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

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2017  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 781  
RELATING TO THE P-20 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 781. The purpose of this bill is to establish a coordinator of the P-20 agriculture education working group to support the continuing efforts of the P-20 agriculture education working group in the development of an implementation strategy and recommendations for the creation of a statewide coordinated framework of support for preschool through post-secondary (P-20) agriculture education. The Department of Agriculture supports this measure.

Senate Resolution No. 80, SLH 2016, created the P-20 working group with a task to develop strategies to increase agricultural education within the local school system. This resolution highlighted the importance of increasing agricultural education among Hawaii's keiki and investing in the State's agricultural industry by influencing a future generation of local agriculturalists. This bill seeks to fund a coordinator position with operational funding to coordinate that task.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 8:30 am

By

Rachel Novotny, Interim Dean

And

J. Kenneth Grace, Associate Dean  
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 781 – RELATING TO THE P-20 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 781 which appropriates funds for the hiring of a coordinator and for interisland travel and operating expenses of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group within the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). This bill also outlines the duties of the working group and opens participation in the working group to additional persons and entities.

SR 80 (Regular Session of 2015) requested that CTAHR convene a working group to develop a coordinated framework of support for preschool through post-secondary (P-20) agriculture education and a plan for implementation by December 31, 2017; and submit reports to the legislature detailing progress in planning and implementation prior to the 2017, 2018, and 2019 legislative sessions. In order to accomplish this task, a key recommendation made in the working group report submitted prior to the current legislative session was to request funding to support a permanent coordinator position for the effort, along with expenses for meeting attendance, etc., incurred by the working group members. We strongly support HB 781 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

The working group is a very inclusive effort to coordinate agricultural education, and the working group report also describes long-term goals, and recommends participation of several additional stakeholder groups along with coordination with the Agricultural Workforce Advisory Group convened by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. HB 781 formalizes these recommendations, along with creating the coordinator position. An appropriation of \$200,000 for each year is requested to support salary and working group expenditures.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 781.

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chuck st louis	Individual	Support	No

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Tiana Kamen	Farm to Keiki	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for your consideration to support the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group. This group and work is incredibly important in the state of Hawai'i. I am the state Farm to Preschool Lead for the National Farm to School Network. I volunteer for this position to increase farm to school efforts with early care and children under the age of 5. I am also the director of a Farm to Preschool program called Farm to Keiki and a nutritionist on Kaua'i. It is crucial to begin the education of fresh and healthy foods, nutrition and agriculture at a young age while children's habits and taste preferences are developing. And equally important, as their bodies and minds are developing. Unhealthy children cannot perform in school or be cognitively ready for kindergarten. Undernourished children, ones who don't eat fresh fruits and vegetables have been shown in multiple studies to have stunted growth, delay of cognitive development, physical ailments and develop chronic diseases. A report in 2006 by Dr. Pobutsky et. all found that almost 1/3 of children in Hawai'i are obese or overweight before they reach kindergarten. Being obese or overweight under the age of 5 sets these children up for an unhealthy start to life. We cannot blame parents or grandparents or teachers for this for many do not know or understand the importance of agriculture education and eating local fruits and vegetables. We are surrounded in a fast food nation and one that is dominated by unhealthy food imports. What we can do, what you can do, is something to help support agriculture education. We need the P-20 work group to help support efforts in our early care up to college. When I was asked to find groups other than myself (Farm to Keiki) that were supporting Farm to Early Care (Preschool), I could not find any that specifically did this. There are no programs that are specifically focusing on this in Hawai'i and this is why the P-20 group is so important. We need to bring more light to this area and encourage more programs to adopt agricultural education from a young age. How can you expect teachers, parents and families to teach children about eating local foods if there is no one to teach them, no one to clearly identify goals, no one to help shine the light of a new way of doing things...?

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February 1, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 781**  
RELATING TO P-20 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Room 312  
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 strongly supports HB 781**, which appropriates funds for the hiring of a coordinator and for interisland travel and operating expenses of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

It is commonly known that the average age of a farmer in Hawaii is approximately 60 years old. For agriculture to be sustainable, and to produce more local crops we, as a society, must cultivate the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

DLIR, under Director Takamine's and HDOA Chair Kokubun's leadership, undertook a series of facilitated meetings with farmers, ranchers, educators and a diverse group of stakeholders across the state between 2007 and 2011. Its report was published. This report: Hawaii Agriculture Skill Panel Report, made a number of recommendations, of which several common themes emerged. #1 of those themes is 'Increasing youth education and training'.

In 2013, the Hawaii State Legislature saw fit to establish the Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board via HB 749 of that year. This Board convenes, in part, to execute the recommendations of Hawaii Agriculture Skill Panel Report. This board established a program by which educators and school administrators can be exposed and incentivized to adopt existing broad-based agricultural curriculums. This is an important step toward the future of agriculture in Hawaii.

In 2015, Hawaii State Senate Resolution No. 80 requested that the UH-Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) develop an “implementation strategy and recommendations for the creation of a statewide coordinated framework of support for P–20 agriculture education, including any proposed legislation.” SR 80 sought to build upon the expertise of CTAHR and create a coordinated effort to address Ag education. It bears mentioning that CTAHR currently serves on the Ag Workforce Development Advisory Board.

