



Testimony for
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
And
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Monday, February 27, 2017, 1:15 p.m. Room 224

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

SB 340 Relating to Urban Agriculture

Dear Chairs Nishihara, Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

This testimony is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 340 that requires the counties to incorporate urban agriculture principles and policies in land use planning and to allow urban agriculture as a residential use in a residentially designated zone.

I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pulama Lanai. Pulama Lānaʻi is the entity that was set up by Larry Ellison to work with the community and government as we move the island of Lanai forward toward sustainability.

Lānaʻi City is a small and rural town. It has many residential lots that raise fruits and vegetables that are shared with the community. This bill would allow them to also sell what they raise to the neighboring grocery stores and at Saturday's farmers market. Fresh vegetables and fruits are a very important part of a healthy community. Having local families raise them in their yard would provide the products at a price the community should be able to afford. To have them vine ripened or at the point they should be picked, certainly enhances the taste.

This bill allows for one more economic generator to move the island toward a sustainable Lānaʻi. We humbly ask for your support of SB 340. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana
With warm aloha,

Lynn P. McCrory
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs