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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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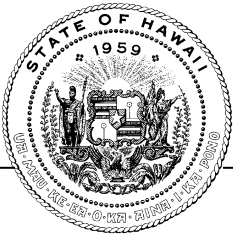
HOUSE BILL NO.786
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 786 that seeks to amend Chapter 226 (Hawaii State Plan) by deleting as a State objective for agriculture, the reference to "Viability of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries' (page 2, lines 6-7) and in its place, adding "Agriculture farming methods that improve Hawaii's food, soil, and water quality." The Department of Agriculture believes the proposed replacement language is more appropriate for inclusion as a policy of the State under Section 226-7(b).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.





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LEO R. ASUNCION
Director, Office of Planning
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HB 786
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Chair Cregan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the House Committee on
Agriculture.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports HB 786, which proposes to update the Hawaii
State Planning Act's economic objectives for agriculture.

This measure assists in modernizing the economic objectives for the State by replacing
sugar and pineapple industries as the agriculture priority in the Hawaii State Planning Act with
agriculture farming methods that improve Hawaii's food, soil, and water quality. OP strongly
supports the necessity to update the Hawaii State Planning Act, Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS),
Chapter 226. With the closure of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries and transition to
agriculture farming methods that improve Hawaii's food, soil, and water quality, the proposed
amendment is in the best interest of the State to pursue economic objectives that and methods
that reflect a sustainable Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan L.K. Lee Loy	Individual	Support	No

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill. We need alternatives in our agriculture industry.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Cobian	ALgae Growing Systems	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the direction of this Bill. In addition I know from scientific research that on many levels the integration of algae (Limu) growth can and will answer many of the issues at hand. Very rich organic protein source and animal feed stock and organic fertilizer. Water remediation and use life cycles can be included in this value added product line. High output and low footprint. Mahalo

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Support	No

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, as the wife of a farmer and a Lahaina resident I see the far reaching positive effects of this bill. Farmers on the west side have a hard time affording agricultural land, as much of it was bought to build vacation homes by using loopholes in the laws. This bill will greatly improve farmer access to agricultural land. These old C&H plots could easily be developed into more homes, but what good are the homes if we cannot grow enough food to feed the people who live here now? Please help our island become more able to sustain itself. Thank you for your time.

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Comments Only	No

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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 believe regenerative agriculture utilizing best practices from around the world we can build our healthy food supply, improve our environment, and our economic vitality.

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let's get back to the roots, and make them as strong as possible!

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Lawrence Koss	Individual	Support	No

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Helmut Klauer	A'a Li'i Farm	Support	No

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

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House Committee on Agriculture

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: HB786

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Decoite and members of the committee,

My name is Dr. Ashley Lukens and I am the Director for the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on furthering the public's right to know how their food is produced, through labeling and other means. We have over 800,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 10,000 in Hawai'i. On behalf of CFS and our members, I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today regarding this important bill.

I am writing in strong support of HB786, which updates the Hawai'i State Planning Act's economic objectives for agriculture after the closure of Hawai'i's sugar and pineapple industries and transition to agriculture farming methods that improve Hawai'i's food, soil, and water quality. This holistic approach will not only improve food security in our state, it will regenerate the land and water upon which our island chain survives.

CFS applauds HB786's recognition that "the State must pursue economic objectives for agriculture by prioritizing farming methods that increase production of nutritious foods, improve soil health, and decrease erosion and runoff."

Accordingly, CFS urges that, in furtherance of HB786's findings, the Bill shall also update Hawai'i State Planning Act to make it an objective of the State to promote local organic food production as well as other forms of ecological agricultural practices. Numerous sources, both internationally and nationally, have recognized the importance of healthy soils as a critical resource for supplying food security, diverse habitats, water storage, and climate resiliency. Improving soil health also improves and increases the soil's water holding capacity and water infiltration rate, enhances food crop yields and soil fertility, and beneficial biological microbial diversity and population, reduces soil erosion, and can even reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon. It is also widely recognized that organic farming practices are beneficial to human health and the environment. As stated by the National Organic Program, certified organic operations must demonstrate that they are protecting natural resources and conserving biodiversity. Moreover, farmers, ranchers, and producers of certified organic products often receive a premium for having their products certified as organic.

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CFS also applauds HB786's recognition of the importance of agricultural methods that "increase food security, satisfy consumer preferences, and meet the demand for locally-grown staple and food crops, fruits, and native Hawaiian plants." To that end, CFS urges that the bill further amends the Hawai'i State Planning Act to not only promote and advance diversified agriculture, but also explicitly prioritize diversified agriculture of local foods for production and consumption.

Respectfully,

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Ashley Lukens, PhD
Director, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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RuthMarie Quirk	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Nelson	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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Kristen Martinek	Individual	Support	No

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House Committee on Agriculture

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:30AM Room 312

In Support HB786 Relating to Planning

LATE

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committee on Agriculture,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i offers the following testimony in support of HB 786. This bill seeks to revise Haw. Rev. Stat. § 226-7 to reflect our goals to increase diversified agriculture, and support agricultural methods that improve Hawai'i's food, soil, and water.

Generally, the Sierra Club supports any effort to improve the agricultural practices in the state. There is absolutely no reason to not strive to improve upon the farming practices already present in the state that allow for more sustainable and diverse agricultural opportunities.

Section 226-7(a)(1), HRS states that the state should prioritize the "viability of Hawai'i's sugar and pineapple industries" when planning for the state's economy. This was the agricultural priority for our islands in 1983. As you know, today's agricultural economy is much different.

The proposed amendment to this section brings Hawai'i's primary planning document in line with our current agricultural goals. We want to see a doubling of our local food production by 2020. Currently, the amount of land devoted to organic agriculture has grown by over 50% since 2010. Additionally, Hawaii has a strong history of local sustainable agriculture that should be preserved for both current and future generations.

We are particularly supportive of this measure because it will support the Land Use Commission in making informed decisions that protect valuable agricultural districts for diversified farming. It will also help inform decisions to support farming practices that protect the quality of our water and soils, such as crop rotation, cover cropping, soil enrichment, natural pesticides, and sustainable pest management be strongly considered as methods to improve Hawai'i's food, soil, and water.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i strongly urges the committee to pass HB 786. Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Martha Townsend

Director



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 786
RELATING TO ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES OF AGRICULTURE

Room 312
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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 offers comments on HB 786, relating to updating the objectives of the Hawaii State Planning Act.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau and its members are supportive of all types of agriculture and it is our belief that policies can be implemented that both support our current agricultural industries while concurrently supporting and advancing agriculture into new areas.

Sugar and pineapple agriculture have certainly changed in recent years but neither crop has vanished from production in our state. There are still several thousands of acres of commercial pineapple production on Oahu and Maui. There is still sugar cane growing on slopes of Haleakala associated with a thriving distillery as well as on Oahu.

HFB supports all the actions and directives in the planning of objectives of advancing agriculture as described in HB 786. However, in the narrative, the statement "prioritizing farming methods that..." are limited to a defined scope grinds at our core mission of supporting our diverse membership.

Please consider the possibility of creating policy and objectives that advance all of Hawaii's agricultural businesses. With the success of a wide and inclusive agricultural sector there will be, without a doubt, significant increases in all the targeted areas; staple crops, native Hawaiian plants, food security and as we do now; farmers will continue to implement practices that protect and improve our resources.

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

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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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Testimony for AGR on Feb 1, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Arinaga	Friends with Farms Agricultural Cooperative	Support	No

Comments: This is an opportune moment to transition to diversified agriculture and farming methods that improve Hawaii's food, soil, and water quality. This needs to be officially proclaimed as a vision/goal.

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Simon Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Elizabeth Barretto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our priorities have got to be on improving soil quality. We need to keep the pesticides and herbicides out of our earth if we want it to continue to sustain life.

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE
House Committee on Agriculture
February 1, 2017
8:30am, State Capitol Room 312



I AM TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF HB 786.

I am a recent graduate from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources working for an agricultural tech company helping to support small to medium size farms. My education and experiences lead me to agree that the State ought to update it's economic objectives for agriculture.

Plantation agriculture has been on a steep decline in Hawai'i and maintaining our heritage of a strong agricultural sector depends upon adapting to farming methods that improve soil health and decrease erosion through:

- Diversified agriculture
- Public incentives
- Preservation of water resources
- Education and training opportunities
- Indigenous farming methods
- Agritourism

THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 786 as a measure that would adapt the State of Hawaii's agricultural and economic goals to the modern needs and challenges of local agriculture in light of the demise of plantation agriculture in Hawaii.

With Aloha,

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Carlos Monica	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Improving Hawaii's soil, food production and water quality are way more important than planning for pineapple and sugar cane. We need a big shift in actions and thoughts regarding Hawaii's self sustainability and future food production. Please make these things the new priorities. Mahalo

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