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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

MARCH 1, 2017
9:45 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 612 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 612 SD1 which proposes to appropriate funds for feed developers and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs. The department supports this bill.

The department is currently accepting applications from feed developers for the cost of development of feed for sale to qualified producers and from qualified producers of milk, pork, eggs, poultry, beef, sheep, lamb, goats, and seafood for feed costs incurred for fiscal year 2016-2017. Feed remains one of the most expensive costs to local farmers in the State. Programs such as these help defray the production costs associated with farming in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
Friday, March 1, 2017 — 9:45 a.m. — Room 211

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports SB 612 SD 1 with Amendments, Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and reduce waste. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports SB 612 SD 1, which provides grants to qualified feed developers via the Department of Agriculture's Livestock Revitalization Program, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

Feed is the single largest cost of any animal agriculture operation and currently all feed in Hawai'i is imported from mainland feed manufacturers such as Cargill, Land O'Lakes feed, Nutreco, and Ewos. Feed costs for livestock production in Hawai'i can comprise 70 percent of production cost, and our concern is that we need to keep our livestock producers in business.

This chart shows an estimated range of costs for feed:

Feed Type	Ingredient Cost per Ton	Need Protein Supplement Add?	Shipping Cost to Hawai'i per Ton	Total Cost per Ton
Shrimp	\$2,500	No	+\$200	\$2,700
Tilapia	\$1,700	No	+\$200	\$1,900
Pig (Babies)	\$800	No	+\$200	\$1,000
Pig (Mature)	\$500	No	+\$200	\$700
Cargill Protein	\$720	No	+\$200	\$920
Soybean Meal	\$400	Yes	+\$200	\$600 + Protein Supplement

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Alfalfa	\$250	Yes	+\$200	\$450 + Protein Supplement
Corn	\$200	Yes	+\$200	\$400 + Protein Supplement

High feed costs have directly caused the demise of the local chicken broiler industry, and now threaten the established chicken egg layer, pork, dairy, and beef cattle sectors, as well as the growing aquaculture industry in Hawai‘i. Rising ingredient prices and demand for scarce supplies have led to the evaluation and development of alternative ingredients worldwide, especially in aquaculture, where fishmeal and fish oil are in increasingly short supply.

Currently, there are no companies producing feeds at a commercial scale in Hawai‘i. Commercial-scale trials are necessary to test the economic feasibility of locally produced feeds. If locally produced feeds can be economically viable for both producers and consumers of the feeds, it is hoped that a full commercial-scale feed industry (20,000 to 100,000 ton per year) can be re-established in Hawai‘i. We also know that there is already significant agricultural waste in the existing system. The larger scale by-products include fishery waste, vegetable/fruit waste, mill run, and glycerin. Collectively, these could already be the basis for current animals feeds once research and a mill is operational. Such an effort would have to coincide with the revitalization of livestock producers (i.e., poultry, beef, hogs, dairy and seafood), as well as the expansion of feed ingredient suppliers (i.e., biofuels, corn, cover crops, and processing waste).

Investing in the development of a local feed source removes a major bottleneck for the livestock industry in Hawai‘i. If it is possible to produce a 100 percent local feed, the cost of feed to livestock producers could decrease by 12 percent for aquatic feeds and as much as 29 percent for terrestrial feeds. Additional gains could be made if locally sourced ingredients were also available at a discount to conventional mainland ingredients.

We believe through grass-fed initiatives and feed research, that the agricultural sector will be able to affordably produce its own feed. We cannot afford to lose local food producers like ranchers, aquaculture farmers, and poultry farmers. While the industry works to create more homegrown feed, the subsidy is needed to help sustain the industry. The long-term effect for developing a homegrown feed industry would greatly assist our local farmers and ranchers to improve profitability by reducing one of their main expenses.

