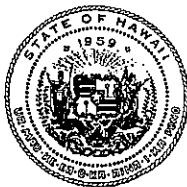


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LATE TESTIMONY

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Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

S.B. 101, S.B.1, H.D.1, RELATING TO HEALTH

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

March 28, 2011

- 1 **Department's Position:** The department supports this bill with reservations and suggestions.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill has little to no fiscal implication.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill would exempt hand-pounded poi from food safety regulations.
- 4 The hand pounding of poi would not be required to be done in a permitted food establishment, and
- 5 would not be required to obtain a food establishment permit from the department. The department feels
- 6 that the intent of the bill could be addressed in changing the Hawaii Administrative Rule (HAR),
- 7 Chapter 12, Food Establishment Sanitation, which governs the sale and distribution of food. A new
- 8 draft version of Chapter 12 is nearly complete as the department has been working on updating our
- 9 somewhat archaic food rules to be more in line with National standards (FDA 2009 Food Code), and
- 10 exemptions regarding hand-pounded poi can be easily included in the revision.
- 11 The DOH would like to offer the following changes;
- 12 1) Create a new Part ____ to be placed in Chapter 321.
- 13 2) §321-A (2) Attends a food-safety class; should be changed to:
- 14 Attends a Department of Health Food Safety Certification Workshop and passes the Food
- 15 safety Certification Exam.

1 3) 321-C Producers of hand-pounded poi; cease and desist notice.

2 The title of this section should be changed to "Enforcement". The language in this section
3 should be replaced with a statement to the effect that the department may take any measures
4 otherwise authorized by law to protect public health and safety with respect to hand-pounded
5 poi.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I just feel that if anything, this bill being passed does more good than bad. I feel that in passing this bill, it will allow people to understand hawaiian culture that much more, and will be the start of deconstructing the commercial view of what Hawaii is. I feel that if the Hawaiian people want to sell their pa'i'ai, they should be able to as their right as Native peoples. Why is it that Native Americans can sell their products on and off the reservations, and yet Hawaiians cannot sell their pa'i'ai? I just attended a pow wow this past weekend in Provo. The Native Americans there were selling all kinds of things from dream catchers, drums with feathers, costumes all traditionally made. So why is it that they can make these traditional things, and sell them? Isn't that the same concept? Legalize the Pa'i'ai!

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

Monday, March 28, 2011 - 2:00 pm
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SB 101, SD1, DH1: RELATING TO HEALTH

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

HONUA CONSULTING
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President

March 26, 2011

Position

We are in strong support of this bill and urge the committee to pass it without amendments.

Justification

There is extensive research to show that the catastrophic decline in Native Hawaiian health over the last century is tied to environmental and nutritional variables. Food, a mechanism of both health and culture in Hawaiian society, plays a critical role in the health of the people. Therefore, when traditional food cultivation suffered from western contact, the health of the people suffered.

The importance of taro to Hawaiian culture cannot be underestimated. Taro as a cultural symbol has multiple meanings. The place is a symbol of the 'ohana (family), specifically of an elder sibling in Hawaiian cosmology for whom respect and care must be shown. In return for the care given to the elder sibling, and the land it grows in, that elder sibling (taro) will care for the Hawaiian people by feeding them. Taro is a symbol of Hawaiian family, and land and life.¹

In recognition of the fundamental importance kalo, known to foreigners as taro, occupies with the traditional Hawaiian community, many cultural practitioners focus their cultural education around lo'i restoration and kalo cultivation – this includes making and consuming pa'i'ai.

Considering the origins of kalo, its central role in both health and spirituality are appropriate in when determining how to address issues related to Native Hawaiian and public health. For kalo influences not only our culture and beliefs, but speaks to where Hawaiians originated. While it is a key symbol of values, it is also our origin. Kalo appears in the Papa and Wākea creation story.

Wākea and Papa created a heavenly daughter, Ho'ohōkūkalani, whose beauty aroused her father's passion. One night, father and daughter became one. Ho'ohōkūkalani delivered a stillborn baby, and from the infant's grave a kalo (taro) plant sprouted.

