



LATE

P.O. Box 99, Wailuku, HI 96793-0099

1/28/17

Support for SB 356

HFUU Board of Directors

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Honorable AEN Committee members,

Executive Committee

Hawaii Farmers Union United is in strong support of SB 356.

Vincent Mina
President
HFUU

This measure helps guarantee that a critical need is met, recognizing, endorsing and supporting a program that allows kupuna and farmers with expertise to share their knowledge with other farmers and potential farmers. This bill should be supported and expanded statewide in the future

Ray Maki
Vice-President
HFUU

As our seasoned producers age out, Hawaii and America in general is in danger of losing the institutional knowledge we have to produce our food supply. This bill is written to support the teaching of whole systems of agriculture (AKA integrated farming or sustainable agriculture), which is defined as:

Anny Bruch
Secretary
HFUU

“a holistic management approach looking at the whole farm as cross-linked unit, on the fundamental role and function of agro-ecosystems, on nutrient cycles which are balanced and adapted to the demand of the crops, and on health and welfare of all livestock on the farm. Preserving and enhancing soil fertility, maintaining and improving a diverse environment and the adherence to ethical and social criteria are indispensable basic elements. Crop protection takes into account all biological, technical and chemical methods which then are balanced carefully and with the objective to protect the environment, to maintain profitability of the business and fulfill social requirements.”

Karen Reid
Treasurer
HFUU

Directors

Christian Zukerman
Wai'anae

Sean Anderson
Waimanalo

Simon Russell
Haleakalā


We appreciate your support for this important step forward for Hawaii's agricultural future.

Mikala Minn
Hāna

James Simpliciano
Mauna Kahalawai

Mahalo,
HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED

Steve Sakala
Kona



Vincent Mina, President

Greg Smith
Ka'u

Clarence Baber
Kohala

The Hawai'i Farmers Union United and its Chapters is a nonprofit corporation formed under Hawai'i law. It advocates for the sovereign right of farmers to create and sustain vibrant and prosperous agricultural communities for the benefit of all Hawai'i through cooperation, education and legislation.

Kyle Studer
East Hawai'i



LATE

TO: Committee on Agriculture and Environment

FR: Paul Arinaga, General Manager, Friends with Farms Agricultural Cooperative

RE: Testimony for SB350

DT: January 29, 2017

This bill is an important step in helping Hawaii's farmers to be more viable as businesses, as well as for helping them to improve our soils. Ensuring that we have good quality land will help us to ensure Hawaii's food safety and to reach Governor Ige's stated goal of doubling local food production by 2020.

To make sure that this is a realistic proposition, we need to put in systems now that will support the goal.

Please support this bill. Once the pilot has been successfully launched, we would like to see similar programs put into place on O'ahu. Thank you.

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:35 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: courtneybruch808@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Courtney Bruch	GMO FREE MAUI	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:13 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: blawaiianlvr@icloud.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this very important bill. We hope that the WestSide of O`ahu will benefit greatly from this.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:30 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: akamaimom@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My experience with personally using the proposed whole farm systems approach in my Yarden of 1/3 acre in my neighborhood homesite is that I can produce about 70% of my diet from my yard. There is so much abundance I regularly need to share out more than my household can consume. This is at a hobby level at my home. The food production capacity is impressive. I have gained at least 12 inches of topsoil in my yard in seven years of implementing these practices with almost no purchased inputs. The biggest impediment to these farming practices working at a larger level is the lack of on-farm housing and the ability to be developing the efforts without any start-up support. This training grants will help broaden the knowledge base. It also begins to shift the intention of the state toward respecting this farming style. Diversified agriculture in natural farming methods places the investment in the farm worker more strongly than in equipment purchases. The emerging generation is demonstrating enthusiasm for natural farming that provides a healthy place to work, nourishing foods, and diminished packaging wastes for our landfills. Local food production helps Hawaii to regain its resilience. Mahalo Nui Loa for this bill. Here is a small film demonstrating our quick success in our Akamai Backyard. <https://vimeo.com/17946839> Kilauea, Kauai

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

LATE

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:47 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: mendezj@hawaii.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

LATE

Categories: Purple Category

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:19 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: chris@mentzel.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:16 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: alan31sail@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Egusa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 90% of the food consumed in Hawaii is shipped in. This situation leaves the people of Hawaii vulnerable to any incident that would cause shipping to stop for any period of time. I consider this to be irresponsible. We need to remedy this precarious situation asap. Hawaii is capable of growing 90% of the food consumed here.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:31 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: helmut@classicorganic.org
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We need more farmers to grow more food so that we do not need to import most of our food. We must train new farmers.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

LATE

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 8:46 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: harriet@passengerplanet.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill if you want to see Hawaii grow its own food! Mahalo.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:33 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: courtneybruch808@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Courtney Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, Please support this bill. There are more and more people of all ages that are interested in becoming regenerative Ag farmers and need mentorship to grow successful Ag enterprises in natural farming. This will increase local jobs, economy, soil fertility, protection of the environment, increase locally grown food and much, much more! Mahalo, Courtney Bruch Kula

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 10:36 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: legechair@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee, This testimony is in support of this measure. Mahalo for putting it on today's agenda. I have one friendly amendment I would ask the committee to consider. Please delete language in Section 3 Line 20 that says: as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, And change to: appropriates to the Hawaii Department of agriculture, for the Farm Apprentice Mentoring Program to provide mentoring on a whole farm system approach to agriculture. Mahalo for your service to Hawaii's agricultural community, Respectfully Submitted, Simon Russell Hawaii Farmers Union United Legislative Committee Chairman

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:08 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: raphiell@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/29/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:05 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: ELITEHAWAII@AOL.COM
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:46 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: poqqoppoqqop@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an important step forward in sustainable agriculture. Please pass this measure. Thank you.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 7:15 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: kristenmartinek@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristen Martinek	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:10 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: yoshitol@yahoo.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017
Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yoshito L'Hote	Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:30 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: richardfurst@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017
Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Furst	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We must develop a robust system to bring the next generation of young farmers into the market with the best tools/techniques for sustainable ag!

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:01 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: scott@aloha.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

LATE

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our food security in the future depends on developing the next generation of farmers with a whole systems and regenerative approach to farming.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:03 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: deshayne@deshayne.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017
Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donn DeShayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To maintain agriculture in Hawai'i in order to supply its citizens with whole, healthy, live food, it is necessary to encourage and instruct younger people interested in farming agricultural methods that produce the best foods while keeping the aina in an unpolluted state. I support this bill. Thank you.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE

AEN Testimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:09 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: oneifbylandenv@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017
Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott lacasse	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the farm mentorship and apprentice bill. Please appropriate the funds. Mahalo
Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

gabbard2 - Donna

LATE

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:54 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: sd3@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

gabbard2 - Donna

LATE

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 11:15 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: sue.leeloy@hawaiicounty.gov
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB356 on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM*

SB356

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for AEN on Jan 30, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

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

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov