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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 13, 2019
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1102 HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1102 HD1. The purpose of this bill is to establish a coordinator of the P-20 agriculture education working group to support the continuing efforts of the P-20 agriculture education working group to lead the implementation plan for a coordinated framework of support for P-20 agriculture education in Hawaii. The Department of Agriculture supports this measure.

Senate Resolution No. 80, SLH 2016, created the P-20 working group with a task to develop strategies to increase agricultural education within the local school system. This resolution highlighted the importance of increasing agricultural education among Hawaii's keiki and investing in the State's agricultural industry by influencing a future generation of local agriculturalists. This bill seeks to fund a coordinator position with operational funding to coordinate that task.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

By
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HB 1102 HD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Chair Creagan and Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1102 HD1 relating to agriculture education and establishes and appropriates funds for the P-20 agriculture education coordinator position within the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM), College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). This bill also outlines the duties of the coordinator and P-20 agriculture education working group. UHM/CTAHR supports the intent of this bill and this testimony is in large part the same submitted for the original bill with the exception of suggested amendments included herein.

- Preschool through grade 20 (higher education) agriculture education is key to the development of future farmers and to a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resource systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being and food security.
- UHM/CTAHR convened a working group under Senate Resolution 80 (2015) and developed a coordinated framework of support for preschool through post-secondary (P-20) agriculture education and a plan for implementation.
- The outcome of the working group was the consensus that a P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator position is needed within UHM/CTAHR for the purpose of overseeing ongoing communication and collaboration of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group and spearheading the Implementation Plan that includes:
 - Teacher Development: Teacher training in agriculture and food systems education at all levels (P-20) for those preparing to become teachers (“pre-service teachers”), as well as additional professional development for those already in classrooms (“in-service teachers”).

- Curricular Integration: Integrating agriculture education into the core curriculum in all subject areas at all levels (P-20).
- Agriculture Educators: Helping to establish and fund positions at the state, community, and school levels that directly support teacher development and curricular integration around agriculture and food systems.

The report highlights the large number of organizations working in this area. What is evident is the amount of overlap and lack of coordination between organizations. More effective effort on this topic could be had if there was some level of coordination among groups; and this position could also seek to provide that.

We support the intent of this bill and offer the following suggested amendments provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Approved Budget:

- clarify that the P-20 agriculture education coordinator position is a permanent Administrative Professional Technical (APT) with UHM/CTAHR, and
- appropriates out of the general revenues of the State of Hawai'i the sum of \$65,000 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020, the same sum for fiscal year 2020-2021, and the same sum for future fiscal years should the position be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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February 13, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1102, HD 1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Room 312
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 1102, HD 1, which establishes and appropriates funds for the P-20 agriculture education coordinator position within the University of Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture and human resources and specifies the duties of the coordinator and P-20 agriculture education working group.

It is commonly known that the average age of a farmer in Hawaii is approximately 60 years old. For agriculture to be sustainable, and to produce more local crops we, as a society, must cultivate the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

The Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, under then-Director Dwight Takamine's and then-HDOA Chair Russell Kokubun's leadership, undertook a series of facilitated meetings with farmers, ranchers, educators and a diverse group of stakeholders across the state between 2007 and 2011 to address Ag Labor. The Hawaii Agriculture Skill Panel Report was the result of the stakeholder meetings. The report made a number of recommendations, of which several common themes emerged. #1 of those themes was "Increasing youth education and training".

In 2013, the Hawaii State Legislature saw fit to establish the Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board via HB 749 of that year. This Board convenes, in part, to execute the recommendations of Hawaii Agriculture Skill Panel Report. This board established a program by which educators and school administrators can be exposed and incentivized

to adopt existing broad-based agricultural curriculums. This is an important step toward the future of agriculture in Hawaii.

In 2015, Hawaii State Senate Resolution No. 80 requested that the UH-Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) develop an “implementation strategy and recommendations for the creation of a statewide coordinated framework of support for P–20 agriculture education, including any proposed legislation.” SR 80 sought to build upon the expertise of CTAHR and create a coordinated effort to address Ag education. It bears mentioning that CTAHR currently serves on the Ag Workforce Development Advisory Board.

