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Lorie Farrell	Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United	Support	No

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February 3, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 781
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 224
1:15 pm

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports SB 781, authorizing a program to increase Hawaii's food production.

Many studies to identify actions to increase Hawaii's food security have been conducted over the years.

*INCREASED FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY
STRATEGY*



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However, actual systematic implementation steps have been erratic. As the Governor proposed doubling food production by 2020, we expect there will be many other efforts.

The steps are clear, infrastructure, marketing, regulatory, R&D and the list goes on. How to prioritize these measure and implement them will be the challenge. As HFB we too are challenged with this task every year as we seek to identify priorities to increase the viability of our farmers and ranchers while increasing Hawaii's agricultural capacity.

During our research we identified a program in Vermont called Farm to Plate. Beginning in 2009, it is a systematic process to increase Vermont's agriculture.

<http://www.vtfarmtoplate.com/>

After discussions with Vermont Farm Bureau and learning about its success, HFB has proposed a modified version that we believe can work for Hawaii. Vermont is similar to Hawaii with many small farmers and diverse agriculture. We recognize that to bring success to the program, investments will be needed and this is identified as Hawaii Ag Investment 2030. We believe we can reach short term goals by 2020 but realistically, significant strides will take a decade. The Vermont program has annual reports and their efforts have resulted in measureable increases in production.

We hope to utilize past research, work with industry and other collaborators and increase our agricultural capacity. Food production is not just about growing vegetables, fruits and livestock . It is about all kinds of agriculture. For example, a serious pest for onions entered Hawaii on a cut flower. Increasing local floriculture production will reduce risk to new pests that can attack our food crops. Agriculture also provides conservation services important to the environment and the wellbeing of our people. Hawaii Ag Investment 2030 will provide a roadmap with metrics to achieve this goal of increased local food production.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of SB 781 to provide an implementation pathway to increase agricultural production capacity in the State.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this important subject.

From: [Johnny Gordines](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:07:07 PM

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From: jgordines@gmail.com <Johnny Gordines >

Message:

I support SB 781 to Grow Hawaii Agriculture!

Growing Hawaii Agriculture requires Agricultural Investment and growing our markets from Farm to Plate.

Please Support Hawaii Agriculture, Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Johnny Gordines

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From: [Lorie Farrell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 3:30:33 PM



From: info@loriefarrell.com <Lorie Farrell >

Message:

Investing in agriculture is vital!

I support SB 781 to Grow Hawaii Agriculture!

Growing Hawaii Agriculture requires Agricultural Investment and growing our markets from Farm to Plate.

Please Support Hawaii Agriculture, Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Lorie Farrell

From: [Stephanie Iona](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:03:33 PM



From: stephanieniona@icloud.com <Stephanie Iona>

Message:

Asking Legislators to support the efforts of agriculture. Mahalo.

I support SB 781 to Grow Hawaii Agriculture!

Growing Hawaii Agriculture requires Agricultural Investment and growing our markets from Farm to Plate.

Please Support Hawaii Agriculture, Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Stephanie Iona

From: [Makani Christensen](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:45:29 PM



From: makani.christensen@gmail.com <Makani Christensen>

Message:

Hunting, Farming and Fishing association is in support of SB781.

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Makani Christensen

From: [Justin Napier](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:55:43 PM

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From: aliks1011@gmail.com <Justin Napier >

Message:

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Justin Napier

From: [Peter Houle](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:53:48 PM



From: houlep1234@gmail.com <Peter Houle>

Message:

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Peter Houle

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From: [Iris Iwami](#)
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Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:55:54 PM



From: irisiwami@yahoo.com <Iris Iwami>

Message:

Please support agriculture in Hawaii. Let's grow more locally.

I support SB 781 to Grow Hawaii Agriculture!

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Please Support Hawaii Agriculture, Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Iris Iwami

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From: [Ann Smith](#)
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Subject: Support SB781 - 2030 Agricultural Investment & Farm to Plate Program
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 1:53:26 PM

From: annsmith313@hotmail.com <Ann Smith>

Message:

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Please Support Hawaii Agriculture, Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Ann Smith

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