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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committees on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, February 10, 2017
2:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 830
RELATING TO COMMUNITY FOOD FORESTS**

Senate Bill 830 proposes to create a tax credit based on real property taxes paid for landowners to incentivize leasing land for a community food forests program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

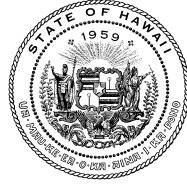
Tax incentives are a successful tool to incentivize landowners to improve their land management practices. In Senate Bill 830, the included definition of “community food forest” would allow tax incentives for all agriculture systems to qualify and although “forest” is included in the title of the program, the incentive requires no forest component of the project. An alternative definition could include “development and management of agroforestry systems,” which is an internationally recognized system of managing a simultaneous cultivation of crops and trees through a variety of established practices (e.g., alley row cropping, multi-story cropping, riparian forest buffers, windbreaks, forest farming, woody crop plantations, and silvopasture practices). Agroforestry systems provide a number of public and community benefits including increased tree canopy, mitigating soil erosion, reducing heat islands, providing wildlife habitat, improving watershed health, and sequestering carbon dioxide, all while providing food sources through a diversified agriculture. By providing a tax incentive to private landowners for agroforestry, regardless of leasing the land, landowners will be encouraged to grow shorter term food crops and also gain the benefit of a long term investment through the planting of trees for timber, fruits, or nuts as well as for wind protection, shade, and improvement of the overall environmental health of the land.

The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife has a number of programs that provide support of agroforestry on private lands, including the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP), Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCF), and community stewardship projects within the Forest Reserve System (FRS). Several successful projects include the Kokua Kalihi Valley's food and medicinal gardens on the Department's State Park lands funded in part by the FSP and UCF programs, and the Keanae Arboretum and lo'i kalo garden on forest reserve land on Maui funded by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the FRS. Through these partnerships, the Department is successfully supporting communities with local food resources, diversifying agriculture, and improving health through the active community management of these forests. The Department supports the use of a tax incentive to encourage improved land management for any landowner involved in development and management of agroforestry systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair,
and the Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017
Time: 2:30 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 830, Relating to Community Food Forests

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of S.B. 830 and provides the following comments for your consideration.

S.B. 830 creates an income tax credit for community food forests. The credit is a refundable income tax credit equal to an unspecified percentage of the real property tax paid by the claimant of the credit on land that qualifies as a community food forest. The credit may be claimed by the entity incurring the property tax, this could be a lessee or the person with the legal liability for the property tax. The bill requires that the amount of property tax included in a lease must be provided to the lessee. The credit has a per-taxpayer cap and an aggregate cap, the amounts for both caps are unspecified. The credit applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

First, the Department has concerns whether this measure will be effective in promoting community food forests. The Department notes that county property tax rates for agricultural property average only .686 percent across the four counties. Thus, the property tax on a \$1 million dollar property would only total \$6,860. This means that even if the percentage in the credit were 100%, the total credit would only be \$6,860 for a \$1 million dollar property.

Second, the Department notes that the bill requires the Department of Agriculture to assess the land in question and issue a determination as to whether it meets the requirements as a community food forest. The Department defers to the Department of Agriculture regarding its ability to make this determination, but requests that Department of Agriculture determination of community food forests be maintained. The Department of Taxation does not have the knowledge and expertise necessary to make this determination.

Third, as a general matter, the Department prefers nonrefundable credits over refundable credits because nonrefundable credits are less prone to abuse or improper claims. This is because nonrefundable claims can be used to reduce tax liability, but any credit amount that exceeds the tax liability cannot be cashed out by the taxpayer.

Finally, the Department can administer the new tax credit by the effective date included in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

HB 873

This is Marcy Montgomery, writing in support for the 2017 SB 839 proposing to establish an Ag Park in the Puna District.

Ag Parks provide an opportunity for a district to develop an ag incubator for growing and preparing value-added products, and related resource and supply companies, that increase our local food self-sufficiency. These Parks are critically important vehicle to encourage entrepreneurship, to build a food system solutions alliance, and to help build our island's local green economy. A Puna Ag Park could serve as a hub for ag innovation – bio char, natural farming, permaculture land management and restoration, alternative fuel development, water conservation supplies, soil amendment products, ag tourism – just part of the list of potential enterprises that could be fostered through an ag park.

I support the development of an Ag Park in Puna and believe EVERY district on our island needs an Ag Park if we are to meet our food security, economic growth, and sustainability goals.

Our organization, One Island operates an organic farm and a sustainable living education center modeled after Ag Parks in other states, located in the South Kona District. The facility is considered a micro-ag park. We also offer a traveling sustainability education program that has been providing educational workshops, guest speakers, film nights, tours, and is securing funding to help promote organic agriculture and sustainable living in Hawaii since 2012. We serve over 35,000 people on Hawaii Island. To date, we have brought over \$3.3 million in sustainability and food system funding to Hawaii Island. Our current projects are bringing \$896,450 in solar technology and services to the remote Native Hawaii Village of Miloli'i (funded by USDA Rural Utilities), and \$40,000 in services to Hawaii Island for education and promotion of Hawaiian heritage 'canoe crop' foods (funded by the HDoAg). These are a few examples of the 'good works' that could be grown and amplified in impact through an Ag Park.

Farmers need State House and Senate support to grow and expand the reach of these types of valuable programs provided by many organizations. The Puna Ag Park Bill is an excellent vehicle to promote this good work in the high growth / high poverty district on our island.

One Island is actively engaging the public in very important food system and sustainability conversations and ask our State Representatives and Senators to join us in supporting Ag Parks in EVERY district on the island over the next 10 years.

Puna is a district with great, untapped ag potential for healthy foods. An Ag Park will yield great returns on the start-up investment. And serve as a model for other districts.

Marcy Montgomery

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	A'a Li'i Farm	Comments Only	No

Comments: One thing that grows well in Puna is fruit trees. Having a community food forest would help people supply the community with fresh fruit. It would also strengthen our communities by having people share a common project and just by people sharing their thoughts through conversations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Protect People, Health, and 'Āina before toxic corporate profits and encourage corporations to act transparently, cooperatively, and responsibly (which is ultimately even more profitable). www.WeAreOne.cc

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of this bill to enable leasing land for community food forests. Efforts should be encouraged to increase sustainability on these islands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Marvin Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Karl Rhoads, & Committee Members, I support SB830, which incentivizes landowners in Hawaii to lease their land for community food forests. As you know Hawai'i grows only a small amount of the food needed to feed our population. I strongly support this measure to encourage food production and contribute to food sustainability in the State. Mahalo for your concern in this matter, Mary Marvin Porter Island Eyes Video Kea'au Hawai'i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roger Guenette	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB830 because it is important to provide increased opportunities for agriculture and economic development on the Big Island and the State of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, Senate Bill 830 creates an income tax credit based on real property taxes paid for landowners to incentivize leasing land for community food forests. This bill right allows for a tax credit that could help greatly in creating food sustainability for our island. mahalo for your support. janice palma-glennie kailua-kona

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vicki Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is simply common sense that on an island, every effort must be made to increase food sustainability, and SB830 would go a long way in this direction. I enthusiastically support this bill.

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marcy cayton	Individual	Support	No

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Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

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Tracy E Mills	Individual	Support	No

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C. Kai Lucas	Individual	Support	No

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

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Dr. Jana Bogs	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Billie Dawson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Tax incentives for Hawaii farmers providing food for human consumption is a top priority for legislation now. Tax incentives for food forests throughout the state of Hawaii producing food for human consumption is long overdue. Mahalo

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scott lacasse	Individual	Support	No

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DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

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Zachary Mermel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure, for the benefit of future generations of Hawaii's residents, and the health of the 'aina in general.

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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JOHN ELKJER	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Bidleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is a supporting bill to SB839 and will encourage people to release land for farming.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rosemarie Patronette	Individual	Support	No

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Rosemary Karlsson	Individual	Support	No

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Grace Laird	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Koob	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support an income tax credit based on real property taxes paid for landowners to incentivize leasing land for community food forests. This bill would allow The amount of the credit shall be equal to percent of the actual amount of county real property taxes paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year in which real property tax was assessed on lands meeting the requirements of community food forests.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colehour Bondera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members: Please support this piece of legislation so that there are more incentives to help agriculture thrive in Hawaii! As a farmer here for the past 16 years, it is obvious to me through experience that this is the kind of support that we need! Sincerely, Colehour Bondera KANALANI OHANA FARM PO Box 861 Honaunau, HI 96726

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Bill Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Wingate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is really important for our area and food security for all the islands. I deeply appreciate your support

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support w/ reservations...i.e. cannot be gentlemen estates "fake farms!" also known now as "alternative farms!" REAL FOOD for Real People!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Dencker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My father's family were all farmers in Kansas from the beginning of the land grants. They completely fed themselves with crops and cattle. It is a hard way of life. Sun-up to sun-set. Any help with incentives or tax credits from a people friendly, food friendly government creates loyalty and MORE FOOD for us all. Please support this bill that helps protect our farmers and our food sources. ckd

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