Hawaii Farm Bureau suggests that a relationship continues with the existing Agricultural Workforce Advisory Board and the P-20 agriculture education working group.

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

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Suellen Barton | Maui Farmers Union United | Support | No |

Comments:



HAWAI'I FARM TO SCHOOL HUI

LEARNING GARDENS AND SCHOOL FOOD SYSTEMS



HUI MEMBER CORE ORGANIZATIONS:

Grow Some Good/Maui School Garden Network

'Iolani School/O'ahu Farm to School Network

Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation

Mala'ai: Culinary Gardens of Waimea Middle School/Hawai'i Island School Garden Network

Mālama Kaua'i/Kaua'i School Garden Network

Sustainable Molokai/Molokai School Garden Network

The Kohala Center

The Hawai'i Farm to School Hui is a statewide network whose mission is to strengthen Hawaii's farm to school movement by supporting our island networks in the areas of capacity building, resource development and sharing, professional development, and policy development and advocacy. Farm to school programs include school gardens, education, and school food improvements through local procurement. The Hui is comprised of five island-level networks, community organizations and schools, and representatives from the Hawai'i Departments of Agriculture, Education, and Health and the University of Hawai'i. The Hui formed in 2010 and became a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) in 2017.

Date: February 11, 2019

To: Representative Richard Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

Re: Strong Support of HB1102 HD1, Relating to Agriculture Education

Hearing: February 13, 2019 at 8:30am in Conference Room 312

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of HB1102 HD1** which establishes and appropriates funds for the P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator position within the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH CTAHR).

This bill puts forth the recommendations of the **P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group** as detailed in [DC149](#): the Final Report on a Coordinated Framework of Support for Preschool Through Post-Secondary (P-20) Agriculture Education in Hawai'i pursuant to S.R. No. 80 (2015).

Convened by UH CTAHR, the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group has met for three years to develop the report and recommendations. **Agriculture education at all levels (P-20) is key to strengthening Hawaii's food security and food self-sufficiency through the development of future farmers and a supportive citizenry.** Fundamental to expanding student interest in agriculture is the infusion of agriculture education into teacher development programs.

The **P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator would coordinate and support teacher training in agriculture and food systems education at all levels (P-20)** for those preparing to become teachers ("pre-service teachers"), as well as professional development for those already in classrooms ("in-service teachers"). The Coordinator would also continue to convene stakeholders through the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group and facilitate curricular integration and the development of increased numbers of dedicated agriculture educators at the state, community, and school levels.

Agriculture education strengthens Hawaii's farm to school movement by directly connecting more students to where their food comes from and involving them in creating a vibrant local food system in Hawai'i.

UH CTAHR is in a unique position to help strengthen agriculture education in Hawai'i. This bill is essential to increasing their capacity to do so.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB1102 HD1.

Me Ke Aloha,

Lydi Bernal

Coordinator, Hawai'i Farm to School Hui, Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI)



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 – 8:30 AM - Room 312

RE: HB 1102 HD1 – Relating to Agriculture Education – In Support

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **strongly supports HB 1102 HD1**, which establishes and appropriates funds for the P-20 agriculture education coordinator position within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of tropical agriculture and human resources.

We commend the efforts of the P-20 agriculture education working group which developed a coordinated framework of support for P-20 agriculture education and a plan for implementation. This coordinator position is needed to implement the plan.

Agricultural education is vital in developing future generations to be agriculturally literate. A comprehensive and coordinated agricultural education framework will expose students to agriculture and by doing so, hopefully increase the number of local farms and farmers, and local food production. This effort will be a major contribution towards achieving the goal of doubling local agriculture production by 2030.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

We respectfully request your support of HB 1102 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Hawai'i Food
Manufacturers Association
Kohala Center
Land Use Research
Foundation of Hawai'i
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Network
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1102 HD1
House Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 8:30 am, Room 312**

Aloha Representatives,

Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation supports HB1102 HD1, which establishes and appropriates funds for the P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator position within the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH CTAHR).

The Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2003 to support environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai'i. Our 'ĀINA In Schools program is a farm to school initiative launched in 2006 that connects children to their local land, waters, and food to grow a healthier Hawai'i. We work directly with 23 O'ahu elementary schools that have implemented the program and have also trained an additional 500+ educators from over 250 schools and organizations from across the state in the use of our 'ĀINA garden, composting, and nutrition curricula. While most of our work has focused on K-6 students, we have seen a huge need for increased agricultural education resources and teacher training reaching students from preschool through college.

HB1102 HD1 puts forth the recommendations of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group as detailed in DC149: the Final Report on a Coordinated Framework of Support for Preschool Through Post-Secondary (P-20) Agriculture Education in Hawai'i pursuant to S.R. No. 80 (2015). The P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator will focus on integrating agriculture education into pre-service teacher development programs for all levels (P-20) in order to produce a greater number of teachers, students, and citizens with an awareness of and interest in agriculture. The Coordinator would also continue to convene stakeholders through the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group and facilitate curricular integration and the development of increased numbers of dedicated agriculture educators at the state, community, and school levels.

We strongly urge you to vote in support of HB1102 HD1 to help strengthen agriculture education and in turn, increased food security and self-sufficiency for Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Co-Founder, Vice-President

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The Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai'i.



February 13, 2019

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

RE: **Support of HB1102 HD1** Relating to Agriculture Education

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Agriculture Committee:

Blue Zones Project–Hawaii **supports** HB1102 HD1, which establishes a coordinator in the UH-Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. The measure also appropriates funding for this position as well as specifies the duties of the coordinator.

This recommendation came from the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group in the Final Report. Building the appropriate curriculum P-20 is a key factor in addressing the continuum of food security in Hawaii. The recommendation was a priority of the working group because to have food security there needs to be a person focused on developing the coordinated efforts of all those who are part of our food system.

The state is at a crossroads in the food system, among other issues, our farmers are retiring with very few new farmers coming into the market, there is not enough food production to self-sustain, and there is a high cost of locally sourced food in the state, for these reasons and more, there needs to be a strong collaboration among partners to ensure success moving forward.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of 1102 HD1. It is one more way to make sure we are protecting our youth from the adverse effects of tobacco.

Sincerely,

Peggy Mierzwa

Peggy Mierzwa
Blue Zones Project—Hawaii

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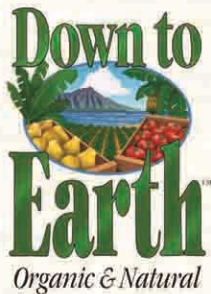
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| Melodie Aduja | O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i | Support | No |

Comments:

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HB 1102 HD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE
House Committee on Agriculture
February 13, 2019, 8:30am State Capitol

Aloha Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair, Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

Down to Earth Organic and Natural testifies in support of HB 1102 HD1.

Down to Earth *Organic and Natural* has six locations on Oahu and Maui. Since we opened in 1977, we have supported healthy lifestyles and preservation of the environment by selling local, fresh, organic and natural food, and by promoting a vegetarian lifestyle.

We are in support of HB 1102 HD1 as a means to teach more students about the how to grow food. Many beneficial lessons can be taught with garden-based curriculum such as science, math, cultural studies, and ecology. A P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator is essential to expanding current programs in our schools and creating new ones. Students who participate in the cultivation of crops tend to eat healthier and may consider farming as a future career, something that our state needs for a sustainable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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| casey halpern | cafe pesto hilo | Support | No |

Comments:

To Honorable Servants Of The Public At Large,

It is with great confidence that I offer my support for this bill. Agriculture is the future of Hawaii and the keiki will be the ones leading the charge. We can't afford to put this off any longer, it is imperative that we start now in the education of our youth. Someday they will be feeding all of us, but we must plant the seeds today with education. I humbly ask you to support this bill and look forward to seeing it implemented in our schools.

With Aloha,

Casey Halpern

HB-1102-HD-1

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Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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| Helmut Klauer | A'a Li'i Farm | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Reba O'Day | Birds With Arms Farms | Support | No |

Comments:

Please support this bill.

HB-1102-HD-1

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Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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| Sunny Savage-Luskin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1102-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 4:04:11 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lauren Loor | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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

My name is Lauren Loor and I live in Kahului, Maui, I support HB1102 HD1 and I ask you to support this bill as well. This bill puts forth the recommendations of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group as detailed in [DC149](#): the Final Report on a Coordinated Framework of Support for Preschool Through Post-Secondary (P-20) Agriculture Education in Hawai'i pursuant to S.R. No. 80 (2015). Agriculture education is key to meeting the state's aspirations for increased food security and self-sufficiency. The P-20 Agriculture Education Coordinator will focus on infusing agriculture education into pre-service and in-service teacher development programs for all levels (P-20) in order to produce a greater number of teachers, students, and citizens with an awareness of and interest in agriculture. This is so important to the sustainability of our food system because we are seeing less and less farming and we more people who do not know how to cook or connect with food and more children who cannot recognize fruits and vegetables. This is an amazing opportunity to connect keiki with agriculture and food, and to create more passion that can go back into our food system here in Hawaii so we can have less importation of foods. Please support this bill for the future of Hawaii, our keiki and our food system.

Mahalo,

Lauren Loor

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Dennis F Lokmer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Lisa DeSantis | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Agriculture education is key to meeting the state's aspirations for increased food security and self-sufficiency.

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Ken Stover | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Steven Forman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Catarina | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a resident and local business owner whose business is entirely dependent on locally-farmed foods and materials, I cannot over-state the importance of this bill and it's longer term goals.

Our average farmer is nearing retirement age and our local food production has declined sharply from 30 years ago. The events of this past year have been painful reminders of how precarious our local food supply really is and how necessary it's growth and diversification are. We just lost access to our island's sole small-animal slaughterhouse while we are still reeling from the effects of the 2018 eruption and hurricane. It's a daunting time for Hawaii's agricultural industry, but the perfect time to really evaluate it's potential and help realize it.

Hawai'i has a rich history of food sovereignty and security, so we know the potential is there and, it could be argued, is greater than ever. In order to realize that potential and ensure that our present and future generations can enjoy the wealth and security this abundant land has to offer, they must first be taught how to use it. Our most precious crop is our next generation, they are the ones who will take what we've taught them and build the future. This bill helps to prioritize the the tools and education they will need to build a future that sustains them and these, their islands, through the critical and fulfilling stewardship and cultivation of this 'aina.

Please vote Yes on HB1102 HD 1.

Respectfully

Catarina Zaragoza

The Locavore Store

Hilo, HI

HB-1102-HD-1

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| Barbara Best | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Harriet Witt | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

This bill will help us to move beyond our dangerous dependence on the mainland for food.

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| Kaliko Amona | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

LATE

TO: Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite and Committee Members
FROM: 7th Grade Students of My Life, My Island, My World course at 'Iolani School
BILL: In support of [HB1102 HD1](#) Relating to Agriculture Education

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite and Committee Members,

Our class is writing to you requesting your support of HB1102 HD1 Relating to Agriculture Education. We recognize the importance of agriculture education for all of Hawai'i's keiki. As we learn about and navigate the complexities of our food systems, we see how vital it is for our state that agriculture education is a necessary component for all education systems in Hawaii from Preschool through Post-Secondary and hope that you will support this bill providing the state with an Agriculture Education Coordinator.

We are including a poster we made together about a project we did in our class about our own food stories and how when we all connect more to our food, we can envision a better system for everyone. We invite you to discover your own food story.

Mahalo for allowing us to provide this written testimony.

What's Your Food Story?



I like to fish and fish is something I like to eat
-Oakley '24

We Support **farm to school** and ask you to consider the following important bills:

- **HB1102/SB762** (Relating to Agriculture Education)
- **SB303** (Relating to Gardens)
- **SB80** (Strengthens HIDEO SFSB to expand 'Aina Pono)



My favorite thing to do is hunt
-Ethan '24



My favorite food is orzo pasta. We are Italian.
-Castle- '24



My first food was poi.
-Kualau '24



My taste buds always change though my favorite hasn't. Rice.
-Cade '24

The food that I enjoy is turkey bacon. Sometimes my family grills on a kamado in my backyard.
-Ryder '24



Ride the vibe. At Malaekahana my grandpa likes to bbq.
-Bubba Shea-Park '24



I usually eat meals on the couch because it is comfortable.
-Devin '24



My family always eats dinner at the table because it's a way for all of us to come together at the end of a day.
-Keenan Lam '24



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HB-1102-HD-1

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| Keith Ranney | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: