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Personal Testimony Presented before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
January 30, 2017 at 1:15 pm

by
Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

SB 162 Relating to Agriculture

Personal Testimony **Opposed to SB 162**

Chair Gabbard and Vice-Chair Riviere and members of the committee

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Professor and Animal Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. I am also a former Department Chair and have been a member of the faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for over 30 years. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii nor the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

I have worked with the livestock industries in Hawaii for over 30 years and share concerns about increasing food security for Hawaii's citizens but permitting the sale of raw, unpasteurized milk is wrong for so many reasons. Despite provisions for registration and licensing, selling raw, unpasteurized milk is a bad idea. Raw milk, without the pasteurization step, provides an opportunity for bacteria such as E. coli, Listeria, Salmonella and Campylobacter to survive, grow and unfortunately, infect our citizens. Given our warm, moist tropical environment, the risks are even greater. The weakest among us, our keiki and kupuna, along with pregnant women, are particularly susceptible to these debilitating food borne illnesses.

Nationally, statistics from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show at least 148 foodborne illness outbreaks traced to unpasteurized, raw milk from 1998 through 2011. The outbreaks caused 2,384 confirmed illnesses and 284 hospitalizations. In outbreaks where age related data was available 82% of the outbreaks included individuals under the age of 20 years.

There are so many myths perpetuated by the raw milk proponents that raw milk is healthier, more nutritious or cures disease. It's just not true. Please, do not put our keiki at risk by permitting raw milk to be sold in Hawaii.

I urge defeat of SB 162 for the safety of our keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments: Aloha kakou, I support Bill SB 162 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Permits the acquisition of raw milk and raw milk products by consumers if certain conditions are met, including a label indicating that raw milk and raw milk products are not pasteurized and are only intended for consumption by pet animals. Requires farms and dairies that produce raw milk or raw milk products to register with the department of health Mahalo for this forward thinking Bill that will benefit both cow and pet owners. This Bill will reduce waste and allow the cow owner a more affordable business option. This cows milk will also be more affordable and accessible for pet owners. Mahalo.

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