SB373 TESTIMONY

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SB 373, RELATING TO DIRECT SALES FROM FARM TO CONSUMER

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

February 8, 2013 1:45 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health opposes this bill.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification**: The department opposes this bill as it is unnecessary. Unprocessed, raw
- 4 agricultural commodities are currently exempt from DOH permit requirements and may be sold directly

5 to consumers.

- 6 At present, "value-added" agricultural products may be sold directly to the consumer upon issuance
- 7 of a DOH Temporary Food Sale (TFS) permit. The TFS permit will be issued if:
- 8 1) The product is processed in a department certified establishment;
- 9 2) A temporary food sale permit application has been completed; and,
- 10 3) Upon payment of a \$25 permit fee, if applicable.
- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Robert Petricci | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Feb 8, 2013 1:45 PM RE:SB373 Strong Support Aloha Chairman Green and committee members. As an organic farmer I can not tell you in a few words how difficult it is to make a living farming in Hawaii. The new requirement for a certified packing shed would add cost of around \$60,000.00 to comply with. We can not afford that. If Hawaii's goal is to be self sustainable and have food independence we need help. I support SB373 as a common sense idea that will help the small farmers that are disappearing in Hawaii. We don't have lobbyist, or money to travel to testify in Honolulu and we do not have \$60,000.00 for a building to pack produce our small farmers have sold for generations. Help the small farmers, to help Hawaii. Mahalo. Please support SB373. Robert Petricci President Puna Pono Alliance

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