

SB 593

Requires the agribusiness development corporation to make increasing agriculture and local food production its primary mission, establish a sustainable agriculture and local food production plan, submit annual reports to the legislature, and lease 50 percent of its land to operations that support increasing agriculture and local food production within the next ten years.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
& WATER AND LAND

February 2, 2015
2:50 P.M.

SENATE BILL NO. 593
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Ruderman and Thielen and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. ADC supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 593 which requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to make increasing agriculture and local food production its primary mission; establish a sustainable agriculture and local food production plan; submit annual reports to the legislature; and lease 50 percent of its land to operations that support increasing agriculture and local food production within the next ten years.

Increasing diversified agriculture and local food production on its farmable land is one of ADC's top priorities. To date, ADC manages roughly 10,000 acres of agricultural lands on the Island of Kauai and Oahu that are considered farmable, of which 9,000 acres are on Kauai.



On Oahu, much if not all of the 1,200 acres of Galbraith lands will be licensed to established local food growers for food production. ADC is currently developing a water system on the Galbraith land to support multiple diversified agriculture operations, which includes small family farms. Without an adequate water source, these farmers will not be able to cultivate the land at maximum capacity.

On the Island of Kauai, ADC has available lands in Kekaha and Kalepa. To lower the cost of diversified agriculture production and maximize the use of its farmable lands, ADC established an intercropping program in Kekaha that allows local food growers to share 5,000 acres with the larger companies. Since implementing the program, local food growers from the neighbor islands have expanded their operations to Kekaha and are currently growing sweet potato, ginger, and green beans. In Kalepa, ADC has set aside approximately 960 of its 4,500 acres of farmable land specifically for diversified agriculture. While there is tremendous potential on the island for local food production, there is an apparent shortage of experienced farmers.

Accessing water and the lack of farmers is not just an ADC issue. These challenges combined with the soaring cost of agricultural land and long-term leases will continue to inhibit the growth and expansion of local agriculture unless statewide policies that encourages farming rather than restricting it are implemented.

While ADC envisions its land playing a significant role in supporting our State's sustainable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in the near future, ADC cannot achieve these goals alone given our limited land and resources. If the intent is to significantly

impact the amount of imported food to the islands and increase Hawaii's local food production, then the goals set forth in this bill should apply to all agricultural lands, public and private, and not just to the limited land of a single agency.



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February 2, 2015

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON SB 593
REALTING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 224
2:50 PM

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Riviere, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committees:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau offers comments on SB 593, which requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to make increasing sustainable agriculture and local food production its primary mission, establish a sustainable agriculture and local food production plan, submit annual reports to the legislature, and lease 50 percent of its land to operations that support increasing agriculture and local food production within the next ten years.

While we do see food security as a priority, we support all forms of agriculture. This requirement clearly would place emphasis on food and may leave non-food enterprises neglected. Are biofuels, flowers, nursery crops, fiber (including hemp) and forestry less of a priority? These enterprises contribute to natural beauty, energy sustainability, soil remediation, tourism, and watershed protection, and are all high priorities to the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Feb 2, 2015 2:50 pm, Room 224

TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF SB 593,

Aloha Chairs Ruderman and Thielen, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bart Dame and I am testifying on behalf of Progressive Democrats of Hawaii in strong support of this measure.

PDH agrees there is a legitimate public interest in encouraging the growth of sustainable and local food production on lands controlled by the state. And we believe the state has an interest in providing extra support to nurture such operations.

We believe one of the biggest obstacles to small farmers is the lack of access to affordable land with leases long enough to justify building up the soil and investing in otherwise increasing the productivity of the land. Few private landowners are willing to encumber their lands with longterm leases because they feel a need to be able to sell off or develop their ag lands for more profitable returns if and when market conditions allow for residential, commercial or resort development. As a result, the price of most ag land is inflated to reflect its future market value as non-ag lands.

This is where the state can assist farmers and potential farmers by making land available at low cost. The ADC is doing this, but almost all the leases are going to large agricultural operations engaged in agricultural practices we view as unsustainable and for non-food production. The biggest tenants appear to be the transnational chemical companies developing genetically engineered seed corn.

Meanwhile, small, local farmers trying to grow food for local consumption, are not being provided leases on ADC-controlled land. We believe the legislature should make a policy decision to remedy this by mandating 50% of leases be shifted to sustainable production of food. With the proper nurturance by the state, we believe such agriculture will blossom. ADC can serve as a "greenhouse" for sustainable, local food production.

We suggest the bill could be strengthened by defining "sustainable" agriculture. We defer to others on how to do that.

We strongly urge the committee to pass SB 593.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Greenough

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SB593

Submitted on: 2/2/2015

Testimony for AGL/WTL on Feb 2, 2015 14:50PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Towers	PAN	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, On behalf of PAN North America, and our 8500 members throughout Hawai'i, we are writing in strong support of SB593. PAN works on behalf of small-scale farmers to ensure their continued success and prosperity, and continues to support efforts that grow the marketplace for healthy food and farming products. This legislation affirms the state's commitment to producing food locally, which is not only good for local economies, but also generating new jobs. SB593 also ensures farming lands are put to the best use possible, providing healthy food to people of all economic backgrounds. Given the importance of this legislation, we respectfully ask for your support. Sincerely, Paul Towers Organizing & Media Director

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Ashley Lukens	Hawaii Center for Food Safety	Support	Yes

Comments:

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

Comments: What a great idea ! Mahalo to those who took the time to author this bill, and mahalo to the ADC for supporting it. Simon Russell HFUU Vice President and Legislative Committee Chairman (808) 269 8162

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Ken Kakesako	Agribusiness Development Corporation	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Comments.

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Testimony on Senate Bill 593

Relating to Agriculture

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

February 2, 2015, 2:50 pm, Room 224

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 593, which supports the increase of agriculture development and sustainability.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

Senate Bill 593 speaks to a major social determinant by seeking to increase agriculture production in the state. Doing so will not only have economic benefits for the state but quantifiable health benefits as well.

For these reasons, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Board of Directors: January 30, 2015

Gary L. Hooser
President

Dear Committee Members:

Paul Achitoff

As Acting Executive Director for the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA), I would like to submit the following **Informational Testimony re: SB593**:

Andrea N. Brower

Aria Juliet Castillo

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) was supposedly created to help "transition Hawaii's agriculture industry . . . to one composed of a diversity of different crops." (ADC website). Yet, while ADC controls over 20,000 acres of agricultural public lands, less than 5% of ADC lands are used for local food production.

