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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**MARCH 9, 2018
1:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2105 HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 2105 HD1. This bill establishes the agriculture grant program to support local food production in the State and provides an appropriation. The Department supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget and offers comments.

This bill seeks to provide farmers and ranchers with a subsidized grant program to increase local food production in the State of Hawaii. The Department supports these efforts, but recommends deleting reference to the grant program in the measure and making an appropriation to support local food production projects.

The committee should note that the Department strongly supports agricultural and aqua-cultural industry expansion and preservation through its agricultural loan program. This program is extremely important in moving the State toward increased food production. The Department's Executive Budget request provides for a cash infusion for this program and SB 2396 provides similar funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2105, H.D. 1, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: Friday, March 9, 2018 **TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224

TESTIFIER(S): Russell A. Suzuki, Acting Attorney General, or
Margaret S. Ahn, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to establish and administer an "agriculture grant program to support local food production in the State."

Article VII, section 4, of the State Constitution provides, "[n]o grant of public money or property shall be made except pursuant to standards provided by law." This bill provides no standards for the Department of Agriculture to follow in making these grants. Without such standards provided by law, it is questionable whether the Department of Agriculture will be able to expend the funds appropriated by this bill.

If the Legislature chooses not to insert standards for these grants in this bill, we respectfully recommend that the word "grant" be deleted on page 1, lines 11 and 16, of the bill. If the word "grant" is deleted, the Department of Agriculture would be able to expend the appropriation on a "program to support local food production in the State" by way of a contract or contracts for goods or services.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment.



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March 9, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON HB 2105, HD 1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 224
1:30 AM

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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB is in strong support of HB 2105, HD 1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State

A major impediment for agriculture in Hawaii is the lack of technology. Many of our operations continue to be done as during our parents' generation despite technology advancing by leaps and bounds. A good example is Food Safety. Our farms are small. Food Safety requires recordkeeping and traceability. Due to the size of our farms, traceability recordkeeping has turned to be a major issue and consultants say they don't know how to make it work for our farmers. We know RFID technology is advanced and used in all places. For example, when you return your car rental, the agent scans the barcode to get your data. It seems these technologies could be adapted to our farms. We need entrepreneurs such as those in the SBIR program to help us address these issues.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are finding it difficult to secure the financial support necessary to build capacity. Access to grants can result in increased capacity, new business opportunities, increase employment opportunities and address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
Friday, March 9, 2018 — 1:30 p.m. — Room 224

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 2105 HD 1, Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 better management of waste and fresh water. 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 HB 2105 HD 1, which establishes a grant program administered by the Department of Agriculture to finance agriculture related improvements, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

Agriculture is one of Hawai'i's most important and yet most challenging industries. A critical challenge for our local farmers and ranchers is to obtain adequate funding. The grant funding in this bill will stimulate and increase new investment in Hawai'i's agricultural industry.

Farming and ranching require a number of costly expenditures to succeed. Some of these costs include rent, water infrastructure, farming equipment, labor expenses, production inputs like seeds, fertilizer, and feed, processing facilities, and marketing development.

With agricultural statistics showing a pronounced decrease in local farming and ranching, there will be an increasing need to find new investment to support a diversified agricultural base and to find meaningful employment for the many farm workers.

This bill would provide our local farmers and ranchers with necessary funding streams to stimulate and grow new investment in Hawai'i's agricultural industry. Ultimately, this will lead to more local food on our plates.

As investors, Ulupono looks for and is more likely to invest our private capital on farmers and ranchers with demonstrated funding streams from other sources.

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



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



Board of Directors

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President

Alan Takemoto

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2105, HD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Vice-President

Joshua Uyehara

SENATIE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

March 9, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Conference Room 224

Secretary

Dawn Bicoy

Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

Treasurer

Laurie Yoshida

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy state economy.

Directors-at-Large

Adolf Helm

Mark Stoutemyer

Dan Clegg

Gene Harrington

HCIA is in **support of HB 2105, HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State.

President Emeritus

Kirby Kester

This bill will provide our local farmers with the financial support needed to build capacity and, ultimately, meet the State's goal to double food production and ensure sustainable food production systems. It will also allow for new business and employment opportunities.

