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

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**MARCH 22, 2017  
9:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139  
REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO INTEGRATE  
HAWAII'S INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS AND TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FARMING  
PRACTICES INTO THE STATE'S GOAL OF DOUBLING FOOD PRODUCTION BY  
2020.**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution No. 139, requesting the establishment of a working group to integrate Hawaii's indigenous food systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices into the State's goal of doubling food production by 2020. The Department supports the intent of this bill and offers comments.

The Department supports integrating Hawaiian farming practices in the State's efforts to double local food production. As the Department works to identify its metrics in determining local food production in the State, we continue to pursue every avenue in providing more locally produced products for Hawaii's people. With that, the Department would be open to discussing how Hawaiian farming techniques will fit into the goal of doubling local food production. The Department would like to warn of the costs associated with any working group, including travel and accommodations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**In Consideration of  
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FARMING PRACTICES INTO THE STATE'S GOAL OF DOUBLING FOOD  
PRODUCTION BY 2020**

House Concurrent Resolution 139 creates a working group in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to research traditional Hawaiian farming practices and to suggest ways to streamline regulatory requirements to increase the production of traditional Hawaiian foods to meet the Governor's goal of doubling Hawaii's food production by 2020. The Department offers the following comments.

The Department is very supportive of the goals of this resolution, however, increasing agricultural production is within the purview of the Department of Agriculture (DOA), and therefore the Department believes that DOA is better suited to lead the working group. The Department would however, like to serve as a member of the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



## House Committee on Agriculture

### Board of Directors:

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action strongly supports: HCR 139

Gary L. Hooser  
President

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee,

Andrea N. Brower  
Joshua D. I. Mori  
Co-Vice Presidents

My name is Anne Frederick and I am the Executive Director for the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA). HAPA is a statewide environmental, social and economic justice organization. HAPA engages over 10,000 local residents annually through our work.

Ikaika M. Hussey  
Treasurer

Our organization supports HCR 139 which calls for the establishment of a working group to integrate Hawai'i's indigenous food systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices into the state's goal of doubling food production by 2020.

Paul Achitoff

Governor Ige's challenge to double food production by 2020 will help Hawai'i become more self sufficient and sustainable. In order to reach this goal, the development of a working group to integrate Hawai'i's indigenous food systems is critical. Traditional Hawaiian agricultural practices were successful at sustainably and locally feeding a comparable size population for generations.

Malia K. Chun

Bart E. Dame

Laura Harrelson

A working group will allow the State to identify attainable goals for integrating these traditional systems into a modern context and moving towards a diversified agricultural economy.

Kim Coco Iwamoto

Katie McMillan

HCR139 is an important measure for the future of food security in Hawai'i. I urge you to support HCR139. Thank you kindly for considering HAPA's testimony in strong support of the measure.

Walter Ritte Jr.

Karen Shishido

Respectfully,

Leslie Malu Shizue Miki

Kekaulike Prosper Tomich

Anne Frederick, Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action

Cade Watanabe

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret Parish	Rally For Common Ground	Support	No

Comments: This is such great common sense. Please support this legislation working to incorporate the indigenous wisdom of Hawaii with contemporary practices of agriculture. The sustainability of our islands depends on us increasing our food production!

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Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support sustainable ag with respect for traditional Hawaiian practices. [www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

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cheryl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support not just a working group but the total support with \$\$ to help our islands become sustainable with our island foods. This does not mean that I support any means to do so though. Using corporate dollars from chemical companies and others who poison our lands is not a vehicle for helping us long term to feed our people.

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Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes please, we need to start producing our own produce. Importing 75-80% of our produce is ridiculous when we have the best weather that supports year round planting. Since A&B closed down 36,000 acres of sugar operation on Maui, it's even more pertinent. Sustain ourselves!! Mahalo!

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Hoku Vasconcellos	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Tiare Lawrence	Individual	Support	No

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sylvia cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support Hawaiian Farm Practices. The Hawaiians lived healthy and grew their own food supplying their entire community. We can learn from those organic practices.

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support HCR139 that would request the establishment of a working group to integrate Hawaii's indigenous food systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices into the state's goal of doubling food production by 2020. An added benefit is indigenous foods, such as loko i'a, kalo, 'uala, and ulu all contribute to a healthy diet.

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha 'Aina, Malama 'Aina, and food sovereignty are fundamental to the health and well being of the people of Hawaii. I fully support this resolution requesting the establishment of a working group to integrate Hawaii's indigenous food systems and traditional farming practices into the state's goal of doubling food production by 2020. Hawaii's native food systems fed the people of this land for as long as people have inhabited this land until colonialist greed stole the land and disconnected most citizens of Hawaii from our food sources. This resolution is a good step forward towards reconnecting people to place, and sourcing our food in a local and healthy manner. Traditional Hawaiian food systems are evidence based models as they have over a thousand year history of successfully feeding an isolated population. Please move forward in support of this resolution!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sharron Cushman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HCR139.