However, the language as written makes it unclear whether these funds could be used for “feed research.” We propose on page 2, line 6, the words “and researchers”, after the word “developers.” We also propose on page 3, line 4, the words “and researchers”, after the word “developers.” We also propose on page 3, line 5, the words “and research”, after the word “development.” Since there are no local feed mill operations in Hawai‘i at the present time, we feel that funds appropriated under this bill should be allowed for identifying, assessing, and validating local feed ingredients while also continuing to subsidize feed costs



for our local farmers and ranchers.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that by collaborating, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner



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March 1, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 612, SD1
RELATING TO RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 211
9:45 AM

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB strongly support SB 612, SD1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the feed developer grant program and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs

Hawaii's livestock industry faces numerous challenges. One of their biggest challenges is the rising cost of feed for livestock production. These costs have been a contributing factor to the decline of the state's livestock industry.

In 2007, there were 5 dairies and 6 egg farms in Hawaii. Since then, 3 of those dairies and 4 off those egg farms have gone out of business. The remaining egg farms and another dairy are currently threatened with closure, due to rising production costs, primarily the cost of feed.

SB 612 will help to keep fresh, locally produced milk, eggs, beef, pork, poultry, sheep, lamb, fish and crustaceans available to the residents of Hawaii and will help to revitalize our dwindling livestock industry. A decrease or absence of livestock production increases the State's reliance on the importation of food and threatens the State's food security.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2017
TIME: 9:45 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211

SB 612, SD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the feed developer grant program and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supports SB 612, SD1 as this provides critical support for our industry.

Many Hawaii livestock producers rely on imported grain to sustain their animals and these feed costs are a significant part of their overall expense. Rainfall plays a pivotal role in amount of forage that ranchers are able to provide to their cattle. While some years are better than others, ranchers must guard against drought. In recent years, we experienced a near decade long drought in Hawaii's largest cattle raising regions. This experience made it clear that we needed to develop more feed resources here in Hawaii. Pilot projects in feed development have started to begin with bi-products from bio-energy crops prepped for use in feed mill projects, but it will take some time to get these up to speed.

We support policies to strengthen the cattle industry and allow us to keep more of our Hawaii born calves in Hawaii (currently about 72% of our calves are shipped out of State for pasture and finishing elsewhere). With the growing demand by restaurants and local consumers for local grown beef presents a golden opportunity for Hawaii beef cattle industry provided conditions in Hawaii are optimal for raising consistent, high quality beef.

Hawaii's cattle industry faces a number of challenges, including high fuel and transportation costs, the rising costs of livestock feed, limited and aging processing facilities, and ongoing drought conditions that disrupt cattle weight gains and interrupt the marketing of consistent high



quality beef. For this reason, having a good supplemental feed, grown in Hawaii is essential in many cases.

If we can develop local feeds to feed Hawaii Livestock, this will go a long way in helping all Hawaii Livestock producers and the Hawaii cattle industry to keep more of our calves here in Hawaii for finishing for local markets.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on this important matter.



Meadow Gold Dairies



Written Testimony by: Glenn Muranaka
SB612sd1, Agriculture
Senate WAM – Decision Making Hearing
Wednesday March 1, 2017 – 9:45 am
Room 211
Position: Support

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate WAM Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—120 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 330 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

This request for funding for a livestock revitalization program is strongly supported. The high cost of production for Hawaii's livestock and aquaculture industries are a challenge for many farmers and ranchers. Funding support for the feed developer grant program and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs will help such farmers and ranchers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.



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Association (HPIA)

Hawaii Cattlemen's Council

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Hamakua, Hilo & Kohala Farm
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Association

SUPPORT for SB 612, SD1
Relating to Agriculture



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RE: SB 612, SD1 – Relating to Agriculture (SUPPORT)

Dear Chairman Chairman Tokuda, Vice Chari Dela Cruz and Members of WAM:

On behalf of Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United (HFRU) I'm submitting testimony in Strong Support of SB 612, SD1. Collectively, we represent 97% of all agricultural revenue on Hawaii Island; \$194 Million out of a total of \$202 total agricultural revenue, and almost 3,000 farmers and ranchers working on 630,000 acres of land.

