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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**FEBRUARY 13, 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1313
RELATING TO HAWAII FOOD RESILIENCY**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1008. This bill develops the Hawaii Food Resiliency Initiative and establishes the Hawaii Food Resiliency Task Force. The Department supports the intent of this measure provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

The Department, through its existing branches and divisions, currently carries out the functions outlined in this piece of legislation. The Department appreciates the appropriation section within the bill and believes that given increased resources, the Department would be able to coordinate and report back to the legislature regarding the various ongoing efforts that are outlined by the bill. Increased resources would greatly support the goal of food resiliency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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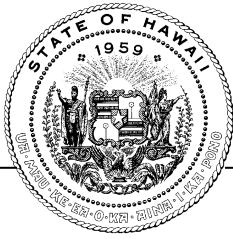
SB 1313 – RELATING TO HAWAII FOOD RESILIENCY

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1313, which makes various appropriations to implement the recommendations of the increased food security and food self-sufficiency strategy; and requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a strategy and goals for increased food security and self-sufficiency in Hawai'i.

The University of Hawai'i fully supports the goal of doubling local food production. In October 2012, the Office of Planning issued the "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy," part of a three-volume report by a multi-agency steering committee for food security and self-sufficiency. The strategy included specific recommendations to move Hawai'i forward in food security, and away from providing only 11% of our own food. SB 1313 would provide funding to act on recommendations that were made in this report, which is both the logical outcome of a legislatively-requested task force effort, and a strong step forwards to actually achieving this important agricultural goal for the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1313.



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in consideration of
SB 1313
RELATING TO HAWAII FOOD RESILIENCY.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 1313, provided the appropriation does not replace and Administration's priorities requested in the Executive Budget.

SB 1313 makes various appropriations to implement the recommendations of the 2012 *Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy* (Strategy) by requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a strategy and goals for increase food security and self-sufficiency, in line with the recommendations of the Strategy. The funding would assist the Department of Agriculture to produce project promotional materials along with other endeavors; expand and improve branding and labeling program for locally grown food; promote farmers markets; a farm to school pilot program in charter schools of the state; develop good agricultural practices for school gardens; establishment of specialists to certify farm food safety; develop regional agriculture infrastructure master plans; restore positions in food inspection, pest control, and biosecurity; restore positions in market research and agricultural statistics. Funding would also assist the University of Hawaii to provide funding for research, training, and education on agricultural food development and food security.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Nancy Redfeather	Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments: If we are serious about this goal, then there must be a strategy and time sensitive steps toward making it a reality. It seems so simple yet without it we will continue to not move forward. Simple as that. Mahalo Ka Ohana O Na Pua has been serving the agriculture education needs of the community since 1991.

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Regina Gregory	EcoTipping Points Project	Support	No

Comments: Please note that we are devoting too much land to crops that are not food (i.e., genetically modified seed crops), and that needs to change.

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY ON SB 1313
RELATING TO HAWAII FOOD RESILIENCY

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 supports the intent of SB 1313, which makes various appropriations to implement the recommendations of the *"Increased Food Security and Food Self-sufficiency Strategy"* by establishing a strategy and goals for increased food security and self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

Food security, food self-sufficiency and growing agriculture are popular concepts seen in many of the measures before the legislature this year. This Legislative Session, there have been many bills introduced that support of Hawaii's Agricultural Industry. This year, HFB has introduced a package of measures addressing the real needs of our farmers and ranchers all associated with increasing farm and ranch viability.

While we do see food resiliency as a priority, we support all forms of agriculture. This measure clearly would place emphasis on food and may leave non-food enterprises neglected. Are biofuels, flowers, nursery crops, fiber (including hemp) and forestry less of a priority? These enterprises contribute beauty, energy sustainability, soil remediation, tourism, watershed protection-all high priorities to the state. We would like to see Hawaii Food Resiliency Initiative focus on all agriculture rather than just food.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.