Malia K. Chun

Bart E. Dame

Laura Harrelson

Hawai'i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure." According to the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism's (DBEDT) "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy":

Ikaika M. Hussey

Bianca K. Isaki

About 85-90% of Hawaii's food is imported which makes it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global event that might disrupt shipping and the food supply.

Kim Coco Iwamoto

Lorilani Keohokālole-Torio

Local farmers and ranchers state "the lack of long term affordable leases on good agricultural lands" as the most important roadblock to expanding local food production. The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates.

Katie McMillan

Joshua D. I. Mori

Walter Ritte Jr.

Requiring the ADC to develop and implement a plan to lease a minimum of 50% of the tillable public lands they manage within the next 10 years for sustainable agriculture and local food production is a reasonable approach to utilizing existing public lands to achieve our State's goal of increased food sustainability.

Karen Shishido

Cade Watanabe

This would also benefit Hawai'i economically, creating thousands of jobs and infusing the economy with \$\$millions. According to the Hawai'i DBEDT's "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy":

The economic impact of food import replacement is significant. Replacing just 10% of the food we currently import would amount to approximately \$313 million. Assuming a 30% farm share, \$94 million would be realized at the farm-gate which would generate an economy-wide impact of an additional \$188 million in sales, \$47 million in earnings, \$6 million in state tax revenues, and more than 2,300 jobs.

The public lands the ADC is managing are held in trust and are supposed to be used for the public good. Sustainable agricultural practices (as opposed to pesticide-intensive industrial practices) are important to restore and preserve the land for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.
Sincerely,

Elif Beall
Acting Executive Director

The Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is a public non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. HAPA's mission is to catalyze community empowerment and systemic change towards valuing 'aina (environment) and people ahead of corporate profit.

1/31/15

Gary Hooser
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Councilmember County of Kauai
Speaking as an individual Councilmember

Testimony in Strong Support of SB593
State Capitol Room #224 for Monday February 2 at 2:50pm.

Aloha,

My name is Gary Hooser I presently serve on the Kauai County Council and I am here today testifying in strong support of SB593 Relating to Agriculture.

Suggested Amendments:

- 1) Suggest that the term “sustainable agriculture” be clearly defined and the federal definition as detailed below be used as a basis.
- 2) Suggest also that in the line "Local food production means crops, livestock, poultry, and other foods that are grown and raised on in Hawaii primarily for consumption by Hawaii residents and visitors." - further clarity be offered to the word “primary” as in perhaps more than 50% of the value of the agricultural operation. The objective being not to discourage exports but rather to make it clear that the #1 priority is local food production.
- 3) Strongly suggest that the requirement that the land be used for “sustainable agriculture and local food production” be continuously linked as both requirements are essential elements of this legislation.

SB593 requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to develop and implement a plan so that by December 31, 2025, a minimum of 50 per cent of lands of the lands controlled by them shall be leased to operations that support sustainable agriculture whose primary business is the production of food for local consumption in Hawaii. SB593 also includes “reporting requirements” which are essential in order for the public to know how their public lands are being managed.

Translation: If SB593 is passed into law – it is possible that over the next 10 years over 10,000 acres of public agricultural lands would be made available to local farmers for sustainable agriculture and local food production.

The passing of SB593 could thus be a “game changer” for food self sufficiency in Hawaii.

I have served for over 15 years in public service and have heard the talk about food self sufficiency that entire time. I was one of the original members of the 2015 Sustainability Task Force initiated by then Senator Russell Kokubun.

Feeding ourselves, food security, food self sufficiency and sustainability have been lofty goals and objectives that all policy makers in all bodies of government have professed to support.

SB593 represents a tangible opportunity to finally and unequivocally move this agenda forward.

I have reviewed numerous “agricultural development plans” over the years.

Each and every plan always cites that lack of affordable long term leases of good agricultural land as a major roadblock to expansion. While there are other impediments such as infrastructure, labor and marketing – the availability of land is literally the foundation upon which all is based.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) controls over 20,000 acres of agricultural public lands, *yet only a tiny portion of ADC lands are used for local food production.*

As a Councilmember I have tried to find out exactly how much of their land is used for local food production but the answer I received was that they do not know. This alone shows clearly the need for regular reporting requirements as to how those public lands are being used.

Even though the exact numbers are not available to me, it is clear that on Kauai the vast majority of the ADC lands are leased to large corporations who do not produce food for local consumption, nor do these corporations practice sustainable farming methods.

Sustainable agriculture is defined by the Federal Government as:

"An integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that over the long-term will:

- satisfy human food and fiber (and energy/biomass) needs;
- enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends;
- make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate natural biological cycles and controls;
- sustain the economic viability of farm operations;
- enhance the quality of life for farmers and the community/society as a whole.

Thus, the official, or legal, federal definition has five parts, emphasizing productivity, protection/enhancement of environmental quality, efficient use of nonrenewable

resources, economic viability and improving the overall quality of the farming community. Under this definition, a farm that emphasizes short-term profits, but sacrifices environmental quality, would not be sustainable in the long-run. In contrast, pursuing environmental quality without ensuring viable short-term economic returns would also not be sustainable. A farm that is very productive but uses large amounts of fossil fuels, nonrenewable resources, or a non-rechargeable aquifer, or one that pollutes the aquifer with farm wastes or toxic chemicals to achieve and maintain that productivity would not be considered sustainable in the long-run.

Hawai'i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure." According to the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism's (DBEDT) "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy":

About 85-90% of Hawaii's food is imported which makes it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global event that might disrupt shipping and the food supply.

Requiring the ADC to develop and implement a plan to lease a minimum of 50% of the public lands they manage within the next 10 years for sustainable agriculture and local food production is a reasonable approach to utilizing existing public lands to achieve our State's goal of increased food sustainability.

This would also benefit Hawai'i economically, creating thousands of jobs and infusing the economy with \$\$millions. According to the Hawai'i DBEDT's "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy":

The economic impact of food import replacement is significant. Replacing just 10% of the food we currently import would amount to approximately \$313 million. Assuming a 30% farm share, \$94 million would be realized at the farm-gate which would generate an economy-wide impact of an additional \$188 million in sales, \$47 million in earnings, \$6 million in state tax revenues, and more than 2,300 jobs.

The public lands the ADC is managing are held in trust and are supposed to be used for the public good. Sustainable agricultural practices are important to restore and preserve the land for future generations, as opposed to pesticide-intensive industrial practices.

I strongly urge the strengthening and passage of SB593.

Thank you.

Gary Hooser

Michael Greenough

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Importance: High

Dear Legislators, please do what is best for the local people of Hawaii -- the ones paying your salary and the ones who voted for you and will have a chance to vote for you again!!

The main reasons **SB 593 should be passed** are these:

- 1) The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) was supposedly created to help “transition Hawaii’s agriculture industry . . . to one composed of a diversity of different crops.” (ADC website). Yet, while ADC controls over 20,000 acres of agricultural public lands, *less than 5% of ADC lands are used for local food production.*
- 2) Hawai‘i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and “food secure.” According to the Hawai‘i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism’s (DBEDT) “Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy”:
About 85-90% of Hawaii’s food is imported which makes it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global event that might disrupt shipping and the food supply.
- 3) Local farmers and ranchers state “the lack of affordable long term leases on good agricultural lands” as the most important roadblock to expanding local food production
- 4) The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates.
- 5) Requiring the ADC to develop and implement a plan to lease a minimum of 50% of the tillable public lands they manage within the next 10 years for sustainable agriculture and local food production is a reasonable approach to utilizing existing public lands to achieve our State’s goal of increased food sustainability.
- 6) This would also benefit Hawai‘i economically, creating thousands of jobs and infusing the economy with \$\$millions. According to the Hawai‘i DBEDT’s “Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy”:

The Senate
The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Regular Session of 2015
Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Water and Land

January 30, 2015

S.B. 593 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Revier, and members of the Committee on Agriculture:

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of S.B. 593**, which would provide an opportunity for our local agricultural community to secure agricultural land for food self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

My name is Roberta Williams, and I was born and raised on Oahu. I grew up in Kaneohe when land was undeveloped, agriculture plots were plentiful and horses roamed on land that is now Windward Mall. For the last 30 years, I have lived on Kauai and have watch the agricultural lands be consumed by roads, shopping areas and hotels. As I grew up on Oahu, my father took us to our family farm every weekend. This 3 acre, leased parcel was worked by my family for many years. It is hard work to grow food and the key ingredient is land, without it, we could not grow food for our family.

I recently had surgery and have been staying with my family on Oahu. I have eaten salad every day that was grown by my brother in our back yard. It has inspired me to start my own garden when I get home. I have been through Hurricane Iwa and Iniki while living on Kauai. I remember the stress of not knowing when our markets would have food. Hawaii is a beautiful and nourishing place and there is no reason we cannot become self-sufficient in growing our own food. In order for Hawaii to become self-sufficient and less dependent on shipping and imported food, we need to have enough agricultural land to sustain our communities. This bill would afford Hawaii a huge opportunity to take a major step in that direction.

I strongly support the passage of S.B. 593. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Williams

Aloha Kākou,

My name is Josh Mori and I live in Kekaha, Kaua'i. As most of you should already know, our town is surrounded by four of the largest registered chemical corporations in the world. The lands they are leasing at prices cheaper than any local can get land is zoned ADC. This is a major problem. Our government is giving our land to Chemical companies not to local farmers under the guise of creating jobs and bringing economic stability to our already poor community. I believe that SB593 is a step in the right direction to true environmental, agricultural and economic stability not only for our little town but the state of Hawai'i. We know that on the outer islands such as Kaua'i, Moloka'i, and Lana'i, our kupuna were able to sustain populations that rival that of our current age. They were able to do this without importing any food from any other countries. We are losing our water to Chemical test sites where we could be using that water, land and man power to create sustainable local farms that produce nutrition, jobs, and honor into our communities not dependency on processed unhealthy food. Please open these lands up to our local farmers and allow us to have the power to build our own futures not become indentured servants to a unsustainable corporate agenda. Mahalo for your time vote yes for SB593

Committee on Agriculture

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Committee on Water and Land

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Monday, February 2, 2015

2:50pm, Conference Room 224

Summer Starr

Makawao

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB593 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Aloha Esteemed Committee Members,

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii, member of the Maui Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, and advocate for local agriculture I write in STRONG SUPPORT of SB593.

This bill sets an achievable metric encouraging the production of food on our precious agricultural lands thus moving the State closer to its goal of increased food sustainability. Emboldening local agriculture is imperative to the health of the 'aina, the health of our people, the continued viability of local farms, and to the robustness of our economy.

According to the Hawai'i DBEDT's "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy":

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Thank you for your consideration of this measure. It truly is a positive way to increase job and food security for our islands.

Best Regards,

Summer Starr

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

Comments: Please support SB593 to increase food production and sustainable agriculture for the ADC land use in Hawaii. Currently, large industrial farming with no direct benefit to the islands is the primary use of our prime land, which is exhaustive to the land and environment. Hawaii is vulnerable to future economic cycles, disruptions in the energy and shipping industries. We are recklessly dependent on food and supply shipments from other continents. Localizing our food and material resources is responsible to our citizens and we need to find a way to prioritize the health of the land and people over the chemical agriculture research industry.

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure will help in Hawaii's effort to establish food security systems for island residents and visitors alike. Please place preference for Hawaii's small, local food producing farms over big agricultural entities that ship products and profits out of state. Please pass SB593.

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

Comments: I support legislation to make increasing agriculture and local food production Hawaii's primary mission

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Testimony from:

Dorothy Kulik

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SB593 will make the difference between economic collapse and a thriving economy. For one thing those biotech corporations pay squat in taxes, like all Fortune 500 companies. For another thing, they are poisoning the environment. Would you rather listen to their "prove it" attitude or would you rather base your judgment on babies being born with their intestines and hearts outside their bodies, something that did not occur in Hawaii before the biotechs showed up?

SB593 will make it possible for massive crops of hemp, the most important cash crop of the future. Hemp will also clean up the land the biotechs have poisoned and considerable portions can be used to mulch our shorelines as hemp even removes radioactivity.

SB593 is essential to establishing a thriving local economy in lieu of a multinational corporation economy that sucks the lifeblood out of Hawaii and hauls it off somewhere else. If you don't believe me about how important hemp/cannabis crops are, then visit with the legislature of Colorado. They've made so much tax money since hemp/cannabis have been legalized that they are RETURNING MONEY TO THEIR CONSTITUENCY.

SB593 is essential to Hawaii's survival as a sovereign entity.

Testimony in support of SB593
Concerning the Agribusiness Development Corporation.
John Zwiebel

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 593. Hawaii is extremely vulnerable to the cut off of food since 90% of the food consumed is imported into the state. Most of this food is processed by large conglomerates that are more concerned with making a profit than in providing nutritious food. There is an epidemic of childhood obesity in our country. There is a rise in several diseases, including: celiac disease (gluten intolerance); diabetes; leaky gut syndrome and autism. A recent study has shown a correlation between depression and the consumption of processed foods that are high in sugar content. While it is true that the scientific evidence supporting these correlations may not be conclusive, it is enough for many individuals to seek out alternatives and, in some cases, even grow their own food. As an example, the Cost-U-Less in Kapaa has greatly expanded its offering of organically certified food. We now often make the trip from Kalaheo by-passing Costco.

If Hawaiian grown food was available, we would go out of our way to obtain it. All of our meat comes from Mederios in Kalaheo. We often attend the farmer's markets, but we are suspicious that much of the food being offered is resale from Costco. We can taste, if not see, the difference. We grow our own lettuce, beans, citrus, tomatoes, cassava, avocado, lychee, mac nuts, and cacao. Our attempts to grow enough for sale, even at a farmer's market, have proven to be futile because of the labor involved.

We graduated from a gardening class at KCC where we met others who have put a lot of time and effort into growing their own. We found our instructors most knowledgeable and tireless in their efforts to grow food, but also up against insurmountable odds. We have a neighbor who has devoted years into food production, who supplies the local restaurants, but who has yet to make a profit.

My father was heavily involved in crop production in my hometown. Back in 1965, a farmer could make a decent living on 80 acres. Now that farmer must control over 3000 acres. The canning company in my hometown has had 12 different owners since 1989. The truck farms that used to supply the vegetables for that company have mostly gone out of business. I tell you this because Bill 593 doesn't nearly go far enough to achieve its objectives.

If this bill is going to be successful, it needs to address several issues.

- Who is going to be able to farm the ABDC land?
- How many acres will each farmer be allotted?
- Will the state set up price supports for the farmer's crop?
- Will the state establish cooperatives that can assist each farmer in choosing the crop to plant and how to best market that crop?
- How will the state ensure that the crop will be sold?

- How does the state plan on marketing these new foods to the Hawaiian consumer?
- Which retail outlets in the state have committed to distribution of this crop?
- Which farm organizations have been contacted to support this bill?
- Will this program be funded for a long enough period to ensure its success? (For example, with the restriction lifted on Avocado export to the mainland, will funding be available for a long enough period to ensure the success of the farmer who plants trees this year?)

Support of home-grown Hawaiian food is obvious. The question is whether or not the legislature will maintain that support or be distracted by funding requirements of boondoggles like HART (too big, using technology that was obsolete before it was voted on) or the Super-Ferry (moving personal automobiles is hardly an efficient use of energy).

TESTIMONY FOR SB593 Hawaii State Senate

Monday and February 2, 2015

State Capitol Conference Room 224 at 2:50p

Submitted by Lynn B. Wilson, PhD

Chair & Committee Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture

Russell E. Ruderman, Chair; Gil Riviere, Vice Chair; Suzanne Chun Oakland; Brian Taniguchi; Laura H. Theilen; Glenn Wakai; Sam Slom

Chair & Committee Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Laura H. Theilen, Chair; Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair; Les Ihara, Jr.; Gil Riviere; Russell E. Ruderman; Maile S.L. Shimabakuro; Sam Slom

Dear Senators:

I am a cultural anthropologist who has invested over 20 years in supporting the health and well being of young children and their families in Hawaii by partnering with public and private agencies including the Hawaii State Department of Health, UH JABSOM Department of Pediatrics, American Academy of Pediatrics/Hawaii Chapter, community health centers, and early childhood organizations in the areas of health, early learning, family engagement and support. I have also co-founded small businesses with Sharon Taba, MEd, Webfish Pacific, LLC & Same Small Boat Productions, LLC, that have received federal, state, and foundation support to develop projects supporting young children and their families.

I am writing to urge you to support SB593: Relating to Agriculture and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, introduced in the Senate by Senators Ruderman, Espero, Gabbard, Green, Riviere, and Thielen.

This proposed law would:

- 1) Make ADCs primary mission “increasing agriculture and local food production”;
- 2) Establish a sustainable and local food production plan; and,
- 3) Lease 50% of its land to operations that support increasing agriculture and local food production.

Because over 85% of Hawaii’s food is imported, I believe:

- 1) This bill is important because families and communities across Hawaii need more access to sustainable and local food alternatives rather than remaining vulnerable to natural disasters and global events that may disrupt our imported food supply;
- 2) Young children and their families will only benefit from increased access to sustainable, local, and cost-effective alternatives to imported food.

With increased numbers of local farmers and ranchers having access to affordable leases on good agricultural lands, Hawaii's economy will be strengthened by expanding the workforce in small, sustainable agricultural concerns and by families investing significantly more resources in food that is grown right here in Hawaii.

I understand there are bills during this legislative session such as utilities, hospitals, rail, and pensions that represent big budget concerns demanding your immediate attention. However, we cannot forget the smaller, "quieter" issues that will end up being just as important to the health and well being of *all* children and families across the state. It's a critical time to pay attention to the "upstream" issues that will play such a prominent role in positively influencing the health and well-being of Hawaii's communities, families and young children for generations to come.

With Respect & Aloha,

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

January 30, 2015

Re: SB593 Requires the agribusiness development corporation to make increasing agriculture and local food production its primary mission

In Support - with suggested amendments

Dear Senator Ruderman, Senator Riviere, Senator Thielen, Senator Galuteria and members of the Committees:

This bill, in conjunction with community and farm efforts, could be a significant first step to improving the sustainability of agriculture in Hawaii.

The bill appears to be well-crafted to start with. I do have some suggestions.

1. **Remove "and visitors"**, page 2 line 11. Let them eat sushi. We need to have sustainable agriculture—and low-cost food—for ourselves first. It would be too bad if our best tomatoes end up in pasta sauce served at the big hotels.
2. We also want our sustainable agriculture to respond to the needs of residents—which means we may need **more and larger farmers markets** (where many items are already cheaper than in supermarkets) and to **have them accept food stamps** (SNAP). That's important to keep the money circulating in Hawaii and in effect brings in federal funds to help support the sustainable agriculture effort.

As a matter of public policy, citizens should be able to purchase those tomatoes at the farmers markets as well as in local supermarkets. Farmers markets similar to the current Farm Bureau model require that vendors sell only local products. These markets assure that farmers will make a profit from their labors.

