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| Susan Vickery       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:15 PM Room 224

In SUPPORT HB 446 HD1 Relating to Diversified Agricultural Park

Aloha Chairman Gabbard and members of the Agriculture and Environment Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters throughout the state, the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i supports the intent of HB 446 HD1, which makes an appropriation for the acquisition of land, planning, design, and construction of an agricultural park in South Maui.

Studies have estimated we 85-90% of the food consumed in Hawai‘i is imported.<sup>1</sup> The State Constitution mandates that the State “conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, [and] increase agricultural self-sufficiency . . .”<sup>2</sup> Any action which carries out this constitutional duty, in turn, directly benefits both the economy and the environment of Hawai‘i.<sup>3</sup> It has been estimated that by replacing even just 10% of the food we currently import with locally grown produce, the State could generate an additional \$6 million in state tax revenues and create more than 2,300 jobs.<sup>4</sup> A decrease in the amount of food being imported would also result in us greatly lowering the chances of harmful invasive species introductions, while simultaneously reducing our carbon footprint.<sup>5</sup>

Further, the Department of Agriculture has concluded in the past that it felt that with effective assistance from the government, Hawai‘i could become self-sufficient in producing most of the currently imported food supply.<sup>6</sup> Diversified agriculture production can result in more economically resilient farms, grow the local agricultural industry, and lessen our dependency on food importation.<sup>7</sup>

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue and please support HB 446 HD1.

Mahalo,  
Martha Townsend  
Director

<sup>1</sup> PingSun Leung & Matthew Loke, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, *Economic Impacts of Increasing Hawai‘i’s Food Self-Sufficiency*, p.2 (Dec. 2008) available at: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/add/files/2012/12/FoodSSReport.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Haw. Const. Art. XI § 3.

<sup>3</sup> Leung & Loke, *supra* note 1, at 6.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> Leung & Loke, *supra* note 1, at 1.

<sup>6</sup> Department of Agriculture, State of Hawaii, *Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan*, p.21 (Dec. 2003), available at: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/arm/files/2012/12/AWUDP-Dec2003.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education, *Diversifying Cropping Systems*, p. 2-4 (Feb. 2004), available at: [http://www.sare.org/content/download/29696/413102/Diversifying\\_Cropping\\_Systems.pdf](http://www.sare.org/content/download/29696/413102/Diversifying_Cropping_Systems.pdf)

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| Merilis Rivera      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Joseph Kohn MD      | We Are One, Inc. -<br>www.WeAreOne.cc -<br>WAO | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Strongly support sustainable organic agriculture on Maui.  
[www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

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| Rita Massey         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Maui would benefit greatly from an ag park. Good land is hard to come by for small farmers. We want to be more food self sufficient and this would be a great help in securing our food and farming future.

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| Shannon Rudolph     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!

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| Eloise Engman       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Terez Amato Lindsey | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please, Maui needs this.

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| Tulsi Greenlee      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please support this bill to help keep Maui green and grow more food. We import most of our food. Time to change that. Thank you

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