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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Angela Breene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: AGR & WL Committee Hearing 2/4/13 8:30 a.m. Regarding: support for HB734 Aloha Representatives, I am writing in support of HB734 to protect taro lands. This bill amends land use classifications to add taro lands to unique agricultural lands, requires retention of supporting structures for taro field, and adds growth and perpetuation of taro and crops native to Hawaii to agricultural planning policies. Food security and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture require that we protect areas for taro cultivation. On January 16, 2013 on the Capitol rotunda, hundreds of people took part in a mass poi pounding to emphasize this very need. We should do everything we can to put these lands back into active taro cultivation. HB734 is a step in the right direction. Mahalo, Angela Breene angelavideotron@gmail.com Haleiwa, HI 96712

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B.A. McClintock	Respiratory & Environmental Assoc HI	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill!

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Blake Watson	Individual	Support	No

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Bonnie Rasmussen	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Christopher Kasak		Support	No

Comments: Malama Haloa! Bill establishes a Unique (U) class designation for taro lands under state jurisdiction within the DLNR Land Class listing and prevents reclassification to other uses once land has received U class status, protecting ancient agricultural structures (walls, terraces, auwai), and auwai where they cross multiple properties and are at risk of damage or destruction. The bill also adds to the State Planning agricultural goals, the goal of protecting and encouraging traditional Hawaiian crops. Protects taro lands from PLDC. We have lost too many traditional taro lands to development and they need to be protected for future use. Taro lands can be found in the conservation zones of many communities and are needed in each community and ahupuaa to support community health and wellbeing. Hundreds of our students and families are returning to the knowledge and practice of growing taro. We need to protect taro lands for these children. Taro lands are often located in high risk areas for floods and ponding. Retaining these lands as taro lands protects communities and reduces liability to the State and Counties.

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Colleen Carswell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Agriculture, Water & Land Committees, mahalo for your consideration of my testimony in SUPPORT of HB734. Protection of native taro lands and ancient agricultural structures from further damage and destruction by creating, then preventing the reclassification of U classified lands is essential to the preservation of Hawaiian history and land. I also support protecting and encouraging traditional Hawaiian crops.

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courtney Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members~ Please kokua and Support HB 734 and HB483. Taro Lands are vital. I support HB 734 and HB483. Mahalo~ Courtney Bruch

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Edward Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Taro farms are as unique of agricultural situations as they get in Hawaii. Please list them as one!

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Ella Tokunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou, I am writing this letter of support for HB734...to support the ammendation of classification to add Taro Lands to the status of unique agricultural lands. The continued support to aid the local people to grow local, healthy and sustainable food sources should always have a priority for island people. This will help everyone here to continually have an option to buy local and not be totally dependent on imported produce. Your help is needed in support of HB734. My best regards for the work that you do.

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emily M Hoots	Individual	Support	No

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Taro Lands are vital. I support HB 734.

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Gladys Konanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I support HB734 please pass HB734. mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
isabelle quilana-amina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: to whom it may concern, I am writing in support of HB734. I strongly agree with the purpose of this bill to grow and perpetuate taro and taro crops. For instance if the bill doesnt pass and there was no taro how will we make poi? Poi is already a rarity to some people why make it more of a rarity? So please pass HB734, so whats left of the thousand ancient lo'i of Hawai'i wouldn't disappear.

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Jerry Konanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou....I support HB734...please pass HB734. Mahalo

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Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Taro is sacred to the Hawaiian ancestory it must be protected.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Juanita Brown Kawamoto	Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of HI	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill and the Kalo farmers and future Kalo farmers of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
JW Nalda	Individual	Support	No

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Kanalani Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I'm writing in support of HB734. I strongly believe that all taro lands are special agricultural lands and should be protected. As a Hawaiian who sees kalo as not only food but also as my ancestor Haloa, I strongly believe the protection of my ancestor is crucial and shouldn't be taken lightly. Pass HB484! Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Hosaka-Acojido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm supporting HB734. I believe the retention of supporting structures for taro fields. Add growth and crops native to Hawaii to agricultural planning policies. Please help support HB734. Mahalo

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L. Pauahi Hookano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1. We have lost too many traditional taro lands to development and they need to be protected for future use. 2. Taro lands can be found in the conservation zones of many communities and are needed in each community and ahupuaa to support community health and wellbeing 3. Hundreds of our students and families are returning to the knowledge and practice of growing taro. We need to protect taro lands for these children. 4. Taro lands are often located in high risk areas for floods and ponding. Retaining these lands as taro lands protects communities and reduces liability to the State and Counties.

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Lyn Scott	Taro Security and Purity TAsk Force	Support	No

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Monet Clark	Individual	Support	No

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Orion Quilana - Amina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, i am writing in support of the House Bill 734 which talks about the legislature finding that taro lands are culturally important lands for future food production. Current agricultural class designations do not recognize the taro lan ds and will not protect them for future use. The existing policies we have don't encourage the state or private landowners to protect taro infrastructures. The purpose of this bill is to improve protection for taro lands and ancient agricultural structures. I think you should pass this bill because the land needs a protector. i believe that we are its protectors, the voices of the land, the care-takers. We should care for the land and protect it.

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Sanoe Whitmarsh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of HB734. I believe that taro and agricultural lands needs to be protected from development. It is what we have left as Hawaiians. To me that's very sad. This is our home that our ancestors have created for u s to live and survive on. We need to cherish and value what we have left. Pass HB734! Mahalo

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shalei	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am in support of HB743. I strongly believe that our taro land and taro growing structures are in need of protection. As a Hawaiian, Kalo is not just food it's also my ancestor so i ask that you support HB743 and take to mind that you are protecting my Ku puna. I know that there will be a positive contribution in the society but we need your help. Mahalo

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Simon Russell	Hui 'O Mālama 'Āina	Support	No

Comments: Please work to protect and restore the stream flow, along with the lands, so we can have abundant taro cultivation once again.

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William Howes	Individual	Support	No

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