Accordingly, I recommend that this bill could further sustainability by urging the agribusiness development corporation to **deploy a certain number of farmers markets in some proportion to the acreage of new farms** that take advantage of the new sustainability efforts.

3. To the extent possible, as new farms develop, the plan should encourage the Department of Education to **source school lunch ingredients from Hawaii's own farms**. Children enjoying the taste of freshly picked produce will grow up to prefer Hawaii-grown produce to supermarket fast-food. If this happens to any extent, it serves to support the farm sustainability movement over the long term.

--Larry Geller

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel McDonald	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB593 can be a "game changer" for food self sufficiency in Hawaii. We desperately need something like this. Self-sufficiency is a very important part of being free and independent.

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Mary	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill - lack of affordable ag land is the biggest of all the barriers to increasing food production in Hawaii. It's critical that we give local food production more opportunity to get established and grow. The time is now.

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Maren Orion	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill...It is imperative that the people of Hawai'i be able to lease lands for growing food that can be eaten here by the people of Hawai'i, using sustainable farming methods. The Biotec companies are polluting and harming our environment and not growing anything edible for us. We need farmers here that will feed the people of the state and malama `aina. Please pass SB593

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Lani Kawahara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT requiring the State Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), which manages over 20,000 acres of State/Crown lands, to place at least 50% of their lands into sustainable agriculture and local food production. Please pass SB593 to support sustainable local agriculture, our local economy, local jobs, and the health of Hawai'i nei.

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SB593 SUPPORT

If SB593 is passed into law it is possible that over the next 10 years over 10,000 acres of public agricultural lands would be made available to local farmers.

Farmers need land to accommodate Hawaii's need for sustainable agriculture and local food production. The public lands the ADC is managing are held in trust and are supposed to be used for the public good. Sustainable agricultural practices are important to restore and preserve the land for future generations, as opposed to pesticide-intensive industrial practices, which deplete the land and limit the potential for true organic farming practices to thrive without corruption of GMO seed.

All of us who shop at Farmer's Markets WANT more local organic food to eat because we refuse to eat produce grown from pesticides.

I urge you to pass SB5923

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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Greg Gatchell	Individual	Support	No

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Judie Hoepner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an extremely important bill. I urge all senators to support this bill. We need to prepare for the day the boats don't come and this is an excellent start! Aloha.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louisa Wooton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure would open up a new era in food security for our Aloha State. One of the chief obstacles for food producing farmers in Hawai'i is the lack of affordable farmland. By mandating that the ADC make 50% of the land under its control available to farmers who grow food, our state would take a giant leap towards sustainability. As farmers on Kauai for almost forty years, we have had to scratch and save to buy the ten acres which we now own. This is the type of legislation we need to help young people get into farming. Please do not pass up this chance to make a difference for the future of our island home.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Herndon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a very important step forward in making Hawaii truly food independent and sustainable. Please pass this into law!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evern Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill and help to insure Hawaii's ability to sustain ourselves and not be so dependent on imports.

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Sandra Herndon	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. It is so very important to our food self sufficiency.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noreen Dougherty	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time for Individuals, families, businesses, corporations, and all members of our Hawaii community to put the over-all needs of our island state above personal gain. SB593 shows a responsible approach to the future of Hawaii and is necessary. The passing of SB593 is a must. I, without reservation, strongly support SB593.

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of passing SB593. This is a very important bill for our island of Kauai and for all of the Hawaiian islands. It is critical that more food be grown on our islands to support our local populations with fresh local produce to feed ourselves, to decrease our dependency on food shipped in from elsewhere and to keep jobs and money on the islands to support our state economy.

In support of passing this bill I offer the following information:

1) The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) was supposedly created to help “transition Hawaii’s agriculture industry . . . to one composed of a diversity of different crops.” (ADC website). Yet, while ADC controls over 20,000 acres of agricultural public lands, *less than 5% of ADC lands are used for local food production.*

2) According to the Hawai‘i’s (DBEDT) “Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy”: Hawai‘i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and “food secure.” At the moment 85-90% of Hawaii’s food is imported which makes it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global event that might disrupt shipping and the food supply.

3) Local farmers and ranchers state lack affordable long term leases for farm land as the most important roadblock to expanding local food production

4) The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates. Which offer very monies to the county coffers and keep farmers from being able to produce food on these lands.

5) Requiring the ADC to develop and implement a plan to lease a minimum of 50% of the tillable public lands they manage within the next 10 years for sustainable agriculture and local food production is a reasonable approach to utilizing existing public lands to achieve our State’s goal of increased food sustainability. After all they are public lands that are for serving the public good.

6) This would also benefit Hawai‘i economically, creating thousands of jobs and infusing the economy with millions of dollars. As outlined by Hawai‘i DBEDT’s “Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy”:

The economic impact of food import replacement is significant. Replacing just 10% of the food we currently import would amount to approximately \$313 million. Assuming a 30% farm share, **\$94 million would be realized at the farm-gate which would generate an economy-wide impact of an additional \$188 million in sales, \$47 million in earnings, \$6 million in state tax revenues, and more than 2,300 jobs.**

7) The public lands the ADC is managing are held in trust and are supposed to be used for the public good. Sustainable agricultural practices are important to restore and preserve the land for future generations, as opposed to pesticide-intensive industrial practices.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter. I strongly request that you support this bill and thus support the well-being of the people and aina of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Michael Greenough

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Subject: SB 593

To whom this may concern,

Hello. I want to submit my testimony regarding SB 593. I am unable to do so through the Hawaii State Legislature website because cookies are not enabled. Why should that matter anyway- honestly? But this is not my main concern. Truly, agribusiness ought not exist. The fact that it does shows how much work people like I have to do still. The fact that this bill concerns only a small portion of Hawaii to be treated and used fairly and in a healthy way- the fact that there is a fight over this is ludicrous. It is obvious that people should use the earth in the most healthy way and in ways that are best for the long-term as well as in the present. I shouldn't have to tell you this. You know better. Don't let money corrode your thoughts because everything you do will catch up with you.

Amber

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Richard Janik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1. SB593 can be a "game changer" for food self sufficiency in Hawaii, please support SB593

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Bill Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: About 10 years ago I heard a speaker say that Hawaii had about 400,000 acres of agricultural land that was not being used. And that Hawaii brings in, from off island, about 93% of the food consumed. We are facing an upcoming serious monetary crisis for America as a whole. The dollar will crash. It's not a matter of if, but when. We need to look ahead and prepare for a time when there will be a lengthy disruption of the food supply coming in from off island. The island's rich will be able to obtain food. But the bottom 99% will have to resort to violent methods to obtain the food they need to provide for their children and themselves. It is the purpose of government to peer ahead and provide for possible disasters of all types. Not just hurricanes but a breakdown of social norms as well. We all pray that this will never happen but history shows that great social upheavals happen very quickly (days) and, after it happens, all of the pundits will moan about how they "should have seen it coming". Not only should land be made available but there should be tax incentives, at the very least, to encourage farming at the community level in order to supply a greater portion of our needs and be less dependent on off island sources.

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Troy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sustainability is universally supported; the problem is that clear action to support it is often lacking. This measure is a clear action in the right direction. I fully support it!!

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John Bowen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of SB593 Local farmers and ranchers state "the lack of affordable long term leases on good agricultural lands" as the most important roadblock to expanding local food production. The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates. I'm asking the ADC to develop and implement a plan to lease a minimum of 50% of the tillable public lands they manage within the next 10 years for sustainable agriculture and local food production is a reasonable approach to utilizing existing public lands to achieve our State's goal of increased food sustainability. This would also benefit Hawai'i economically, creating thousands of jobs and infusing the economy with \$\$millions. According to the Hawai'i DBEDT's "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy":

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

Comments:

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

Comments: I strongly support this bill and it's long term intent of food self sufficiency for our ocean isolated state.

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

Comments: In support sustainable agriculture and local food production, I ask that you vote in favor of SB593. Hawai'i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure." The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates. Sustainable agricultural practices are important to restore and preserve the land for future generations, as opposed to pesticide-intensive industrial practices. Thank you, Sue Scott 6931 Pomaikai St. Kapaa, HI 96746

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Follow HI Constitutional Law. Malama Pono. There is no rational reason to pollute our own environment or destroy ecosystems. And poisoning the water supply is criminal! There are more sustainable/ecofriendly profitable projects waiting for good workers. We do not need corporate profiteering, and they must pay to clean up the messes they have created. www.WeAreOne.cc

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Blais	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
denise woods	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha All, Thank you for taking the time to hear my support for this bill (SB593). I FULLY support this measure. Increasing our sustainability on these islands is ESSENTIAL to our long term survival. There are many local farmers who want to farm state land currently, but are unable to because the land is leased to large agrochemical companies who do not use the land to provide food here on Kauai, but use it to increase their international profits. It is a shame that so much of our land is not being used to grow food that will help keep costs down for residents and make Hawaii more sustainable. PLEASE support this measure for the good of our islands. Mahalo

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Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Sacher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass SB593. We have got to become more self-sufficient with regard to our food supply, and we have to make it easier for farmers to produce that food. Mahalo, Jeff Sacher
Kawaihae, Big Island

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Laura Thompson	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Please pass it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roland Barker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Food self-sufficiency should be a priority for Hawaii's future, it's good for the local economy, and wisely provides a buffer to changes in the supply of food from the mainland. Local food production relies primarily on small farms, so barriers to small farmers setting up operations in Hawaii should be eliminated or eased. In particular, this should apply to: * regulations restricting people living on the land they farm * property and business tax breaks * access to water for agriculture * land-use permits mahalo, Roland Barker

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

Comments: Mahalo Nui!

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Harold Ames	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I am in strong support of SB593 to make more lands available for sustainable agriculture and local food production. It's estimated that between 85-90% of Hawaii's food is imported, making us particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global events that might disrupt shipping and the food supply. Remediating this situation should be a top priority for the State. Moreover, this bill can only be a win:win. Not only can it help us address the food security crisis, it can also be a boon economically for the state, creating jobs and infusing the economy. Please do the right thing for the sake of us all and future generations and pass this bill. Sherry Pollack Ahuimanu

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Lora Lynne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this needed bill so that sustainable agriculture has a chance to feed the islands.

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Julia Paul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill.

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1) I support this bill. I would like 90% of ADC lands be leased for sustainable agriculture and local food production purposes only. 2) Preference for leases should be given to small family farmers, not multinational corporations or large corporations. 3) No land should be leased to corporations with out-of-state subsidiaries/holding companies for more than one year. 4) Leases inconsistent with the original purposes of the ADC should be nullified.

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To: AGL Testimony; WLTTestimony; WAM Testimony
Cc: ofstone@aol.com
Subject: In Support of SB 593

Aloha AGL, WTL, and WAM Committees,

I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 593 relating to Agriculture and Agricultural lands, in particular the lands managed by the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As Hawai'i looks to increase and promote local food production, I strongly support the designing and follow through of a plan to make more agricultural land available for the use of local food production. The niche of local food production needs to have land available for small farmers who are growing food in a diversified way. Diversified farming is a much more sustainable way to grow than mono-cropping large plots. Substantial amounts of quality food can be produced by local farmers.

A local food production plan would be greatly supported if the Agribusiness Development Corporation land management were tasked with the mission of supporting the increase of local food production. 80% of ADC land is on Kaua'i and this is prime land with irrigation infrastructure. Studies show that the most productive way to feed our communities is to grow our food locally. This land would be a very attractive fit for local farmers and increase jobs for local families. Making this land available for food farmers would not only increase jobs but it would also bring more jobs into the community closer to where people live.

Thank you very much for thinking of our future and the practicality and marketing benefits of producing locally grown food. It will be good for our families and good for the health of our land.

Mahalo,
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Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Hawaii needs to move toward food sustainability, and this bill would make farming more viable. I am concerned, however, that the lands be made available to small farmers using sustainable methods, rather than to large agribusiness. The bill will have little positive impact if the land is leased to persons from out of state who only tacitly grow for the local market. I believe the wording of this bill could be improved toward that aim and urge the committee to do so.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katie McMillan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of this bill as I believe it is critical to the long term sustainability of both the people and the land of Hawai'i. It will increase our food security, preserve ag land, and help our local farmers.

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Alan Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To support local food production to ensure sustainable agriculture is available to Hawaii residents far into the future, Hawaii wants to enact a 50% requirement for leased lands because: 1) Thousands and thousands of acres of public agricultural lands would be made available to local farmers 2) Hawai'i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure considering the predicted world shortage of water and potential global disasters. 3) This bill would remove the most important roadblock for local farmers to afford long term leases on government land. 4) It would create thousands of jobs and infuse our economy with \$\$millions that stays in Hawaii. To support local food production to ensure sustainable agriculture is available to Hawaii residents far into the future, Hawaii wants to enact a 50% requirement for leased lands because: Thousands and thousands of acres of public agricultural lands would be made available to local farmers Hawai'i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure considering the predicted world shortage of water and potential global disasters. This bill would remove the most important roadblock for local farmers to afford long term leases on government land. It would create thousands of jobs and infuse our economy with \$\$millions that stays in Hawaii. SB593 will generate an economy-wide impact of millions in state tax revenues and thousands of jobs. SB593 will generate an economy-wide impact of millions in state tax revenues and thousands of jobs.

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William Simonsma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. It is imperative we improve food sustainability. I well remember when we moved to Hawaii in 2002 ... everything was delayed because of a long dock strike. It was difficult to even find toilet paper plus many foods. We can grow much more food.

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Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please pass SB593 so that 50% of the land the ADC manages will be used for sustainable and local food production. Passing this bill will help with local food security. Passing this bill will make Hawaii a more beautiful, healthy and safe place for all citizens. Thank you for your service and consideration. Mahalo, Arianna

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Andrea Brower	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Emmons	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: I am testifying in strong support of SB593 which would refocus the Agribusiness Development Corporation's (ADC) direction toward establishing a much needed local food production plan. According to the Department of Agriculture website, "the Agribusiness Development Corporation was established to facilitate and provide direction for the transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from a dominance of sugar and pineapple to one composed of a diversity of different crops." As residents become increasingly aware of Hawaii's urgent food insecurity issues, the timely and significant passage of SB593 would ensure that within ten years, fifty percent of these PUBLIC holdings would be directly addressing these issues by mandating consumable food production. Currently, only five percent of twenty thousand acres are used in this manner. Mahalo for your decision to support increasing Hawaii's food security by supporting SB593 and for your public service.

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Subject: Bill SB593

Aloha Dear Representatives,
Please support Bill SB 593 to create buffer zones, disclosure and food security.
Thanks
Sincerely,
Maria Clark

Sent from my iPhone

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Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB593 because it is an important step towards our state becoming more self sufficient. We currently are very vulnerable and dependent on importing especially food. Thank you.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wynnie hee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, I want to eat locally grown food. I do not want to have my food travel from South America, Mexico, China, or even on a ship from mainland US. Please, do not focus use of our precious Hawaiian land for EXPORT products. Please, let's grow as much food HERE, in our wonderful Hawaiian islands, for consumption HERE, locally. Can do? Makes sense, yes? PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is a shame that Hawaii produces less than 10% of its own food. We must work toward self-sufficiency and less reliance on fossil fuels. Increasing food production will help the local economy and promote health for our residents. Please vote in favor of increasing sustainable and local food production.

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Ann Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for this bill! MAKE the ADC do the job it was created for - or REPEAL it. Support real Hawai'i farmers who are footing the bill for this useless 'corporation' that is stacked with mostly cronies of politicians & biotech. Wouldn't a real Hawai'i farmer growing food or hemp love to lease public ag land for as little as \$50 an acre per year, and have their infrastructure subsidized, as was INTENDED by the original vision of the ADC before it was overtaken by the chem-cartels? Please support this bill and please get the true mission of the ADC back on track; or get rid of it altogether. Mahalo.

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Joe Ritter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I grew up on a farm. Supporting sustainable agriculture and food self-sufficiency is essential for stability of Hawaii's economy. I strongly support this bill as do a minimum of 30 others I have communicated with. Please make this law. Thank you for your work on this important and groundbreaking initiative, Dr. Joe Ritter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
karly williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha senators, This only needs to be a short message. We already know that we're in a good struggle. The main goals here are to provide local food security. The question is, "who DOESNT want or believe in that?" The answer should be no one. It would be completely beneficial to keep the money and food made in the state of Hawaii within the state of Hawaii. Please vote in favor of this bill to push Hawaii toward a more sustainable future. We are your constituency. And we are watching. Aloha and mahalo! Karly williams

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Lucia You	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Newman
Po Box 1000
Kilauea, Kauai, HI 96754

Aloha to all,

I am submitting this testimony in support of SB593.

I believe by now you have read all kinds of reasons why those of us in favor of this bill want to see it passed, so I will keep this testimony brief.

I support this bill and ask that you pass it, as it represents a huge step forward in our plan to support local agriculture in a manner that serves us best, both in the present tense and into the future.

Hawaii needs to become more self-sufficient and “food secure,” and Hawaii has the resources to do so. Instead of our land being utilized by large corporations or non-local businesses, wherein the majority of profits leave the state, we serve ourselves best by encouraging local farmers and ranchers to work the land and become successful.

In order to accomplish this we need to make long term leases on good agricultural land more affordable to those islanders who can help us to achieve self-sufficiency and keep the profits circulating within the state.

I believe passage of this bill will go a long way to achieving this end.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony,

Lorraine Newman

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

Comments: Please support sb 593. Especially with the large amounts of land given to GMO crop production, I think it is an urgent need for lands to be earmarked for sustainable agriculture here in Hawaii. It is the only really sensible step forward in terms of both taking care of the land, the environment, the local farming community and the people who live here.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Beckett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is vital for all Hawaiians that we be able to produce locally grown, healthy food. If passed, this bill will ensure that we will have more acres of actual food production which will, in turn, enable Hawaii to be less dependent upon outside sources for food. That would be a good thing for everyone. Please SUPPORT SB593. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mele Stokesberry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is very important for the future of our state and its people. Our food supply must be able to be sustainable, and this is an excellent start. We must make it possible for people to farm in the state of Hawaii, and public lands are the only possible venues for most farmers and would-be young farmers for the future who do not already own or hold leases on tracts of arable lands. Please pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Marsh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote to approve SB593 Hawai'i urgently needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure." About 85-90% of Hawaii's food is imported which makes it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global events that might disrupt shipping and the food supply. Local farmers and ranchers state "the lack of affordable long term leases on good agricultural lands" as the most important roadblock to expanding local food production. The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates. This is wrong and needs to be rectified. Requiring the ADC to develop and implement a plan to lease a minimum of 50% of the tillable public lands they manage within the next 10 years for sustainable agriculture and local food production is a reasonable approach to utilizing existing public lands to achieve our State's goal of increased food sustainability. This would also benefit Hawai'i economically, creating thousands of jobs and infusing the economy with \$millions. Thank you for reading my testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Dysinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, I'm a resident of Kauai with a degree in sustainable agriculture from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. I'm very concerned about the constant threat of food insecurity and the import dependent food system we live with on Kauai. Whenever there's a natural disaster threat or a barge delay it takes only a couple of days to see how dependent we are on factors we don't control within our food economy. These circumstances coupled with the thousands of arable acres devoted to agriculture practices that do not provide our residents with a diverse local agriculture; but may instead poison our natural ecology and people, it only makes sense to me that our agricultural lands should be opened and used sustainably for our food security and our states economic benefit. Thanks you, Sara Dysinger Kapaa, Kauai

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Diane Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB593 and help Hawaii be self reliant in food production and promote food security

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

Comments: Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Committee Members. I am in strong support of SB593. Please show your support of small farmers. Mahalo.

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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

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Angela Huntmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Committee Members. I am in strong support of SB593. Please show your support of our small farmers. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I heartily support SB 593 to help us here on Kauai, as well as statewide, to create a local, sustainable source of food. Mahalo nui, Judith White

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawai'i needs to become more self-sufficient and "food secure." About 85-90% of Hawaii's food is imported which makes it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global event that might disrupt shipping and the food supply. Local farmers and ranchers state "the lack of affordable long term leases on good agricultural lands" as the most important roadblock to expanding local food production. The vast majority of the over 20,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands that the ADC leases has been leased to non-food producing corporations for very long terms at very low rates. Please pass this bill - thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Kaufman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Keepers of the Public Trust: I am writing to support SB593. I support these concrete steps in making Hawaii's food supply significantly more self-sufficient and sustainable over these next ten years. This is a very important bill and I pray that it passes with strong support. Mahalo for your kokua.

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Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Because as the Bill states, setting aside IAL has been so difficult, and we all understand why, setting specific increments to this process will be important especially on Oahu who has lost so much of it's prime AL to development over the past decade.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robert brower	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Nearly all Hawaii politicians will give lip service to the importance of food security for these islands. This Bill is an opportunity for all of those in public office to put their actions where there words are. It is high time these lands do not go automatically to the highest corporate bidder for usage that has no real benefit to our state.

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pat gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ADC is in a unique position to help Hawai'i achieve the goals identified in the Aloha + Challenge and Hawai'i Green Growth Initiative to double the amount of food produced locally and to move us toward food security, sustainability and keep more resources and money in our state. Currently on Kauai a larger amount of rented ADC lands are sitting fallow rather than being used in active farming and a very small amount (if any) appear to be used in actual food production for the people of Hawai'i. These lands being managed by ADC for the people of the State should benefit THE PEOPLE more than THE CORPORATIONS. Use Hawai'is' lands to feed the people of Hawai'i !!!

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly Support! Time for the ADC to work for the residents who pay them. We need food(& hemp)more than we need poison corn. Reform the ADC or repeal it; it's detrimental to residents in its present form and unbalanced with pro GMO members - time to for the ADC to get back to it's original intent - to help Hawai`i FARMERS.

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Doug Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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Taryn Waros	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please let reason prevail; sustainable Life depends on sustainable agriculture! Mahalo Nui Loa, Taryn Waros

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support local agriculture on local agriculture land.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Switzer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have lived on many islands in the south pacific region. All have the same struggle with sustainability. With the climate changes we have the ability not only to become self sufficient, but also become one of the major exporters of food for the world. Much of our land has not become over developed. We can restore what has already taken place on these lands by Major corporations looking to profit rather than the long term health of the land and peoples here. If we were to pass this bill into a law we would give our local residents jobs, protect our natural beauty, our personal food costs would be lowered due to not needing to import close to 90% of our daily food. Over time we the local residents would be able to produces in a yield that would be exportable. This bill is one step among many we must take to preserve our natural heritage and give our children a future of their choice not of necessity. It will revitalize our economic situation and take away big business ability overuse land sending the profits somewhere else. Thank you for your time Alice Switzer

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deb mader	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, This is one of the most important issues of our time: food sovereignty. We have the ability to feed ourselves as our ancestors did generations ago. My Ohana supports this bill. We need land designated as "Agriculture" to actually provide some food that we can EAT. Mahalo!
Deborah Mader Kihei

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lyle robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, please pass SB593 as it will give Hawaii a real chance at achieving the goal of food sustainability. Lands here absolutely should be used for food which can be consumed here. Mahalo, Dr. Lyle Robinson

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Joanna Wheelers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please make sure to support making it possible to produce enough food in Hawaii to feed the people vs having to import 90% of food. It is also terrible to be giving the lands that should be feeding the children of today and seven generations into the future to those chemical companies who are testing poison and polluting the environment.

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todd	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Faye H. Reese Brenner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 6 years ago I took the organic farming and gardening class at Kauai Community college. It was a great class, and many young people wanted to start organic farms, but there was no land available to them to lease. This was and still is a shame, as most of the food we eat has to be shipped here. We need SB593.

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Megan Blazak	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Chair Senator Ruderman, Chair Senator Thielen and members of the committees, Please support SB593 to increase land available to local farmers to grow food that feeds Hawaii's people. The State has a duty to Malama Aina and to create opportunities for local farmers to do contribute their talents toward increasing local food self-sufficiency. Farmers will steward the lands and add significant capacity to local food production in Hawaii so Hawaii can feed itself. Resiliency and food security are top priorities for our island state as we cope with the unpredictable impacts of climate change, globalization and increasing economic challenges. It is critical that these lands are made available for sustainable food crop agriculture. The time to build Hawaii's vibrant food future starts today - please support this measure. Mahalo, Megan Blazak Hilo, HI Senate District 2

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james trujillo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: aloha members of the committee, please pass SB 593. this bill will help ramp up the opportunities for farmers and food producers to increase our local production and grow our future. SB 593 will help us aggressively resolve the issues of food security for our island state as well as increase the economic security of local producers. mahalo for your consideration of this testimony in favor of passing sb593

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son geiger	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We need to stop poisoning Kauai and therefore we need to pass bill SB593, so we can grow chemical free food for the local people. Pass bill SB593.

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Scott Jarvis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I agree with, and urge you to pass SB593 which requires the State Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), which manages over 20,000 acres of State/Crown lands, to place at least 50% of their lands into sustainable agriculture and local food production. Much of that is now being leased to chemical+GMO seed companies, and only a tiny fraction of these public lands are used for local food.

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Aria Juliet Castillo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please use state land to feed our community, increase local food production and reduce our dependency on imported produce; not as a test site for experimental crops and to grow seed corn to further feed americas addiction to processed food and factory farming. That is the exact opposite of perpetuating the land in righteousness...

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