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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**FEBRUARY 1, 2017
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1007
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 107 that establishes within the Department of Agriculture a Korean natural farming pilot project that will promote the use of Korean natural farming (KNF) techniques to combat various agricultural pests in Hawaii. Funding for the pilot project's coordinator position is to come from the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund. The "barrel tax" amount to food security, currently set at 15 cents of the tax on each barrel, is blanked out. The amendment to direct barrel tax funding establish the Pilot Program in Section 141-10(c) (page 3, lines 10-12), and the amendment to blank out the amount of tax on each barrel deposited into the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund in Section 243-3.5(a)(4) (page 4, line 16) are both to be reenacted in their original form upon the repeal of this Act. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure provided it does not impact the Department's priorities submitted in the Executive Budget and offers comments.

The Department of Agriculture is uncertain how the promotion of KNF via a KNF coordinator within the Department of Agriculture will result in the collection of data and information leading to findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation on pest and



disease control. This is not work that the Department has historically done; HDOA advocates for all of Hawaii's agricultural sectors. Additionally, the Department has undertaken projects with the University of Hawaii CTAHR – Extension Service to start the process of demonstrating the science to support the viability of Korean farming methods.

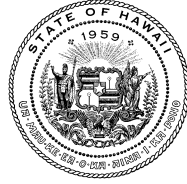
We are also concerned about the proposed amendment to Section 243-3.5 (Bill, page 4, lines 13 to 19) to “blank out” the existing 15-cent portion of the “barrel tax” going to the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund and to utilize this fund for a program position with an uncertain pilot program timeframe.

Should the Committee decide to pass this measure, we ask that sections 2 and 3 be deleted and that the KNF position be allotted general funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

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To: The Honorable Richard P. Cregan, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 1007, Relating to Agriculture

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of H.B. 1007 and provides the following comments for your consideration.

H.B. 1007 establishes a Korean natural farming pilot program to be funded by allocations from the agricultural development and food security special fund. The bill additionally amends the allocation provision of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax, changing the amount allocated to the agricultural development and food security special fund to an unspecified amount. The measure is effective on July 1, 2017 and is repealed at an unspecified date.

The Department can administer the changes to the environmental response, energy, and food security tax created by this measure by the effective date.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill, which is badly needed on the Westside of O'ahu.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Support	No

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I have personally used Korean Natural Farming methods to attain soil fertility as well as treat pests on crops with much success. I believe it is extremely worthwhile for the state to allow this pilot program to do work finding out if we can use these methods to safely deal with our invasive pests. Current methods are considered controversial as they usually affect more than just the target species. Korean Natural Farming is a wholesome method that does not negatively impact other species.

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Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

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Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

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Bob Ferguson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the promotion of effective natural farming methods.

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Lawrence Koss	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Nelson	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Alan Egusa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to promote food independence in Hawaii. Having our lives literally dependent on shipping is not a good long term situation. We need to produce most of the food we eat, and all measures that will help to achieve this goal should be supported. Korean Natural Farming should be integrated into our regenerative farming methods that will help to enrich the soil and preserve our ability to produce abundance for unlimited generations. Thank you.

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Kristen Martinek	Individual	Support	No

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Bellodgia Yamamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this progressive pilot which specifically addresses our urgent need for reform our agricultural practices in regards to pest management. It is long overdo for the safety of the general public as well for the health of our aina and it's important ecosystems that we seek alternatives to poison management of pests affecting crop productions. We are at a time in history where it clear that if we don't change our practices...our waterways, our soils our marine life and our human health will no longer be able to withstand anymore prolonged chapters of focusing on the convenience of pesticides over the longevity of our own sustainability. Korean farming serves as an excellent resource that pest management does not have to equate to poisoning our existence into inevitable extinction. We are nothing without our nature resources. Please pass this bill and fund a very important and progressive pilot to insure our future. Aloha Bellodgia Yamamoto a future farmer.

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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is helping local farmers in Hawaii. I am in full support of it.

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Elizabeth Barretto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to appropriate funds for natural farming methods.

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill as well as the organic farmers on the WESTSIDE of O'ahu.

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Carlos Monica	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Korean Natural Farming practices are tried and true and have shown natural and organic methods for pest prevention while at the same time providing nutrients and beneficial microbes for the soil and plants. Please set aside funds for this pilot project so that we can really see a study done showing real results and natural alternatives. Mahalo

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