¹ Juliet McMullin, "Kāhea Ola: Revitalizing a Healthy Native Hawaiian Identity," PhD Diss., University of California, Irvine, 1999.

Wākea called the plant Hāloa-naka, for its long, quivering leaves. Later, father and daughter produced a boy, naming him Hāloa in honor of the starch, the kalo, that nourished him as he grew into man.

In the following centuries, Hawaiians cultivated kalo in gardens large and small; the kalo, in turn, sustained the families. They knew kalo as their ancestor Hāloa, his heart-shaped leaves and genealogy entwined with their cosmos, their land, their gods, their chiefs, and themselves.²

Kalo is more than a symbol, more than an agricultural system, more than a food: it literally represents the people. Therefore, this bill speaks to much more than just the ability to prepare a food; it represents a larger effort to address Hawaiian health and well-being by allowing the people of Hawai'i to reconnect to their traditional nutritional practices.

The traditional lifestyle was far healthier and more active. One woman recalls from her childhood:

I had to work before I could have my breakfast. I would get up in the morning, fix my *pūne'e*, fold my *kapa* and roll up the mosquito net and put it away. We had to scrub the sidewalks with the *palaka niu ānai* and brown soap. We would wash down our *hale lua* with chlorine.

When we finished doing our job in the house, we would go down to the taro patch to clean the *lo'i* or we would pull the taro to cook to make our poi. Tutu Kane, my father and my uncle did the heavy work. When our work was finished we would come in to have our breakfast. We would collect and have our collect the *pūpū-pāke* in the taro patch to cook. At that time we didn't have crawfish. Tutu Wahine would limit our food.

... Tutu didn't have running water. The river water was used for drinking water, the taro patch and cooking. Tutu's land was like a hole. If it rained you would slide down. We never brought fruits or candies. Tutu's house had a veranda. We used a mosquito net over us for sleeping. We had a mosquito net otherwise the mosquitoes would eat us up. We didn't have modern beds. Tutu Wahine made *pūne'e* out of *lau hala*. Each of us had our own *kapa*.³

This history provides great insight to Hawaiian health and living. We see that children were actively involved in caring for the house and for the land, particularly the *lo'i*. *Pūpū-pāke* were an invasive apple snail present in taro patches, but we see here how regular work in the *lo'i* allowed for this invasive species to be controlled.

As University of California Professor Juliet McMullin explains, "Hawaiian health is more than merely attending to the physical body. Health is more than the dictates of biomedicine, science and technology. It is intimately tied to a communion with their ancestors (*kūpuna*), with the land that cares for them (a concept that is commonly referred to as *mālama 'āina*), and with

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² Ibid.

³ Wai'anae Coast Culture and Arts Society, *Ka Po'e Kahiko o Wai'anae: Oral Histories of the Wai'anae Coast of O'ahu*, (Honolulu: Topgallant Publishing Co, 1986), 51-53.

taro.”⁴ This notion was a key theme and summary from the Ka ‘Uthane Lōkahi: 1998 Native Hawaiian Health and Wellness Summit and Island ‘Aha. In their executive summary, it states: “‘Āina, wai and kai are key to our survival. The land, water and ocean are inseparable from our health as a people, thus these issues cannot be disassociated from health issues. From discussions on stewardship to access and gathering rights, this topic permeated virtually every discussion as critical components of our overall well-being.”⁵ For over two hundred years, Native Hawaiians have attempted to explain to foreigners how the well-being of Native Hawaiians is critically tied to that of the land and Hawaiians’ access to their natural resources.

In a historical overview, the report states the importance of the relationship between traditional Hawaiian values and physical health. The report reads:

Hawaiian concepts of health and wellness are interrelated and inseparable from other concepts associated with living on islands. The foundation for these concepts are built upon relationships – relationships with natural elements (wind, rain, water, etc.), with natural environmental (forests, oceans, mountains, etc.), with specific places (family or ancestral land(s) – places of birth, burials, etc.), with other living things (flora and fauna), and with people. All of these relationships form a Hawaiian concept of ola build upon a strong spiritual foundation. Everything has a life, everything has value, both animate and inanimate.

