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

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**FEBRUARY 15, 2017
8:40 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 961
RELATING TO FARMERS**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 961 that seeks to exclude from income tax, the first \$50,000 of income earned by farmers whose annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000 (\$300,000 if filing jointly), and earn more than 75 percent of their annual gross income from the sales of food or value-added food products grown or raised by the farmer sold in Hawaii. This bill also repeals the organic foods production tax credit (Act 258, SLH 2016) on July 1, 2017. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent, defers to the Department of Taxation, and offers an amendment.

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture (Hawaii, Volume 1, Chapter 1: State Level Data, Table 60, page 44), this bill will benefit less than 1,000 of Hawaii's 7,000 farmers (includes all business entities). More specifically, approximately 618 (9 percent) earned more than 75 percent of their total household income from farming in 2012.

The definition of a "farmer" (Bill, page 7, lines 11-16) is an individual that earns 75 percent of annual gross income "...from food or value-added food products grown or raised by the individual and sold within the State." The Department recommends the



following amendment that replaces the word “food” with “farm products” and provides a definition of “farm products”:

” (15) The first \$50,000 of income earned by a farmer; provided that the farmer’s annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000 if filing a tax return singly and does not exceed \$300,000 if filing a tax return as married filing jointly. For purposes of this paragraph:

(page 7, lines 7-16)

~~“farmer”~~ “Farmer” means an individual who earns more than seventy-five percent of the individual’s annual gross income from ~~food~~ farm products or value-added ~~food~~ farm products grown or raised by the individual and sold within the State.”;
and

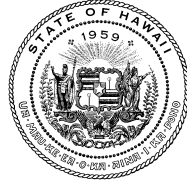
“Farm products” means production from agricultural activities described in section 205-4.5(a)(1), (2), and (3).”

We also note that by limiting the proposed partial tax exclusion to income earned by individuals, this may exclude small partnerships and other forms of business ownership.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

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To: The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Time: 8:40 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 961, Relating to Farmers

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of H.B. 961 and provides the following comments for your consideration.

H.B. 961 excludes the first \$50,000 of income earned by a farmer from the Hawaii income tax, provided that the farmer's gross income does not exceed \$150,000 if filing singly and does not exceed \$300,000 if filing jointly. "Farmer" is defined as an individual earning more than seventy-five percent of the individual's gross income from food or value-added food products grown or raised by the individual and sold within the state. H.B. 961 also amends Act 258, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, such that the Organic Foods Production Tax Credit is repealed on July 1, 2017. The measure is effective upon approval. The income tax exclusion for farmers applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

First, the Department notes that the definition of "farmer" is limited to individuals. The income thresholds for single and joint filers are set forth, but married filing separate and head of household filers seem to have been inadvertently omitted. The Department suggests clarifying the thresholds for all filing statuses.

Second, Section 3 of this measure sunsets the Organic Foods Production Tax Credit on July 1, 2017. If the intent of the measure is to allow the credit for tax year 2017 only, the Department suggests amending the sunset date to December 31, 2017.

Finally, if the Committee wishes to advance this measure, the Department requests that the income tax exclusion be made effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. This will allow sufficient time to make the necessary form, instruction and computer system modifications.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Lukens	Hawaii Center for Food Safety	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: I am writing in strong opposition to the provisions in HB 961 which repeal the historic organic farming tax credit. Organic agriculture has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time – economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection. The growing demand for locally grown, certified-organic produce and products in Hawai'i greatly exceeds supply, and Hawai'i farmers face numerous barriers that deter them from entering the organic sector. These include the financial and paperwork requirements associated with obtaining and maintaining organic certification and higher costs for organic materials, such as fertilizer, which can be double that of conventional farming. The tax credit will help off-set those costs and encourage growth of the organic sector. We must do all that we can to protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive. Please protect this important support mechanism for Hawaii's small organic farmers.

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February 15, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 961
RELATING TO FARMERS

Room 312
8:40 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.

Hawaii Farm Bureau **strongly supports HB 961**, which establishes a mechanism to grow small agricultural enterprises by creating an exclusion from income tax for the first \$50,000 of income earned by farmers whose annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000

Hawaii Farm Bureau Policy states:

"State tax and monetary policies should be designed to encourage private initiative to help stabilize farm economics in the State of Hawaii, to promote employment and economic growth and to distribute the tax burden equitably. Further such policy should be used by the state, when appropriate, to encourage agricultural growth and expansion."

This measure falls in the "encourage agricultural growth and expansion." category. Some farms have utilized the Enterprise Zone program to obtain similar benefits. Others may just be starting and unable to meet the terms of the EZ program and this measure will help them get started.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of this measure understanding the challenges for small farmers in Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this important subject.

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James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

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TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

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SUBJECT: INCOME, Exclusion for Small Farmers; Repeal of Organic Foods Production Credit

BILL NUMBER: HB 961

INTRODUCED BY: ONISHI, BROWER, CACHOLA, CREAGAN, CULLEN, DECOITE, HAR, ICHIYAMA, ITO, JOHANSON, KONG, MIZUNO, NAKASHIMA, OSHIRO, SAY, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, TODD, TOKIOKA, YAMANE, Evans, Lowen, Matsumoto

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Creates an exclusion from income tax for the first \$50,000 of income earned by farmers whose annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000. Repeals the organic foods production tax credit.

SYNOPSIS: Adds a new paragraph to HRS section 235-7 to exclude the first \$50,000 of income received by a farmer whose annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000 (single) or \$300,000 (married filing jointly).

Defines “farmer” as an individual who earns more than seventy-five per cent of the individual's annual gross income from food or value-added food products grown or raised by the individual and sold within the State.

Amends Act 258, SLH 2016, to repeal the organic foods production credit on July 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017.

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure proposes to grant preferential treatment in the form of an income tax exclusion to a select group of taxpayers. If the contention is that taxes imposed on these select taxpayers/businesses in Hawaii are too high, then the overall business tax climate needs to be addressed. Rather than granting a limited tax preference, as proposed, lawmakers need to take another look at the business and tax climate in Hawaii and find ways to improve that climate for all businesses.

To the extent that this select group of taxpayers would enjoy the preferential tax treatment, they would still need the services provided by state government. The burden of paying for those services will be shifted to another group of taxpayers who cannot avail themselves of this proposed exemption. Thus, existing businesses that are not so blessed with a similar exclusion must pick up the additional cost either in higher taxes or lower quality of service.

Repeal of the organic foods production credit is desirable for the reasons indicated above.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth Savitt	SHAKA Movement/SAFE	Oppose	No

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Beth Savitt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Kimiko LaHaela Walter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not repeal the tax credit section! We need to continue to support our local, organic farmers to produce healthy, organic food that the local people demand! This would be a huge step backward in the local, organic movement that the people have been demanding for decades. Aloha and mahalo

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Sandra Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Pono Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

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Please protect this important support mechanism for Hawai 'i's small organic farmers. Thank you for your time.

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William Greenleaf	Individual	Support	No

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Ted Bohlen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the elimination of organic food production tax credit.

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Fern Rosenstiel	'Ohana o Kaua'i	Oppose	No

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Tax Credits, State Income Tax exempted classes

L A T E

Hearing Date: Feb. 15,, 2017, 8:40 am
Name: Karen K. Cobeen
From House District: House, 7th District
Position: Oppose, with an exception
Committee: Committee on Agriculture
Chair: Rep. Richard P. Creagan
Vice Chair: Rep Lynn DeCoite

Date: Feb. 14, 2017

Aloha Chairman Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite and members of this committee:

My name is Karen Cobeen and I live on Hawaii Island with my husband and adult disabled son.

Having just this morning read the news that Hawaii wants to increase its fuel tax as well as vehicle registration tax, it is almost with humor that I read this bill now. This bill appears to grant tax exemptions and/or tax credits to what appear to be a considerable number of categories of people living in Hawaii. While advertised as an agricultural bill with tax exemptions up to a certain amount for farmers, the balance of the bill looks like a catch-all of gifts to people who are not involved in agriculture at all.

So, which is it:

- 1) Hawaii is in serious need of tax revenue or,
- 2) Hawaii is doing so well it can afford to exempt many people some healthy tax exemptions.

When a state grants tax exemptions or credits, it then falls to the rest of the public to pick up the slack. I saw no information in the bill that would seem to justify this.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this bill EXCEPT the exemptions or tax credits for farmers.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Cobeen

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Submitted on: 2/14/2017

Testimony for AGR on Feb 15, 2017 08:40AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela M Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strong opposition!

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Comments: I think an organic grower's tax credit is a wonderful way to encourage organic growers to get started. It also helps price competition with highly subsidized non-organic and GMO Frankenfoods. I oppose this bill that tries to take this away. Seems like a big-agriculture big-money dirty trick.

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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

There are now less than 2 million farmers in the U.S. today....and you now going to make it harder for the most desirable of farmers in Hawaii to farm? Our aina needs to be preserved with ORGANIC farmers, not the industrial seed growers who take and poison the land and do not give back to Hawaii!!!!

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Thank you for listening and not getting bought off by Big Ag.

Sincerely,
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I own a 12 acre certified organic farm and have found this tax credit to be very helpful to our farm's survival. As you may know organic farmers have to keep an inputs log for every item used on their farm, amounts, date and material applied and where on the farm, which takes some time every day to accomplish. Getting help with the actual cost of being certified (about \$800/year for our farm) is very helpful.

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AGRtestimony

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AGRtestimony

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AGRtestimony

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AGRtestimony

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AGRtestimony

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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, As you read my testimony please understand that the use of convenient form letters does not diminish the importance of issues like this to constituents like myself.

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The demand for organic produce and products in Hawai'i exceeds the supply, and you're well aware that Hawai'i farmers face numerous barriers don't add to them!

The tax credit will help offset costs and encourage the growth of the organic sector. Be in the right side of history and protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive.

Thank you for your time.

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We import ~80% of our food here in Hawaii, and organic agriculture has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time – economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection.

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Thank you for considering my testimony.

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HB961

Submitted on: 2/14/2017

Testimony for AGR on Feb 15, 2017 08:40AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theresa Freund	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, My name is Theresa Freund and I am from Nuuanu. I am writing in strong opposition to section 5 of HB 961 which repeal the historic organic farming tax credit. Organic agriculture has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time – economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection. The growing demand for locally grown, certified-organic produce and products in Hawai'i greatly exceeds supply, and Hawai'i farmers face numerous barriers that deter them from entering the organic sector. These include the financial and paperwork requirements associated with obtaining and maintaining organic certification and higher costs for organic materials, such as fertilizer, which can be double that of conventional farming. The tax credit will help off-set those costs and encourage growth of the organic sector. We must do all that we can to protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive. Please protect this important support mechanism for Hawai'i's small organic farmers. Thank you for your time. Mahalo.

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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I strongly oppose section 5 of HB 961, which repeals the critically important organic farming tax credit.

I work with a nonprofit that installs and staffs organic, educational school gardens across Maui. I am fully aware of the labor intensive nature of organic farming, as well as the expenses for organic amendments. Yet organic farming is the best longterm sustainable and regenerative food production method available to Hawaiian farmers. As we live in an island state, it is critically important to fully support organic farming practices for the future of our island home. For hundreds of years, these islands were self-sufficient and food-sustainable using only organic farming methods, supporting over a million residents.

But the rise of cheap, industrial, chemically-intensive farming has put our self-sufficiency in jeopardy. We must do all we can to support those farmers who have returned to the best practice of organic farming and encourage the growth of this farming sector, including the tax credit. There are many reporting and labor practices associated with organic farming, and it is our collective best interest to support farmers who face these challenges by providing them with this tax credit to at least in part offset some of these expenses.

Please protect this important support mechanism for Hawai'i's small organic farmers and oppose section 5 of HB 961. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ahia Dye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, I am writing in strong opposition to section 5 of HB 961 which would repeal the organic farming tax credit that was established during last year's legislative session. It is nonsensical to void any attempts to increase Hawaii food production, especially the local, organic sector which is growing at an unprecedented rate. We need to encourage small local farm businesses to become established to be able to meet this demand. As legislators you should be doing more to help these startup entrepreneurs and local consumers, not less. Please OPPOSE section 5 of HB 961, and any similar legislation that may come up in the future.

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee, Hawaii Farmers Union United honors the intent of this bill, however, we see no need to repeal the organic farming tax exemption. That is unnecessary. Organic food production is one of the fastest growing sectors in the agricultural economy and should be supported. If there are problems with the language in the Organic farming tax exemption, perhaps those can be fixed. Please continue to support the Organic farming tax exemption up to \$50,000. Respectfully Submitted, Simon Russell HFUU Legislative committee Chair

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Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is a convoluted bill when read at face value by a citizen, not privileged to understand the "intent" behind this language. While I see that there was an attempt to codify what is a "small farmer" (up to \$300,000 in combined income), I am not understanding the intent behind this bill. I see that you want to repeal the Incentives for Organic Agriculture that were put into place last year, and why? Are we just moving that appropriation to a more broader and more general subsidy for all of agriculture, not just the "small farmer?" Confusing since at the beginning of the bill it calls out the "small farmer."

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Suzanna Kinsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Merle Hayward	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janet Pappas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I strongly oppose the portion of HB961 which repeals the organic foods production tax credit. If we plan to be food self-sufficient in Hawaii, we must do all we can to support the farmers who are moving us toward this goal. This includes many small organic farmers growing diversified food crops. The organic market has grown by leaps and bounds over the past decades, up 11% last year in the U.S. compared to 3% for all other food markets. But startup is costly to organic farmers who often must wait three years before they can grow a crop and become certified. The tax credit could make or break these farmers, especially in these startup years. We should do all we can to support Hawaii's hardworking small organic farmers. At UH-West Oahu we are investing money to graduate students in Sustainable Community Food Systems, expecting them to be the next generation of food producers in our state. Let's give them the start they deserve or we could risk possible food shortages down the road for no good reason. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Jan Pappas Aiea, Hawaii

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Jeri Di Pietro	GMO Free Kaua'i	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mila Horak	Onila Farms	Oppose	No

Comments: As a certified organic farm, we urge you to please take out the language aimed at repealing the organic tax credit. This financial aid to new organic farms is vital to encourage organic certification. Do not repeal it.

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Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephen Luksic	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am in strong opposition to section 5 of HB961. Please keep the organic farming tax credit that was passed into law last year. As a voting citizen and a healthcare practitioner (MSTOM) I am alarmed by the lack of local organic produce available on our Islands as compared to Commercial products that are imported. I am beyond alarmed at the amount of Ag land dedicated to the GMO industry. It is imperative that we give local farmers the resources and tax credits to help them thrive for the health and welfare of the citizens of Hawaii as well as for the land that feeds us.

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Wai'ala Ahn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly oppose Section 5 of HB961 it would *repeal* the organic farming tax credit which created \$20 million in tax credits to aid small farmers seeking organic certification. Bad legislature! If you want to help out local farmers, try not hurting them too, that would be good.

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**In Support of HB 961
Relating to Farmers
Creates an exclusion from income tax for the first \$50,000 of income earned by farmers whose annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 15, 2017, 8:40 a.m.
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Farming is a tough business and this bill will go a long way in supporting the growth of new small, diversified farming businesses by creating an exclusion from income tax for the first \$50,000 of income earned by such a business. The bill will also support the State's goal to double food production by 2020 by encouraging new farming businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Helmut Klauer	A'a Li'i Farm	Comments Only	No

Comments: To grow food instead of importing most of it, we must encourage new farmers. Giving them a tax credit will help them get started. Do not repeal this tax credit!

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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 452 which unfairly hurts small organic farmers in Hawai'i. HB452 makes it a violation for anyone to claim that their agricultural product is organic unless certified by the National Organic Program. However, the National Organic Program actually allows small organic farmers (those whose annual sales are below \$5000) to advertise and label their products as organic without having to be certified.

HB452 would hurt small organic producers by eliminating that provision. The exemption is critical for small farms and small farmers who may not yet afford the certification and record keeping requirements who nonetheless follow organic production principles. The bill must be rejected for creating a penalty for small farmers that do not exist under the National Organic Program.

While the bill seems to uphold the National Organic Program on its face, in practice it sets up inconsistent standards that penalize small farmers and create redundant regulation that would discourage organic food production.

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For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 452. Thank you for your time.

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I am definitely not alone in this STRONG preference, as more and more local people switching to this type of diet is making it difficult for many of the small upstart local farm business to get established to meet this demand. Local government should be doing MORE to help these small businesses and local consumers, not less. Please do anything in your power to oppose section 5 of HB 961, and any legislation it is attached to or anything like it that may come up in the future.

Mahalo nui
From an educated, and voting citizen of Hawai'i

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Thank you for this opportunity to support small organic farmers by rejecting section 5 of HB 961 which repeals the historic organic farming tax credit. As a long-standing member of the Honolulu Council's Agriculture Development Task Force, I have listened to farmers struggling to get out from under onerous conditions, and learned how dangerous it is to put all farmers in the same box. Organic agriculture has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time – economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection.

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