Executive Director

Bennette Misalucha

Please vote yes on HB 2105, HD1 to help local farmers succeed. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bennette Misalucha

Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association



March 5, 2018

Senator Mike Gabbard Cruz, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Support of HB 2105, H.D. 1, Relating to Agriculture (Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support food production in the State).

Friday, March 9, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in Conference Room 224

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of HB 2105, H.D. 1** and of the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including important agricultural lands (IAL) in Hawaii.

HB 2105, H.D. 1. This bill proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production.

LURF's Position. LURF members include farmers and ranchers who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider such assistance very helpful, if not critical to the agriculture industry and conduct of their operations, to help sustain their businesses, promote local food production, and increase the State's ability to achieve its food sustainability goals.

LURF appreciates the objective of HB 2105, H.D. 1, which is to support the agriculture industry and aid agriculture-related businesses, and believes that this bill is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes [HRS], Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, "to conserve and protect agricultural lands,

promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.”

By recognizing the significance of, and need to assist the local agriculture industry, and implement incentives which help to support the growth and maintenance of agriculture in the State, this bill significantly helps to promote economically viable agriculture, food production, and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

For the reasons set forth above, LURF is **in support of HB 2105, H.D. 1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this measure.

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 9:53:49 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Testifying for Maui Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because we are dangerously dependent on the mainland for our food and therefore our survival.

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:42:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maureen Datta	Testifying for Hawaii Farmers Union United Kona Chapter	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:13:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Love	Testifying for Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is essential to Hawaiian agriculture and the sustainability of small farms in the state.

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 10:29:39 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:49:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Dobovan	Testifying for Kulahaven Farms LLC	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:48:57 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
irene plunkett	Testifying for HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Bill HB2105...Thank you for considering my vote.

Mahalo, Irene

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 6:12:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Testifying for HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 6:12:04 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/6/2018 7:23:26 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Testifying for Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

If we want to invest in the future of Farm to School, the time is now when the program is young and in need of Legislative & Agency support to grow. That investment will pay off. It is estimated that children today get over 50% of their daily calories from school meals and snacks. We know that healthy children are ready to learn, and that local purchasing can build a stronger local agricultural economy, since the DOE is the largest "restaurant" in Hawai'i. Getting our children and youth out into the garden at a young age just makes sense. If we want to build a stronger future for agriculture in Hawai'i, knowing where your food comes from and making healthier life long choices will help push us in that direction.

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 12:00:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Friday, March 9, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of **HB2105 HD1** RELATING TO AGRICULTURE
To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and the
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB2105 HD1** relating to the Department of Agriculture; Agriculture Grant Program; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **HB2105 HD1** and supports its passage.

HB2105 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that “[a]griculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua’a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include the development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times.

As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and “Buy Local” strategies to assure greater food security and food safety.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-78, 82-86, 97-99 (2016)).

Given that **HB2105 HD1** appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/5/2018 3:51:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/5/2018 7:28:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

I Strongly SUPPORT HB2105. Food is vital for life, we must be prepared for the day the ships stop coming.

Mahalo,

Mary Overbay

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/6/2018 7:41:53 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alex beers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alex Beers and I live in Wailuku. Just wanted to say that I am in strong support of HB2105 HD1. What a great bill!

Aloha,

Alex Beers

From: [Alan Van Zee](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:55:38 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of HB 2105, HD 1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the establishment and administration of the Agriculture Grant Program to support local food production in the State.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are finding it difficult to secure the financial support necessary to build capacity. Access to agriculture grants can result in increased capacity, new business opportunities, increase employment opportunities and address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Alvin Tsuruda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:05:04 PM

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From: [Andrea Woods](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:26:22 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Blake Rabe](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:38:49 PM

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From: [Bob Gunter](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:36:30 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Carolyn Lum](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:56:59 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [David Makaiwi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:48:29 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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From: [David Schell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Mahalo!