Traditional society dictated appropriate values associated with these relationships. Some of these values were laulima, aloha, kōkua, lōkahi, pono and mālama. There was many others. These values provide guidance for achieving optimum health and wellness despite the fact that many in the dominant society would consider them superfluous to productivity. The fact remains that most Hawaiians still view these values and their practices as appropriate and desirable and essential ingredients to good health and well-being.⁶

This again reinforces the idea that well-being relied upon a Hawaiian’s relationship with his or her surrounding environment.

Wai‘anae community members fully appreciate that the key to wellbeing requires environmental and health changes. In 1991, Wai‘anae Comprehensive Health Center published *The Wai‘anae Book of Hawaiian Health*. The preface reads:

Hawaiian health is a critical issue today because in Hawai‘i, “the healthiest state in the union,” Native Hawaiians have the worst health in the nation. This is in sharp contrast to the excellent health that the Hawaiians had in pre-Western contact times, before 1778

⁴ Juliet McMullin, “Kāhea Ola: Revitalizing a Healthy Native Hawaiian Identity,” PhD Diss., University of California, Irvine, 1999, 13.

⁵ Papa Ola Lōkahi, “Ka ‘Uthane Lōkahi: 1998 Native Hawaiian Health and Wellness Summit and Island ‘Aha Issues, Trends and General Recommendations.” (Honolulu: Papa Ola Lōkahi, 1998).

⁶ Papa Ola Lōkahi, “Ka ‘Uthane Lōkahi: 1998 Native Hawaiian Health and Wellness Summit and Island ‘Aha Issues, Trends and General Recommendations.” (Honolulu: Papa Ola Lōkahi, 1998).

when Captain Cook arrived. Today, Hawaiians have the highest rates of heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes in the state. Over 70% of all Hawaiians die of these diseases, and all of these diseases are diet-related.

This is the reason why the main focus of this book is on diet.

Why should a book about Hawaiian health come from Wai'anae? First of all, the Wai'anae coast has the largest concentration of Hawaiian people in the state. According to the 1980 U.S. Census, 56% of the people in Nānākuli and 34% of the Wai'anae people are Hawaiian. Second of all, the Wai'anae coast has the poorest economic conditions in the state and some of the poorest health. Yet, Wai'anae is rich in Hawaiian tradition and in human resources and spirit.

This book and the Wai'anae Diet Program are efforts to make use of this richness to reverse an epidemic of diet-related deaths among the Hawaiian people, both in this community and across the state.⁷

This focus on a diet comprised of traditional foods illustrates that "to reverse an epidemic" among Native Hawaiians, the ability to return to elements of the traditional lifestyle is key.

The Wai'anae Book of Hawaiian Health provides some very interesting history on the traditional health of the Hawaiian people.

The Hawaiian of the past was thin and strong rather than overweight. Let us repeat that... they were **thin** rather than overweight. In other words, their natural status was to be slim. This is in contract to the commonly held belief that Hawaiians were naturally obese. If you have doubts about the trust of this statement, just look at the pictures of ancient Hawaiians in this book and ask yourself, "Where are the overweight Hawaiians?"

The Hawaiian people were tall, "above the middle statute, graceful, and stately." They were attractive and healthy. This was the conclusion of this early observer in times soon after Western contact. Hawaiian people today have it in them to be this way, if we return to some of the ways of our kūpuna.

In addition to being taller than average, the Hawaiian people were "capable of bearing great fatigue." In other words, they were energetic and very active. This energy and hard working nature was a reflection of their excellent health. A high level of physical activity was a normal part of Hawaiian life.⁸

Hawaiians were naturally healthy and fit. A sustainable lifestyle demands it. One cannot tend to lo'i or fish, or make pa'i'ai, without a fairly high level of physical capability.