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Merle Hayward	Individual	Support	No

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Sasha Giron	Individual	Support	No

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To Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and committee members,

On behalf of our more than 550 registered members, we would like to express our strong support for House Concurrent Resolution (HCR)139. The state's goal of doubling food production locally by 2020 is crucial to the security of our state in an increasingly insecure world. Part of this goal must include indigenous food systems and farming practices.

The ahupua‘a system was capable of sustaining a thriving civilization of multiple hundreds of thousands of people living entirely off the bounty of this land, sustainably. Indigenous food systems and the indigenous ancestors who mastered them, working as stewards of the land, can teach us so much about how to live sustainably and independently on the most isolated archipelago in the world. Combining indigenous wisdom with modern technological advancements, but allowing both equal space to shape the future direction of our society and communities is critical to advancing social, economic and environmental justice.

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From: Kris Bordessa <kris.bordessa@gmail.com>  
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Please support integrating Hawaii's indigenous food systems and traditional hawaiian farming practices into the state's goal of doubling food production by 2020.



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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for supporting this bill. Tulsi

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Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha lawmakers, Hawaii needs to grow healthy, chemical-free, organic food. The skyrocketing price, and scarcity of organic food make it vital to Hawaii's economic, and food security to heal the land, learn from the native cultures, to create a healthy and secure future for our children.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanna Maile Pokipala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha ma kākou, My name is Joanna Maile Pokipala and I am in SUPPORT of HCR139. If Hawaiians could sustain short of a million people before foreingors came, why can't we do that now? This bill will give us an opportunity to show case to the world one of the many things that make Hawaii and Hawaiian great. Other than show casing our knowledge, and more importantly, we will secure food for the people of Hawaii. 10% is all we have to sustain Hawaii's people. That is too little to be dependent on. Please SUPPORT HCR139. Mahalo

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pahnelopi mckenzie	Individual	Support	No

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laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

~~REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO INTEGRATE  
HAWAII'S INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS AND TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN  
FARMING PRACTICES INTO THE STATE'S GOAL OF DOUBLING FOOD  
PRODUCTION BY 2020.~~

ENCOURAGING THE INTEGRATION OF HAWAII'S INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS  
AND TRADITIONAL NATIVE FARMING PRACTICES INTO THE STATE OF  
HAWAII'S GOAL OF DOUBLING FOOD PRODUCTION BY 2020.

WHEREAS, the Aloha+ Challenge, launched in 2014, is a statewide sustainability initiative led by the Governor, Mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Legislature, and Hawaii Green Growth public-private partners across the State; and

WHEREAS, the Aloha+ Challenge identified six ambitious, high-level goals to be achieved by 2030 for clean energy, local food, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart sustainable communities, and green workforce and education initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Governor announced at the 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress that the State's goal is to double local food production by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State's local food production goal reflects the goals expressed by kalo practitioners, including those who participated in the Taro Security and Purity Task Force's 2010 legislative report *E ola hou ke kalo; ho'i hou ka 'āina lē'ia: The taro lives; abundance returns to the land*, which emphasized the need to invest in traditional farming and crops to perpetuate local culture and to support disaster preparedness and food security in the State; and

WHEREAS, traditional Hawaiian farming and natural resource management practices have been shown to have significant net benefits across the ahupua'a system from watershed forests to reef systems; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the State Planning Act was updated to add the growth and development of traditional Hawaiian farming systems, such as the use of loko i'a, dryland māla, and irrigated lo'i, and traditional Hawaiian crops, such as kalo, 'uala, and 'ulu, as well as the growth and development of small-scale farms, as agricultural objectives of the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture are encouraged to integrate Hawai'i's indigenous food systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices into the State of Hawai'i's goal of doubling food production by 2020 ~~is requested to establish a working group to integrate the State's indigenous food systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices into the State's goal of doubling food production by 2020;~~ and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources shall serve as chairperson of the working group and shall select members for the working group; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to:~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department Agriculture consider the following to facilitate this work:**

- (1) Consult with practitioners, researchers, and stakeholders to define and identify indigenous food systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices that can be integrated into the State's goal of doubling food production by 2020;
- (2) Clearly articulate and delineate the practices and methods that constitute traditional Hawaiian farming practices;
- (3) Analyze pre-historical traditional Hawaiian farming methods, the distribution of agricultural forms, and



the adverse effects of contemporary land zoning on traditional Hawaiian farming areas; and

- (4) Suggest improvements to streamline or ease regulatory processes to increase production of traditional Hawaiian foods and to assist small-scale indigenous farming activities that support beneficial ecosystem uses and healthy ahupua'a systems; and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the working group shall not receive compensation for their services, and no member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a member of the working group; and~~

~~— BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and~~

~~— BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture is requested to provide administrative support to the working group; and~~

~~— BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture, is requested to submit a report of the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Chair of the Board of Agriculture.