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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jill JMattos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony to the House Committees on Agriculture and Economic Development and Business Monday, February 4, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. State Capitol – Auditorium

<u>RE:</u> HB 479 Relating to Enterprise Zones

Chairs Wooley and Tsuji, Vice Chairs Onishi and Ward, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii opposes HB 479 Relating to Enterprise Zones.

We believe that this is an unfair target of a specific industry. Enterprise zones were designed to attract investment into an area to stimulate the economy and create jobs. Many of these businesses have done so very successfully. To remove these conditions is unfair to this industry.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

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Warren Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha Legislatures,

I'm writing in support of HB479 regarding the repeal of tax incentives for businesses involved with GMO products. First, I find it appalling that our State has already given them thus far, free reign of our lands to test on the people here. To have them have tax incentives as well, is just salt in the wounds of our children who will have to clean up this mess after GMO companies leave Hawai`i for good.

Not only are they not a non-profit organization, which one would expect to have tax incentives but they are literally making our state a giant science experiment and not even having to pay for it. I for one do not agree with this and would like you all to vote in support of HB479.

Mahalo,

Summer Faria

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stan Walerczyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO should get no tax incentives.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Petricci	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Feb 4, 2013 11:00 AM RE:HB479 Strong Support Aloha Chairwoman Wooley I support HB479, as a small organic farmer that has to pay my share, why are the corporate farms given all the advantages when they take their profits out of state. I spend my money here. I support HB479. How much do members of the boards of these corporations make? Why don't they pay their fair share. Please pass HB479 Robert Petricci

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Philip Oje	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL! Thank you.

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Paul Carter	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am a small business owner and pay my taxes dutifully. I do not support tax incentives for GMO crops in Enterprise zones. Why should they get special tax breaks when biotech companies profit on GMOs while polluting our land, air and water? Repealing this tax incentives would provide much needed income for our State.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mike brodle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear sirs, This bill is most certainly necessary in order to keep business fair in this state.Please support it to keep production rolling in and honest and fair manner! M Brodle

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Broady Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Michael Broady Jr., I have lived on O'ahu for my entire life of 24 years. I am currently a student at Leeward Community College, and a small organic farmer practicing biodiverse permaculture on limited land. I support HB 479. If our goal is to grow more food locally rather than importing it, it is probably a good idea to give tax exemptions to local food producers, rather than giving tax exemptions to corporations who take up tens of thousands of acres of agriculture land for the production of patented seed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa L Yee	Individual		No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. I commend those that had the courage to introduce it. The chemical companies that reaped benefit for over 20 years from not having to pay taxes for use of Hawaii's rich agriculture lands have now been exposed for their exploitation of our ideal climate and lack of awareness of their selfish intentions and corporate plunder. Indigenous species, bees, beneficial insects and plant life have been destroyed by the presence of these chemical companies pouring their poison into the soil, water, and oceans. Instead we should be giving tax incentives to those who would return to farming organic food as a profession and a boost to local communities rather than dependency on the welfare system and harmful processed foods which impoverish our minds and bodies. Hawaii needs to be proud of its people, its resources, its bounty. In place of importing 90% of our food, we must return to self sufficiency, and the tax incentives should serve that purpose instead of lining the pockets of corporations that pretend to give back to our communities while killing us with their Agent Orange chemicals. Please vote to pass this bill. Aloha, Dr Melissa L Yee 292-1179

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My husband and I are small organic farmers on Maui. We urge you to repeal the tax incentives for businesses engaged in the research, development, sale or production of genetically engineered foods. The dangers of genetically engineered, modified foods are just coming to light. We must to support organically grown, sustainable crops rather than give a break to those businesses who develop and support genetically engineered foods. I urge you to support HB 479 and REPEAL the enterprise zone tax incentives for these businesses. Mahalo, Martha Lind Makawao, HI

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Friday, February 1, 2013

Re: H.B. 479 Relating to Enterprise Zones

Committee Members,

HOFA (Hawaii Organic Farming Association) strongly supports the passage of H.B. No. 479 repealing tax incentives received by businesses involved with genetically engineered products (GMO) within state enterprise zones.

HOFA, established in 1994 is an Association of Hawaii organic farmers, distributors, retailers, other organic industry members, and organic consumers. HOFA's vision is to create a sustainable future for Hawaii and our mission is to further organic and sustainable agriculture, land care, and lifestyles in Hawaii, thus giving meaning and life to our state motto: *Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono* "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness".

HOFA strongly supports passage of this bill for the following reasons:

1. Under the National Organic Program, genetic modification (commonly known as GMOs) is not approved for use in the production of organic foodstuffs. The production of GMO foods presents the risk of contamination in the growing, processing and handling of organic foodstuffs and thus GMO foods pose an economic threat to organic agriculture and farming.

2. Food production in Hawaii should be moving towards more sustainable (pono or "righteous") methods of agriculture, foods and farming methods that are in harmony with nature, i.e. not using harmful chemicals such as insecticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers etc. GMO foods are moving in the opposite direction and their production results in unnatural foods with unknown long term health and environmental risks, and increased chemical use in the production of food, and other adverse impacts.

3. Hawaii's agricultural lands should be utilized to grow foods for the people of Hawaii (preferably grown using sustainable/organic farming practices), to provide Hawaii with food self-sufficiency/security. They should not be being used to produce GMO seed crops which are exported without generating any direct revenues for Hawaii, or as a laboratory to test the growing of experimental GMO crops. Neither of these uses contribute to food security for Hawaii.

4. Accordingly, Hawaii should not be providing incentives to the GMO industry to do business in Hawaii.

Please vote in favor of H.B. No. 479.

Sincerely, Mark Fergusson, President

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Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I believe that any tax incentives should be for farmers growing food. GMO testing and research is not farming and they presently do not even pay excise tax.

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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James Macey	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: HB 479 - I strongly support this bill as the GMO chemical companies do not pay general excise tax. If these chemical companies are going to poison our land and water they BETTER be paying their fair share or more of the general excise tax.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE And HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

FEBRUARY 4, 2013 11:00 AM

TESTIMONY ON HB 479 RELATING TO ENTERPRISE ZONES

Chair Wooley, Chair Tsuji and committee members:

My name is Fred Perlak, Vice President of Research and Business Operations for Monsanto Hawaii. We strongly **opposes** HB 479, which repeals the Enterprise Zone tax incentive for businesses engaged in the research, development, sale or production of genetically engineered products.

We are concerned that the repeal of this tax incentive will specifically affect one sector of the agricultural industry. Research and technology is critical to the future growth of Hawaii's agricultural industry. Hawaii continues to compete on a global scale and needs to be at the forefront of research and development. The intent of the Enterprise Zone Program is to encourage businesses to increase labor and revenues year over year. While this is difficult to accomplish, this program provides the incentives for businesses to reinvest and expand their operations.

The Hawaii papaya industry was devastated from the ring spot virus and if not for genetic engineering, there would be no papaya industry. Now the papaya industry has rebounded and expanding into new markets. Majority of Hawaii's papaya is grown in the Enterprise Zone regions such as Windward Oahu, Big Island, and Kauai.

The repeal of this tax incentive will negatively affect Hawaii's agricultural businesses.

Thank you.

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courtney Bruch	GMO Free Maui, GMO Free Oahu, GMO Free Big Island	Support	No

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