We recognize the need for public oversight and reasonable public protections. Yet, we implore this committee to also recognize the necessity of allowing traditional health practices to be restored and perpetuated. This allowance will set an important foundation for a long overdue approach to addressing broader community health issues. We believe this bill to be a necessity

⁷ Sheila Beckham, Kekuni Blaisdell, and Terry Shintani, ed., *The Wai'anae Book of Hawaiian Health* (Wai'anae: Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, 1991).

⁸ Ibid.

if we are to begin reversing the alarming health issues that continue to face rural communities throughout Hawai'i.

Response to Concerns / Opposition

The State Department of Health has shared thoughtful comments and reservations. The extensive research herein is intended to illustrate that information about kalo and traditional Hawaiian foods are extensively documented.

We also remind the Department of the various community / government organizations that can offer guidance on this issue, including:

- The State Taro Task Force
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Papa Ola Lōkahi
- Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center
- 'Onipa'a Nā Hui Kalo
- Wai'anae Comprehensive Health Center

Budgetary Considerations / Recommendations

We believe HD1 adequately amended the bill to address any budgetary concerns. Acknowledging the economic hardships the legislature is facing this session, we believe that this bill will not create any undue financial strain on the Department of Health or the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha State Representatives:

My name is Pamela M. Williams and I live in Makaha on O'ahu. I am writing to ask for your support to pass SB 101, Pa'i 'Ai. As a Kanaka Maoli, it is vital to our culture that we have an opportunity to choose to traditionally pound kalo, to make poi and to purchase Pa'i that is traditionally prepared for consumption, instead of factory made and processed poi. Factory poi tastes different; the shelf life is shorter, three days at best, in comparison to traditional Pa'i 'Ai, which stays fresh for up to two weeks or longer.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask you to please support SB101, the Pa'i 'Ai Bill, which would legalize the sale of traditionally prepared Pa'i 'Ai.

Mahalo,

Pamela M. Williams

Testimony in support for SB 101

Submitted by Melissa Woo

March 28, 2011

I support SB101 and believe it to be a fair bill that adequately addresses the concerns raised by the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, and any other concerns raised by the Department of Public Health. SB101 clearly informs consumers of the conditions in which their food was prepared, empowering consumers to make wise decisions for themselves. Pa'i'ai is not only a sacred food and cultural practice, but it is healthy and nourishing. As our communities are getting sicker and sicker from obesity and poor nutrition, it is vital that we not restrict people's access to healthy food choices.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Woo

From: Charlie Reppun

I am in favor of SB101. This bill takes a few small but important steps towards food security. Food security has to do with both supply and quality/safety. While there is some security in being able to get food from any place, at any time, the world has some serious supply problems. There is of course the problem of decreasing fuel supplies (peak oil) and increasing fuel costs. This affects both our ability to grow food and to transport food. There is also the loss of farm land to urbanization. In the minute I have taken to write this, the USA will have lost 2 football fields, 2 acres of farm land. That is 1 million acres a year. We need to grow more of our own food in Hawaii, and growing carbohydrates, starch, is where we are furthest behind. Wetland taro is critical. It requires the least amount of energy, and produces a lot of starch. As part of stream ecosystems, it is part of the ocean/fish ecosystem, which is also a critical food security issue.

So how does this bill help? Decentralizing food production is going to be critical to increasing food security. We need more family and friends growing, processing and distributing kalo/poi, which in its' fermented state, is one of a unique group of particularly nutritious and safe foods. By focusing on hand-pounded poi, this bill is encouraging that decentralization. A family can pound and sell to family and friends-maybe even from taro from everyone's back yard. And the food safety class helps people to understand all aspects of getting healthy safe food.

Please pass this bill.

**TESTIMONY of KIM KU'ULEI BIRNIE
In favor of
SB 101, RELATING TO HEALTH**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Vice Chair

Monday, March 28, 2011
2:00 PM
Conference Room 225
State Capitol

I am writing in strong favor of SB 101 SD1 HD1 and am adamantly against adding in foods of other ethnic origin. Preparation of poi in the traditional manner is unique and should be addressed distinctly.

