURF believes that HB 205, HD1, SD1 represents an opportunity to gather data and information regarding traditional Hawaiian farming and traditional Hawaiian crops, that would help the Stakeholders, the State and the public to successfully propagate and maintain Hawaiian crops. Thus, LURF respectfully recommends TWO AMENDMENTS to this measure: (1) PILOT PROJECTS. Add authorization for the State to create "Pilot Projects" to implement traditional Hawaiian farming systems and to successfully propagate Hawaiian crops; perhaps these Pilot Projects could be for three sites on each island (shoreline, inland and mountains); also, (2) BEST PRACTICES REPORT. Require one of the Stakeholder groups, or another State entity, to prepare ongoing "Best Practices" reports regarding, among other things the successes or failures relating to traditional Hawaiian farming systems and the propagation, maintenance, of traditional Hawaiian crops. The purpose of these "Best Practices" reports would be to provide information and guidance relating to the best Hawaiian farming practices and the best propagation and maintenance practices for Hawaiian crops. This information could be used by other public agencies, as well others in the agricultural industry.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allisun Shaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT HB205 which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms. Currently, our State Planning Act prioritizes sugar and pineapple industries and diversified agriculture. Although these objectives have merit, I believe it should be updated to reflect community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. I feel we can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). These agricultural systems have historically fed large number Hawaiian communities with minimal impact to the environment. I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

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C.R.P. Montague-Mullins	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am from Kaua`i and I SUPPORT HB205. I believe the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives should be updated to reflect community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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Ian B. Lee Loy	Individual	Support	No

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Isaiah Kala Kaaihue	Individual	Support	No

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Wayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A diversified agriculture portfolio with both small- and large-scale farming operations, along with a variety of crops and farming technologies, will enhance our islands' food security and resilience to unexpected impacts, while also celebrating our cultural heritage and values. Please support this measure for our future generations

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