

SB 160

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**JANUARY 30, 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 160
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 160 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



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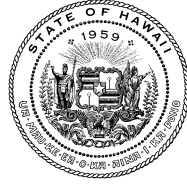
disease control. We are also concerned about the proposed amendment to Section 243-3.5 (Bill, page 4, lines 13 to 19) to “blank out” the existing 15-cent portion of the “barrel tax” going to the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund and to utilize this fund for a program position with 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 Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017

Time: 1:15 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 160, Relating to Agriculture

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of S.B. 160 and provides the following comments for your consideration.

S.B. 160 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
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Committee, HFUU strongly supports this legislation. Mahalo for hearing this measure, Simon Russell HFUU-Legislative Committee Chairman

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Ashley Lukens	Hawaii Center for Food Safety	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Lu Faborito	MISS RODEO HAWAII PROGRAM	Support	No

Comments: Any effort to help farmer become more sustainable and have better economic venues is worth supporting

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

Comments: Strongly Support sustainable agriculture worldwide.

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

Comments: Aloha Members of the Agriculture and Environment Committee, I am in strong support of SB 160. Korean Natural Farming has potential to help Hawaii move toward sustainable and safe agricultural practices. Mahalo in advance for your support! Mitsuko Hayakawa Pearl City Resident and Wife of Farmer

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Jeanmarie Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Volunteering on a farm, where I have seen Korean Natural Farming used as a method to improve growth and life of crops and soil, I have seen first hand the many benefits. I am in favor of this bill being passed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support request for funding the Korean natural farming pilot program to combat various agricultural pests in Hawaii.

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Peggy McArdle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I fully support SB160. Excellent. Mahalo.

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

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Maryetta Sciuto	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I support SB160 relating to Agriculture; Korean Natural Farming Program. Hawaii must move ASAP to organic farming methods, for the health of our people, and the wealth of our economy. GROW ORGANIC!

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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Kellen Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a certified Korean Natural Farmer, and I can attest to the claims that KNF can remediate soil and offers a sustainable method of agriculture in Hawaii. I support this bill.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee, I totally support this pilot program, especially in relation to the Little Fire Ant and other predators and pests. We must investigate all non toxic ways to control pests. Mahalo, Ms.Barbara Barry Ha'iku

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SB 160 Support Korean Natural Farming. I have taken these classes and witnessed the fantastic results. Natural and pro environment.

SB 226 Support INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION. Hawaii can generate a HUGE income with its export and use in CONSTRUCTION, FABRIC/CLOTHING, industrial and cosmetic oils. It reconstituted the soil depleted by decades of pineapple and sugar use. It is low maintenance, low water usage and weed and pest resistant. Most of the world grows it, we need to STOP IMPORTING AND GROW OUR OWN.

SB 624 Hawaii need put local food production above all else. Support and pass this bill. We have perfect climate and acreage. Stop importing and grow our own. Create jobs. Employ our own by local food production.

SB 356 Support this bill for our future generations and the good of our economy. Teach and mentor young farmers.

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