I have worked in the public health arena for the past 18 years, and am currently employed at Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian board of health, which has already submitted testimony in favor of this bill.

Let the Department of Health exempt hand-pounded poi from the requirements of other formally prepared foods as a customary practice invoked in Article IX Section 9 of the Hawai'i State Constitution.

The concepts of managing consumer risk and liability while perpetuating traditional Hawaiian practices in modern society are already articulated in federal and state statutes concerning Hawaiian healing practices.

The Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act was initially passed in 1988 and reauthorized in 1991 (PL 102-396) and 2010 (PL 111-148 Sec. 10221 s. 1790 sec. 202). It and Hawai'i Revised Statutes 453-2 recognizes traditional practitioners. While these citations specifically recognize practitioners in the healing arts, the concept can be applied to other Hawaiian practices.

Furthermore, and in congruence with statutes addressing traditional Hawaiian healing practices, let the Department of Health recognize kupuna or community councils that are proficient in the traditional harvesting and preparation of poi that shall develop their own policies, procedures and rules necessary to recognize, certify, and hold accountable traditional practitioners.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important topic.

O wau 'iho no me ka ha'aha'a,

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Comments:

Aloha e Rep. Robert Herkes,
My name is Kealii Parker, and I am a proud Native Hawaiian who would really like to see my culture advance and prosper. The sale and consumption of pa'i'ai is an excellent way to stay healthy and keep monies in Hawaii thru local businesses such as Mana Ai. Daniel the owner, wraps his pa'i'ai in ti leaf, uses the time honored methods of hand pounded poi. My question to you is, wouldn't you rather see the ti leaf industry grow than the plastic bag industry?! Wouldn't you want to see obese Hawaiian children losing weight from eating healthier and from the strenuous workout that comes from pounding taro?!? If you have the Native Hawaiian community's best interest at heart, you will allow for pa'i'ai to be sold. Furthermore, no one has ever fell ill from consuming hand pounded pa'i'ai. NO ONE. The case you refered to was from a factory in Maui. Very different cases. I appreciate your time sir.

Mahalo piha,
Kealii Parker

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Mahalo piha,
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Please allow hand pounded poi to be sold as it has been in the past. It taste sooooo much better then machine processed poi, when you can get it.

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Please support and pass SB 101 to legalize pa'i 'ai.

mahalo

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 12:01 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: tizard8@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas Tizard
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tizard8@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I support SB 101 in it's intent to support and encourage farmers, small businessmen, and we consumers who prefer fresh, local, handmade (especially by traditional methods) foodstuffs. Please vote yes on this very Hawaiian effort.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:55 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: carolth@hawaii.rr.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carol Titcomb
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: carolth@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:47 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: keokikaloman@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Keoki Fukumitsu, Kaloman
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: keokikaloman@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I am in support of this bill and the efforts of everyone.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:35 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: bandanatized@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Micah M. Williams
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bandanatized@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:29 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: dawneygir15@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dawne P. Hampton
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dawneygir15@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: jrodwell@hawaii.edu
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jennifer Rodwell
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jrodwell@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:23 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: turtle.aisland@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leisa King
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: turtle.aisland@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I, as a consumer, want to be able to purchase pa'i'ai. I even want to be able to purchase pa'i'ai at restaurants. Pa'i'ai is a traditional food, made in the traditional way for centuries. To respect the Hawaiian culture would be to allow the Hawaiian people to continue to prepare and share their foods in the traditional method. You cannot separate a people from the foods they love, without also separating them from their culture. The two go hand in hand. The practitioners who prepare pa'i'ai are highly skilled and careful with their product. They should be able to sell what they work so carefully to provide to the public, a long-standing and delicious Hawaiian tradition, which is revered and honored by many.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:19 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: gchun@hawaiiantel.net
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gregory Chun
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gchun@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

This bill has the support of the Dept of Health whose position is that it will not add additional work for them as written. It also is reasonable in that it merely tries to align this traditional cultural practice with the realities of today's world. Please support and pass SB 101.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:19 AM
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ivory McClintock
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ivorykealani@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: CPCtestimony
Cc: dtizard8@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diana Tizard
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dtizard8@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:07 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: christopher_highfield@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Christopher Highfield
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christopher_highfield@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha Kakou !