Hawaii Farm Bureau suggests that a relationship continue with the existing Agricultural Workforce Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure



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Nancy Redfeather	Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments: The P-20 Agricultural Working Group is an amazing unified coalition that has finished it's first year of work to develop a coordinated framework of support for agricultural education pre-K to 20. We represent all islands and all levels of education Pre-K-20. All School Garden Island Networks have been working together since 2010, and we have created a strong and cohesive group that will be able to work with state agencies to connect agricultural education to the core curriculum, expand the CTE program in the High School and assure that our community college and universities are ready for the large group of new ag students that are to come. There are currently 195/255 school gardens that are used every day for instructional purposes. Please support our work to create a firm foundation of education for all Hawaii's students that will lead to greater food self-reliance, and akamai consumers who know the value of local food. If we are ever to meet the Governor's call for doubling local food production by 2020, we will need this group to continue it's work together and with all government agencies with similar interests. Ka Ohana O Na Pua has been serving Hawai'i Island with agricultural education keiki to kupuna since 1991.

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Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

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Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

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Bob Ferguson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support developing the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group by providing support for a coordinator.

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Go UH!

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Lawrence Koss	Individual	Support	No

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a teacher at Lahainaluna High School and I fully support this bill. It seems like this position will lead to so many needed conversations in different state departments with the aim of increasing knowledge in the community about growing food. We need young farmers now more than ever. Please vote yes on this bill. Thank you for your time.

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Support	No

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I support HB781. Hawaii is an unsustainable state due to imports of over 85% of our food and 95% of our textiles. The P-20 Agriculture Education framework will outline the pathway for our children to understand and engage in local food and textile production. For the past, 18 months, I've been voluntarily serving on the working group, which costs a lot since I come in from Hawaii Island. We also need a point person or coordinator to make sure all the pieces for this work is complementary and that nothing slips in the cracks. Please appropriate funds for this extremely important work.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Kristen Martinek	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Steven Chiang

**IN SUPPORT OF HB781**

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Before the House Committee on Agriculture

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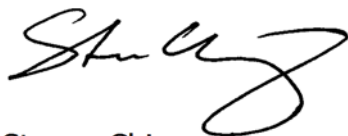
Chairperson Creagan and members of the committee:

In my professional role as Director of the statewide GoFarm Hawaii beginning farmer training program, I am aware of the myriad efforts underway to educate our youth about agriculture. As agriculture is vital to our state in ways that go beyond direct economic contribution to include support of tourism and our very cultural and community identities, and as the efforts to promote agriculture ultimately depends on having farmers and others in the agricultural workforce, I strongly support passage of this bill.

There is tremendous energy and interest currently surrounding agriculture, including energy and resources being put into educating our youth in agriculture. It would seem a waste not to capitalize on this current energy and interest by funding a position to ensure the efforts are coordinated so as to align and leverage the efforts for the greatest, most efficient impact.

GoFarm Hawaii develops adult aspiring farmers (the "AgCurious") across the state into commercial farmers (the "AgProducers"). I look forward to a time when, through the efforts of a P-20 Agricultural Coordinator, we can accelerate our impacts as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Chiang". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Steven Chiang

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Kaui Lucas	Individual	Support	No

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Alan Egusa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to promote food independence in Hawaii. Having our lives literally dependent on shipping is not a good long term situation. We need to produce most of the food we eat, and all measures that will help to achieve this goal should be supported. Thank you.

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**HB 781**

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House Committee on Agriculture  
Joint Public Hearing - February 1, 2017  
8:30am, State Capitol Room 312

I AM TESTIFYING **IN FAVOR** OF HB 781.

Appropriates funds for the hiring of a coordinator and for interisland travel and operating expenses of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Outlines the duties of the working group and opens participation in the working group to additional persons and entities.

As a graduate of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at UH Manoa, I am in full support of hiring a coordinator and for interisland travel and operating expenses. The reputation of the College would benefit from the improved quality of education provided by teacher trainings. Additionally, considering the state's food self-sufficiency goals, the College needs the resources to create more competent agricultural professionals to double agricultural production.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY TESTIMONY **IN FAVOR** OF HB 781 as a measure to aid in increasing the number and quality of agricultural professionals trained at UH Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to move towards our food self-sufficiency goals.

With Aloha,

Kristen Jamieson  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
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Lydi Morgan Bernal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is helping local farmers in Hawaii. I am in full support of it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Creagan and Vice Chair DeCoite, HFUU Strongly supports this measure. The Preschool through Post Graduate Agricultural Education Working Group is an important initiative with thousands of hours of time logged in to honor the intent of SR 80 (2015). Hawaii needs to redesign the agricultural education systems, and indeed to create a new model for our island state. Please support this important work to continue by funding a coordinator for the 50 plus groups participating in the P-20 AEWG. Respectfully Submitted, Simon Russell HFUU-Legislative Committee Chair

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Elizabeth Barretto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to put money towards agriculture education so that we can sustain ourselves. We need to locally source more food on all islands.

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Carlos Monica	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is imperative that funds are appropriated for Ag education and the necessary staff and travel.

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