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HB-2115-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:32:28 PM
Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Weidenbach	Testifying for Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association	Support	No

Comments:

With the greying of Hawaii's farming community, this K-12 agricultural workforce pipeline effort will be beneficial to long-term local food production and food security.,



Board of Directors

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2115, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

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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.

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HCIA is in **support of HB 2115, HD1, SD1**, which appropriates funds to the Hawaii State Department of Land & Natural Resources for the K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative.

President Emeritus

Kirby Kester

Currently, the average age of Hawaii's commercial farmers is over 60 years. A new generation of farmers and ranchers is needed to ensure the sustainability of Hawaii's agricultural industry. As such, we ask for your support to continue funding the operations of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline.

Executive Director

Bennette Misalucha

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bennette Misalucha

Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 8:52:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Testifying for Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaiian coffee industry is conservatively ranked by USDA as Hawaii's second highest-value crop (\$48.8MM; 2016). The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry, including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers located throughout the State of Hawaii. The HCA's primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffees. A major component of HCA's work is the continuing education of members and consumers.

The HCA strongly supports this measure.

Mahalo for your support of **HB2115 HD1 SD1**



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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 211
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair;
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair; and
Members of Committee on Ways and Means;

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2115 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce. I am writing share our support of HB 2115.

Historically, agriculture has been very important to our community, but it is a difficult industry to successfully operate. The state recognizes that agriculture is critical to sustaining Hawaii, but in order to build and grow the industry, we must encourage our youth to take an interest in and want to pursue careers in agriculture. Therefore, the Maui Chamber of Commerce, who strongly supports the agriculture industry, supports this bill to create an agricultural workforce development pipeline initiative to expose and educate youth on the agricultural industry and foster interest in agriculture activities and careers.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter and ask that this bill be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekai Quartero	Testifying for K&R Enterprises	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 8:47:04 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support Bill HB2115, Mahalo Nui Loa

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 2:24:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:01:25 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:16:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:17:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:58:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:59:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 5:06:45 PM
Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 6:20:15 PM
Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 3:46:54 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suellen Barton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 7:41:26 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 8:34:14 AM
Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy R Tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 8:51:36 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear WAM Chair, Vice Chair and members,

I am a Master Gardener in the CTAHR Master Gardener program. I am in strong support of SB2115 for a number of reasons.

This bill will allow more Hawaii keiki to take part in gardening and food-related activities. Hawaii is sorely in need of more vegetable and fruit farmers. If children participate in gardening activities from a young age, they are more likely to select farming as a career or choose to have a home garden when they get older, both of which will increase sustainable agriculture in our state.

When children learn to recognize fruits and vegetables while gardening, they are more likely to incorporate these healthier foods into their diets. These new habits can and do carry over to their home life as well.

Working outside in a garden adds healthy physical activity to a child's day. This is of utmost importance in helping to curb the epidemic of obesity and chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease) in children and young adults. Mental health is also benefitted by activities in nature.

Children working in gardens learn the values of recycling and caring for the land. Many of our keiki have little exposure these days to the importance of caring for the soil, valuing fresh water and being mindful of all living things in our ecosystem.

All of these benefits go home with the children at night and can have positive effects on Hawaii families, not to mention the increased food sustainability for our state.

Please support and adequately fund HB2115 this year to move the needle forward on sustainable agriculture in Hawaii. Investing in our youth in this way will pay off in the long run.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan Pappas

Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB 2115 HD1, SD1, which establishes a K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative in DLIR to conduct training for students, teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

Hawaii's commercial farmers' average age is over 60 years. To maintain and expand production levels, it is clear that we need a new generation of farmers and ranchers equipped to assume the task of growing crops and livestock. This measure is critical to achieving Hawaii's goal of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

We ask for your support to continue funding the operations of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

Richard Ogoshi	Alvin Tsuruda	Laila Jayyousi	Dusty Alderks
Martha Peterson	Luana Beck	Ted Radovich	Mark Phillipson
Phil Becker	Gregory Williams	Leann Lum	Donald Sommer
Rodney Haraguchi	Karol Haraguchi		