I support these efforts to allow the Legalization of Hand Pounded Poi (SB101).

I have worked on kalo farms in Hawaii over the years and I enjoy eating kalo and poi as much as possible. I know that the legalization of hand pounded poi will allow Hawaiians to perpetuate their culture and have the option to make a descent living in doing so.

The lo'i around Hawai'i and the kalo farmers that tend to them are a big part of what make these islands and their people so special. Please help the kalo farmers and hand pounded poi makers to acheive their goals.

Mahalo-Nui-Loa

christopher highfield
christopher_highfield@yahoo.com

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:05 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: noyitas@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Noyita Saravia
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: noyitas@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:51 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: hokulani@mauiarts.org
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hokulani Holt-Padilla
Organization: Kauahea Inc.
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: hokulani@mauiarts.org
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I support the making and distributing of pa'i 'ai as an important part of Hawaiian culture and the lifestyle of living in Hawai'i. It is not only for Hawaiians but for all of Hawai'i.

Mahalo.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:50 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: hokulani@mauiarts.org
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hokulani Holt-Padilla
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: hokulani@mauiarts.org
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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Mahalo.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:46 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: kiralee@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kira
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kiralee@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

Dear Rep. Belatti & Representatives,

I live on Ke'eaumoku St. in Makiki and I would like to send my support for SB 101, also known as the Pa'i 'Ai or Poi Bill.

Diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and many other major health problems are huge problems in our communities, problems that can be prevented with a change in lifestyle and philosophy. Once you make Pa'i 'Ai and poi more available, you can base more diets on kalo, not on empty calories. I have observed at several baby lu'au that when you offer poi as a choice, especially delicious hand-pounded pa'i 'ai, people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds will choose pa'i 'ai over rice and mac salad.

Poi-based diets mean supporting local farmers, our leaders in sustainability and important cultural practitioners. Supporting hand-pounded poi is more than just sentimental support of an old craft. There is a spiritual and genealogical connection to kalo, there are important cultural values that are often lost when the practice is diminished, and hand-pounded poi just tastes better! I am 26 years old and still getting educated about my own culture. The process of hand-pounding poi and the work of folks like Mana 'Ai are part of that process. Learning to hand-pound poi, buying the pa'i 'ai, is part of empowering our community to feed ourselves and our 'ohana. It is up to our community to educate each other about the benefits and practices involved with preparing kalo. SB 101 would help to clear away red tape that is blocking this process.

Rep. Belatti - mahalo nui for your work. My whole hale (all teachers) voted for you because we saw somebody we could identify with and we admire your work so far. We care about our food, what goes into it, who makes it, how many miles it took to get to our plates, if there will be any left for our grandkids, and if it left the lands from which it was grown better or worse. I urge you and the other representatives to support SB 101.

Kira Lee
Counselor at UH Manoa
Makiki (originally from Ewa and Palolo)

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:34 AM
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: A. Leimaile Quitevis
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Leimaile.q@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
Please pass SB101. It's the right thing to do.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:17 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: dalipyzel@gmail.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Daleth Pyzel
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: dalipyzel@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:54 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: i_walk_on_gilded_splinters@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Barbara Ackerson
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: i walk on gilded splinters@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:50 AM
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Linda Fujikawa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lindaf@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
Legalization of handpounded poi is
the essence of Hawaii's strength.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: CPCtestimony
Cc: oopu_5@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leimomi Wheeler
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: oopu_5@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:40 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: mlspadaro@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Spadaro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mlspadaro@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
This is a simple common-sense bill and should be passed into law.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:33 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: jefffunke@hotmail.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Funke
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jefffunke@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I am one of those people that enjoyed eating poi growing up and then I had the opportunity to pound my own poi and learned about Pai'ia and I have now made 4 poi boards so I can pound my own poi and even gave one of the boards to a close friend as a present. I support this bill and believe it will help the economy in Hawaii and will help the local community.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:01 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: erica.yamauchi@gmail.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Erica Yamauchi
Organization: Individual
Address:
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E-mail: erica.yamauchi@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:59 AM
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Cc: cneedham@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charlotte Needham
Organization: Individual
Address:
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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:53 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: nicolecody@gmail.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nicole Cody
Organization: Individual
Address:
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E-mail: nicolecody@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:47 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: annerosa7@gmail.com
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Conference room: 325
 Testifier position: support
 Testifier will be present: No
 Submitted by: Anne Rosa
 Organization: Individual
 Address:
 Phone:
 E-mail: annerosa7@gmail.com
 Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of hand pounded poi. This provides a healthy source of nutrition as well as cultural perpetuation as well as sustainability for our island home.

Mahalo,

Anne

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:40 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: kalanzo@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kalani Kalima
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kalanzo@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

The time act is now. You need to help us, the host culture, to thrive on traditionally produced foods. The current law suppresses our human rights as maoli people to perpetuate pa'i 'ai making, unique to Hawai'i and no where else in the world. Kanaka Hawai'i are the only people known to have turned the kalo into pa'i 'ai and then into poi. The kupuna of Hawai'i need to eat more calcium rich foods, people under going chemotherapy need pa'i 'ai when they can no longer hold down food, babies who have food allergies need this to eat because of its nonallergenic properties. Our families need this as it has been a staple for our kanaka maoli since time immemorial and especially today with the health problems that we have in our communities.

We cannot allow the few companies to monopolize the market by selling watered down poi. As you know, the cost of living continues to rise with gas prices going up, property taxes, healthcare costs, utilities and many others. Costco and Sam's Club thrive because they know that the people need to buy in bulk in order to feed their families. Pa'i 'ai allows the 'ohana to add water as needed to increase the amount of poi.

This bill needs to pass so that our people can relearn pa'i 'ai making using cultural guidelines and standards that will empower us and allow us to provide a living by selling pa'i 'ai. Daniel Anthony has shown others, young and old that we can practice our traditions, provide a high quality product that is nutritious and culturally, even spiritually grounded that can help us economically! I support SB 101 and strongly urge you to support and pass it too. Aloha

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Martha Cheng
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: marthac@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:19 AM
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Cc: ponosize@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Pono Kealoha
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ponosize@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

DENYING A HOST CULTURE'S SURVIVAL AND WAY OF LIVING IS GENOCIDE!

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:19 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: kiele-aloha@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Keiko Akana-Gooch
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kiele-aloha@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
Dear Representative,

I live in He'eia, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu. I support SB 101, known as the Pa'i 'Ai or Poi Bill. This bill is important for every island because it gives consumers the choice to have traditionally prepared pa'i 'ai and poi, methods of which have been employed and sustained for centuries.

The bill also recognizes poi's unique place in Hawai'i's history and culture. It has been our staple food for generations, and for family's fortunate enough to have more access to it today, it continues to be. Let us have our pa'i 'ai and our poi!

I urge you to support SB 101.

Mahalo,
Keiko

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:09 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: puamaeole808@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Schantell Taylor
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: puamaeole808@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

Taking measures to ensure healthy practices is one thing~

Banning cultural practices is a form of soft genocide~

Schantell Taylor
Waianae, Hawaii

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:06 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: mh2moto@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Hamamoto
Organization: Mohala Farms
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mh2moto@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
Mahalo for your support of this important bill.

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 7:40 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: kahale16@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Faith Saito
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kahale16@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
Eo Haloa!

CPCtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 7:21 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: brutusluv@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB101 on 3/28/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Blake J La Benz
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: brutusluv@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:
PLEASE vote in support of legalizing hand-pounded taro!

Mahalo,
Blake J La Benz
City Planner, DPP