We support SB 612, SD1, as it appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the feed developer grant program and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs Hawaii's livestock industry faces numerous challenges.

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Mahalo,
Lorie Farrell

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Submitted on: 2/27/2017

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Personal Testimony Presented before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 9:45 am
by
Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

SB 612 SD1 Relating to Agriculture

Personal Testimony in support of SB 612 SD1

Chair Tokuda and Vice Chair Dela Cruz 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 currently a member of the faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa since 1985. My personal testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii nor the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

I strongly support SB 612 SD1 Relating to Agriculture. I have worked with Hawaii's livestock industries for over 30 years. They need your help. To support a local livestock industry, livestock producers need must bear the high costs of feeding their animals. Much of the feed is imported from the mainland. This appropriation will help generate a local feed industry to provide local feedstuffs to support our livestock producers. I strongly support passage of SB 612 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: [Joni Kamiya](#)
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Rhonda Stoltzfus

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Diana Mc Clure

Kahului

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Sarah Thompson

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Mario Gaggero

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Know farmers in Hawaii who could use this support!

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From: [Stephen Stefanko](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:08:33 PM



From: steveakakafallsfarm@gmail.com <Stephen Stefanko>

Message:

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From: [Annette Lee](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:11:09 PM

From: acefarm@hawaii.rr.com <Annette Lee>

Message:

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From: [Aileen Yeh](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:54:57 PM

From: ayeh@hawaii.rr.com <Aileen Yeh>

Message:

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From: [James Falconer](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:08:58 PM



From: jkimof@msn.com <James Falconer>

Message:

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From: [Lorie Farrell](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:16:42 PM



From: lorie.farrell@gmail.com <Lorie Farrell>

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Honokaa

Hawaii

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:53:57 PM



From: dawn@molokaivoice.com <Dawn Bicoy>

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Dawn Bicoy

Maunaloa, Molokai

HI

From: [Robert Stephenson](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:04:54 PM



From: mkkrob@me.com <Robert Stephenson>

Message:

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From: [Karen M Yamada](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:40:00 PM

From: hahalalu@aol.com <Karen M Yamada>

Message:

My parents struggled to make a living in poultry farming due to high feed costs. They gave up poultry farming and went into orchid nursery. I can remember when agriculture land was farmed with poultry, pigs, dairies and vegetable, papaya and banana farmers. Now days majority of agriculture land is ornamental plant nurseries, landscaping businesses and horse stables. Government help is needed to keep farmers raising food for Hawaii!

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From: [Ann Smith](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:43:05 PM

From: annsmith313@hotmail.com <Ann Smith>

Message:

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From: [Blake Rabe](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 3:47:10 AM



From: blake.rabe@monsanto.com <Blake Rabe>

Message:

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From: [Michael Leong](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 4:45:28 AM



From: mleonginhawaii@gmail.com <Michael Leong>

Message:

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
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LATE

From: shanief@beihawaii.com <Scott Hanief>

Message:

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From: [Randall Stevens](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 5:58:27 AM



From: randy@olsontrust.com <Randall Stevens>

Message:

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 6:08:16 AM



From: chaines@waipoligreens.com <Celia Haines>

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From: [David Schell](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 6:36:46 AM

LATE

From: dschell@islandprincesshawaii.com <David Schell>

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:01:45 AM



From: skatoklutke@gmail.com <Sandi Kato Klutke >

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
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From: lorie@rustyshawaiian.com <Lorie Obra>

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Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:32:33 AM

From: irisiwami@yahoo.com <Iris Iwami>

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From: [William Durston](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:50:54 AM

From: billdurston@hawaii.rr.com <William Durston>

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:51:53 AM

From: kgma1956@gmail.com <Mark Kijima>

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Kula

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 612; Relating to Ag & Supporting Local Food Production!
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 8:01:47 AM



From: sarah.styan@hawaiiantel.net <Sarah Styan>

Message:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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