From: [Diane Chuensanguansat](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:28:50 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Esket Padeken](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:41:43 PM

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From: [Helena Miguel](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:48:09 PM

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From: [James Tavares](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:53:10 PM

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From: [Jari Sugano](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:27:59 PM

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From: [Jason T. Okuhama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:46:54 PM

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From: [Jeff Tupea](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:37:05 PM

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From: [John Gordines](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:11:33 PM

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From: [John A H Tomoso](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:46:06 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [KEN OGAWA](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:38:15 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Laila Jayyousi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:31:42 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Lawrence Nagasawa](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:37:58 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Luana Beck](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:44:59 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Lynn Tsuruda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:52:45 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Marisa Akiona](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:32:11 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Mark Takemoto](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:30:24 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Melvin Matsuda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:35:23 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Michelle Galimba](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:43:51 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [randy cabral](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:43:04 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Robert Paull](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:01:02 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Roberta Taira](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:37:00 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Ron Kauhaaaha](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:57:59 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Stephanie Mock](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:36:57 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Stephen Stefanko](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:48:47 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Tom Shigemoto](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:59:25 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [William Askew](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:09:54 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Winifred Marcos](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:27:55 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Aileen Yeh](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 6:04:38 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Donald Sommer](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 6:48:06 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Donovan Leandro](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:37:27 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Gary Greive](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:01:27 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Gerrit Takasaki](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 4:24:28 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [GLENN TOYAMA](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:21:29 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Gordon Inouye](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:45:48 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Jeffrey McCall](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:15:52 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Jonathan Kaaihue](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:05:32 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Joni Kamiya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:55:48 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Kaohi Mokuhalii](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 5:56:43 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Loreto Obra](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:58:53 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Luly Unemori](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 4:49:43 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Mark Phillipson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7:12:20 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Moana Among](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
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Mahalo!

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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From: [Tom Mendes](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
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Mahalo!

From: [Vernon Kawahara](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Mahalo!

From: [William Merrill](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
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Mahalo!

From: [William Uemura](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
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Mahalo!

From: [Benjamin Olson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:34:52 AM

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From: [Isaac Miller](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
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Mahalo!

From: [Laurie Yoshida](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
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From: [John Giblin Jr](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:41:27 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Rachel Leyva](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:53:15 AM

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:52:14 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Loraine Terada](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:54:44 AM

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From: [Mark Kennett](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:06:39 PM

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From: [Bobby Wilson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:43:29 PM

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From: [Michael Kamiya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:34:55 PM

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From: [Rodney & Karol Haraguchi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:07:48 PM

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From: [vincent_jose](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:37:03 PM

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From: [Yarrow Flower](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:20:15 PM

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 2:20:50 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 2:34:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Please pass HB2105 HD1. We must encourage local food production. We produce locally a little over 10% of the food we eat. This is shameful for a state with a 365-days a year growing season, plentiful sunshine and adequate rainfall (plus irrigation available in some parts of the state).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching / Honolulu

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 3:33:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 3:53:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

FEED THE KIDS WHAT THEY GROW.....PLEASE

From: [Frederick Mencher](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:50:48 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [mariane uehara](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:23:35 PM

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Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:08:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:12:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marjorie Bonar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

aWe need to do al we can t o support local agriculture. Please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 5:12:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 5:18:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marcy cayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 6:32:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 6:49:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dianna Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:19:08 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Huth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Representatives,

I ask you to strongly support local agriculture by voting to support this bill. Local agriculture will increase employment while improving Hawaii's resilience thru its ability to grow food for the local population.

We need to support this industry because it is fundamental to Hawaii's history, culture and long term health.

Please support HB 2105 HD 1. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:57:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:03:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Kantarova	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 9:09:54 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donn DeShayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:21:50 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:39:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 4:45:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott lacasse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 6:56:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 7:29:11 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2105-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 9:34:23 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support a program for local food production. According to a recent Star Advertiser article, if we can't get food shipped in we have only a 5-7 day supply.

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 1:15:57 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heather Coad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [sandra Koerte](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2105, HD 1
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 1:33:54 PM

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 3:10:37 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lawrence Ford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii cannot survive in any catastrophic situation without highly productive farms to feed itself. Support for farming in this state is paramount for security and economic reasons. Farm dollars circulate many times within our economy, but when sent to the mainland for food, stops any positive impact here.

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 3:15:25 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 5:50:17 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christopher buehler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/8/2018 9:54:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Commttee Members,

I strongly support this Bill especially if it favors organically grown local food production. We do not need more chemicals in our diet.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

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Submitted on: 3/9/2018 7:09:53 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: