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Date: March 23, 2021

To: Honorable Chairs & Members of the Committees (AEN/HWN)

Fr: Robin Puanani Danner, SCHHA Chair
Sybil Lopez, SCHHA Vice Chair

Re: Support of SR205/SCR246 – Energizing the Economy of Agriculture

Mahalo to Senator Delacruz for the introduction of the above referenced resolutions focusing needed attention on the agriculture economy by bringing stakeholders together from every sector to work together.

Honorable Chairs, the SCHHA is a federally defined Homestead Beneficiary Association (HBA) registered with the U.S. Department of Interior to advance the interests of homestead lessees on residential, farming or ranching homesteads.

We would be grateful to serve on the collaborative group described in these resolutions, and to appoint a homestead leader with hands-on, practical experience in the agricultural field. Homestead regions have so many talented farmers and ranchers, regardless of island base, but in particular, successful, full time family farmers from Molokai, Hawaii Island or Maui.

Please be assured, SCHHA will dedicate its designated seat to the work described in the resolution to an outstanding representative from Hawaiian Home Lands and in the day-to-day business of agriculture.

Mahalo for these resolutions, we stand in Support.

About SCHHA. The *Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations* (SCHHA), founded in 1987, is one of the oldest and is the largest HHCA Beneficiary Organization, representing the interests of nearly 10,000 native Hawaiian lessees and 28,000 families on the waitlist. SCHHA is governed by a council elected to 4-year terms serving homestead areas in the Moku-puni of Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui/Lanai and Hawaii Island. SCHHA leaders are experts on the HHCA, federal and state land trust management, finance, affordable housing, economic development and job creation.

Founded in 1987, the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA) is the oldest and largest governing homestead association registered with the Department of Interior, exercising sovereignty on the trust lands established under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.



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Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Date: March 24, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Where: Via Videoconference

TESTIMONY

By Marissa Harman
Director of Asset Management

RE: SCR 246 / SR 205 – Requesting that a working group be convened to develop recommendations for implementing the Revitalizing Economy and Agriculture Leadership initiative.

E nā Luna Ho‘omalū Gabbard a me Shimabukuro, nā Hope Luna Ho‘omalū Nishihara a me Keohokalole, a me nā Lālā o kēia mau Kōmike, aloha!

Kamehameha Schools **SUPPORTS SCR 246 / SR 205**. We believe that our educational mission is best achieved in a society that supports and enables the success of our learners. One significant component of such a society is a sustainable, local food system. For this reason, we have heavily invested in agriculture on our lands across Hawai‘i to contribute to the State’s Aloha+ Challenge goal of doubling local food production by 2030.

We believe that this working group can play a pivotal role in uplifting our local food system. Kamehameha Schools is willing to participate as a member of the working group.

Accordingly, we kindly request you **PASS SCR 246 / SR 205**.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership. Mahalo nui!

SR-205

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 7:55:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iolani Kuoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

My name is 'Iolani Kuoha and a farmer on the island of Moloka'i. I am in support of SR 205 Requesting that a working group be convened to develop recommendations for implementing the revitalizing economy and agriculture leadership initiative.

This Senate Resolution will support farmer needs to be profitable, to be practical and a vital component of economic and environmental recovery; and to be a priority in order to achieve food and energy security.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo,

SR-205

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 8:55:54 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noah Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Noah Freeman of Freemans Farm and I am a farmer on the island of Moloka'i. I support SR 205, requestinjg that a working group be convened to develop recommendations for implementing the revitalizing economy and agriculture leadership initiative.

The Senate Resolution will support farmer needs to be profitable, to be practical and a vital component of economic and environmental recovery; and it will be a priority in order to achieve food and energy security.

Mahalo,

Noah Freeman