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Scott Enright	State Department of Agriculture	Support	Yes

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

February 25, 2015
2:45 P.M.
ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 434 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 434 SD1. This bill would amend Section 226-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include the following two new agriculture objectives: to perpetuate, promote and increase traditional Hawaiian farming, and to increase and develop small-scale farms. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supports the intent of this bill and provides comments.

The Department supports the practice of traditional Hawaiian farming as a means to promote Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency. The DOA also supports all forms of commercial agricultural activities on a farm, regardless of size. After the state of Arizona, Hawaii's median farm size of five acres is the second smallest in the nation. We believe that the second part of the bill, to increase and develop small scale farms, may not be necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Support	No

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SB434 SD1
RELATED TO AGRICULTURE
Senate Committee on Water and Land

February 25, 2015

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** SB434 SD1, which is part of OHA's 2015 Legislative Package. SB434 SD1 promotes the food security, self-sufficiency, and cultural heritage of our islands, by recognizing the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian traditional farming techniques and crops and the growth and development of small farms, as agricultural objectives of the State.

OHA is the constitutionally-established agency responsible for protecting and promoting the rights and interests of Native Hawaiians. Accordingly, OHA has a kuleana to ensure the perpetuation of traditional practices and technologies, as well as advocate for the appropriate and sustainable use and development of our beneficiaries' ancestral lands.

Time-tested Native Hawaiian traditional farming methods represent successful agricultural technologies that are ecologically sustainable, culturally significant, and critical to Hawai'i's long-term food security and self-sufficiency goals. Traditional Native Hawaiian farming techniques, such as loko i'a and lo'i kalo, are integrated into natural ecological systems, and have a minimal impact on our environment while allowing our agricultural resources to remain viable for generations. These agricultural methods and crops are particularly suitable for our climate, and history demonstrates their ability to sustain a population commensurate with that of our islands today. In addition, traditional farming communities act as critical repositories of cultural knowledge and values. Therefore, promoting traditional farming methods and crops also supports the cultural heritage of our state.

Similarly, supporting Hawai'i's small farms, many of which already utilize such traditional farming methods, would also provide a substantial and durable increase in local food production. As noted in this bill, the United Nations Committee on Trade and Development strongly urges the promotion of both traditional farming methods and small farms as an essential response to the threat of climate change to regional food security. The flexibility and resilience of a well-developed small farm network will provide the greatest assurances of a local food supply notwithstanding changing environmental conditions, while also reducing our dependency on imported agricultural products.

In addition, OHA notes that this measure may represent an investment in our islands' economic stability. Small farms are small businesses. Supporting small farming

operations in Hawai'i supports our local economy and the spirit of entrepreneurship, in the same manner as supporting other sectors of the small business community.

Finally, this bill levels the playing field for traditional agriculture and small farms, by expressly allowing state agencies to consider these important components of food security and self-sufficiency in supporting programs, leasing lands, and taking other relevant actions. It would ensure that traditional Hawaiian agriculture and small-scales are prioritized equally while maintaining the priority for large-scale farming operations that are already recognized in the state planning act. A diversified agriculture portfolio with both small- and large-scale farming operations, along with a variety of crops and farming technologies, will enhance our islands' food security and resilience to unexpected impacts, while also celebrating our cultural heritage and values.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB434 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Div.	Councilmember, Kauai County Council	Support	No

Comments: Attached is testimony from Councilmember Mason K. Chock of the Kauai County Council in support of SB 434, SD 1.

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February 23, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
SB 434, SD 1, RELATED TO AGRICULTURE
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224**

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 434, SD 1, Related to Agriculture. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as the Planning Committee Chair and as an individual Councilmember on the Kaua'i County Council.

The purpose of SB 434, SD 1 is to expand the agricultural objectives of the State to include traditional Hawaiian farming systems, traditional Hawaiian crops, and small-scale farming. It is important for our State to continue its effort in perpetuating and promoting greater self-sufficiency, crop diversity, and food security in our islands, which I wholeheartedly support.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the Senate Committee on Water and Land to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MASON K. CHOCK
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Daniel Bishop	Taro Security and Purity Task Force	Support	No

Comments: I am in Strong Support

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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 2:45 pm

By

Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor

And

Maria Gallo, Dean

And

J. Kenneth Grace, Associate Dean

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 434 SD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, we respectfully submit testimony in support of SB 434 SD1, which update the State's agricultural planning statute to add the growth and development of traditional Hawaiian farming systems and traditional Hawaiian crops, and the growth and development of small-scale farms, as agricultural objectives.

We fully support both inclusion of traditional crops and agricultural practices, and support for small farms in the economic objectives for the State of Hawai'i. The most recent (2012) census documents that 63% of the 7,000 farms in the State are less than 10 acres in size. These very small farms produce family food, vegetables and animal products for local sale and consumption, and such high value crops as herbs and cut flowers. Further, 88% of our farms are less than 50 acres in size, and would still be considered small by many standards. These small and very small farms represent diversified agriculture in Hawaii, and in large part are the agricultural clients served by the extension service of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Traditional crops such as taro and breadfruit are nutritious, culturally significant and viewed as essential components of food security in Hawai'i; and are also now recognized as having great potential value for export as well (e.g., gluten-free breadfruit flour). Traditional agricultural practices are not only valuable means of crop production, but also serve to inform all agricultural development in the Hawaiian Islands.

Thank you for this opportunity to express the support of the University of Hawai'i for SB 434 SD1.

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Hawai'i Green Growth	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth in Support of SB 434 SD1
Senate Committee on Water and Land
25 February 2015, 2:45pm, Room 224

Audrey Newman
Hawai'i Green Growth
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Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 70 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.

Aloha Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) supports the Office of Hawaiian Affairs priority SB434 SD1 to update the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms.

The language proposed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes the important role of traditional farming and Native Hawaiian cultural practices in building a more sustainable, resilient future for Hawai'i. This bill seeks the promotion and growth of traditional Hawaiian agricultural technologies – including loko i'a (fishponds), māla (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches) – crops, and small-scale farms to perpetuate culture, support disaster preparedness, and food security in a changing climate.

In addition to supporting local agriculture and perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture, **SB434 SD1** will help us to continue building smart sustainable communities and aid in climate resilience. This bill will advance action on the *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'ōia*, a joint leadership commitment to achieve six sustainability targets by 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, green jobs and education. The *Aloha+ Challenge* was unanimously endorsed by the 2014 Legislature (SCR 69), and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The *Aloha+ Challenge* was also internationally recognized as a model of integrated sustainability at the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa.

We respectfully urge your support for **SB434 SD1**. Mahalo nui for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The background is a light, textured surface, possibly a scan of a piece of paper.

Audrey Newman

Senior Advisor, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG)

Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy

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Isaiah Kala Kaaihue	King Kamehameha HCC	Support	No

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Jalna Keala	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Support	No

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Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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SB434HD1 (SSCR189) RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Wed; 02/25/15; 2:45 pm; Room 224

Aloha Madam Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Senate Committee gathered to deliberate SB 434 and the potential of including traditional Hawaiian farming systems, crops and other small scale farm to the Hawaii State plan. The Hawaiian Civic Clubs, since the founding of the first club by Prince Kuhio in 1918, have been supporting the protection and preservation of all levels of the Hawaiian culture – from language and chant to farming and fishing and beyond.

The Board of Directors of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, meeting on January 17, 2015, agreed to support this bill as one of several that Office of Hawaiian Affairs staff brought before them. As Hawaii becomes ever more populated and less self-sustaining, it makes good sense to encourage some of the farming and fishing practices that provided everything the ancient kupuna needed – including food, medicine and clothing. The Hawaiian fishpond was an ingenious method of fish farming, where incredibly, the most productive ponds of Oahu, such as those at Wailupe and Niu, were filled in for housing or as in Pearl Harbor where more than twenty were allowed to putrify.

We urge passage of this bill that will encourage the incorporation of some the best farming techniques of the past into modern farming practices and urge that Hawaiian fishponds also be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Kevin Chang	Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo	Support	No

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Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Water & Land
IN SUPPORT OF SB 434 SD1
Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224

My name is Kevin Chang and I am the Executive Director of Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (or KUA). KUA works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

KUA supports SB 434 SD1 as an incremental step towards 'āina momona. This bill would update the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a network of more than 31 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a new and growing hui of Limu practitioners all from across our state.

Many of the communities in the networks KUA facilitates focus on the improvement of natural resource management and restoration of native food and ecological systems, values and ethics more sensitive to the needs of their wahi (their places). We believe our State's Planning Act should be updated to reflect growing community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. We can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches).

The communities we work with are committed to ensuring the long-term health of our cultural and natural resources because they have depended on them for generations. We believe our environment is about long term investing and vision. We believe the vision of 'āina momona includes increasing our state's capacity to develop food systems in a diversity of ways starting at the grassroots. Passing this bill out of your committee would help to go a long way toward reaching this goal.

Mahalo for this opportunity. Aloha 'Āina Momona.

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Leimomi Khan	Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: Support SB434, SD1, Related to Agriculture, for all of the reasons articulated in Section 1 of the bill. Makes sense, moves the state forward toward self-sufficiency.

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Lydi Morgan Bernal	Hawaii Farm to School and School Garden Hui	Support	No

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Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui

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TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on Water and Land
February 25, 2015, 2:45 p.m.

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Farm to Keiki Preschool Program

Keone Kealoha
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Kaua'i School Garden Network*

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Hunter Heavilin
O'ahu Farm to School Network

Natalie McKinney
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SB434 SD1: RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui **strongly supports** SB434 SD1, which updates the State's agricultural planning statute to include a focus on traditional Hawaiian farming and small-scale farms.

Formed in 2010, the Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui is a grassroots network of six island-level school garden and farm to school networks, along with representatives of the Hawai'i Departments of Education and Health, whose mission is to strengthen Hawai'i's statewide farm to school and school garden movement.

The success of Hawai'i's farm to school and school garden movement depends on the thriving existence (through significantly increased support at the state level) of traditional Hawaiian farming and small-scale farms in the following ways:

- **Food Supply, Quantity:** Regrowth of a reliable, safe, and adequate supply of locally grown foods for school meal and snack programs.
- **Food Supply, Quality:** Ability to feed our children, youth, and families foods of the highest possible nutritional value on a daily basis, including locally sourced vegetables, fruits, proteins, and starches including kalo (taro), 'ulu (breadfruit), and 'uala (sweet potato).
- **Agricultural Literacy:** Ability to connect students and communities with farmers and farms that serve as models of a place-based, community-based approach to regrowing community food systems and ecological support systems.

Furthermore, the aim of this bill is directly supported by the following two key Global Reports, which demonstrate a **global consensus** for (as stated in the 2013 report), "a rapid and significant shift from conventional, monoculture-based and high-external-input-dependent industrial production **toward mosaics of sustainable, regenerative production systems**" **based on small-scale, agroecological methods and local and indigenous knowledge.**

- 1) **International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD Global Report, "Agriculture at a Crossroads")**. Endorsed by the UN, World Bank, and 60 countries. Completed over the course of 4 years by 400 scientists; released in 2008.
- 2) **U.N. Commission on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Report: "Trade and Environment Review 2013: Wake Up Before it is Too Late"** (Overview and links available here: <http://www.iatp.org/blog/201309/new-un-report-calls-for-transformation-in-agriculture>).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii supports SB 434, SD1, which proposed to include traditional Hawaiian farming systems, traditional Hawaiian crops, and small-scale farming to the Hawaii state plan objectives and policies for the economy. (SD1)

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Aileen K . F. Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is important that people be encouraged to grow culturally significant and agricultural crops on their land for home use as well as for sharing or selling, and I feel this would support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency.

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

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Aulii Dudoit	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT SB434 SD1 which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms. Currently, our State Planning Act prioritizes sugar and pineapple industries and diversified agriculture. Although these objectives have merit, I believe it should be updated to reflect community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. I feel we can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). These agricultural systems have historically fed large number Hawaiian communities with minimal impact to the environment. I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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Brent Neal	Individual	Support	No

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Brittany Neal	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caterine Picardo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee members, I support the promotion of sustainable traditional farming practices like loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). Loko i'a, mala and lo'i are traditional Hawaiian agriculture systems that have historically fed large numbers of Hawaiian communities with minimal impact to the environment. I support SB434 that promotes this types of farming. Aloha, Caterine Picardo

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C.R.P. Montague-Mullins	Individual	Support	No

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fehren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello and aloha.. I am in full support for this bill to allow traditional hawaiian methods on use of the aina to farm and feed our hungry bellies and minds yet in the end it'll be all worth it. I see and feel no bad or negative about this. We get first hands on experience and knowledge while getting in tune or connected back to our roots, traditions and culture. This is knowledge and survival that we can pass on to generation to generation.. yet it will help reduce energy waste and pollution. If our ancestors could accomplish this while being mindful of how it could affect everything surrounding (fish ponds, farming..) keeping it functional and in harmony. Why not give it a try. I see no harm, only some big cooperate loosing out on money.. mahalo for your time.

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Godfrey	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: Aloha my name is 'Iolani Ku'oha, a Hawaiian educator and organic farmer. I strongly SUPPORT SB434 SD1 which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms. Currently, our State Planning Act prioritizes sugar and pineapple industries and diversified agriculture. Although these objectives have merit, I believe it should be updated to reflect community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. I feel we can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). These agricultural systems have historically fed large number Hawaiian communities with minimal impact to the environment. I urge the committee to PASS this bill. Mahalo for your support!

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Isaiah Kala Kaaihue	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Kanoa O'Connor	Individual	Support	No

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Kapina	Individual	Support	No

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Kealii Makekau	Individual	Support	No

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Leanne Fox	Individual	Support	No

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SB434 SD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs, Agriculture, & Water and Land

Hearing: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:45 p.m. Room 224

Aloha a welina mai nei e nā alaka'i:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write testimony to **STRONGLY SUPPORT** SB434 to include traditional Hawaiian farming and small-scale farming to the objectives and policies for the economy.

I strongly **SUPPORT SB434 SD 1** which updates the State Planning Act's agricultural objectives to support traditional Hawaiian farming techniques and crops, and small farms. Currently, our State Planning Act prioritizes sugar and pineapple industries and diversified agriculture. Although these objectives have merit, I believe it should be updated to reflect community-driven efforts to feed Hawaii's communities through traditional Hawaiian farming practices and small farms from mauka to makai. I feel we can support the State's efforts to further food security and self-sufficiency by prioritizing traditional Hawaiian agriculture technologies such as loko i'a (fishponds), mala (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated patches). These agricultural systems have historically fed large number Hawaiian communities with minimal impact to the environment. I urge the committee to **PASS** this bill.

I urge the committee to **PASS** SB434 SD1.

Respectfully, me ka `oia`i`o.

Leanne Kealoha Fox

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Koholua	Individual	Support	No

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Nalu O'Connor	Individual	Support	No

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Natasha Boteilho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Kakou, This letter is in support of SB434. Hawaiian Cultural practices should always be supported by the State of Hawaii and its residents. We need to follow the laws of nature to perpetuate, learn, teach and protect what has fed Hawaiian over thousands of years. Please vote in SUPORT OF SB 434 Natasha Boteilho

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Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

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Robert "Kealoha" Domingo	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald S. Fujiyoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill. This bill does not only support Native Hawaiians but small non-Hawaiian farmers like myself who are trying to grow more food to feed my family and friends. This is definitely the way to go to move toward a more self-reliant Hawai`i. I am a retired part-time farmer with a little over an acre of land. I have planted Samoan and Hawaiian ulu that now feeds my wife and myself. We have planted kalo and continue to learn how to prepare it in different ways to eat. I am grateful for the wisdom of Hawaiians to learn from as we learn to live a more healthy and self-reliant lifestyle. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill!

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Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha... please see attached. mahalo nui

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Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Conference Room 224, 1:15 p.m.

**Testimony for
SB 434
Relating to Agriculture**

Senate Committees on Water and Land

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the WTL Committee,

As a member of the Hawaiian Civic Club movement and strong supporter of traditional farming,
I SUPPORT SB434.

This measure carries the importance of sustaining rural communities in Hawaii, to which these communities support more urban areas. The impact of this measure empowers communities, agencies, and groups, with the support of this legislation, the ability to utilize and achieve full capacity of existing resources in areas of food production and economic resilience in our diverse climate and rich culture of Hawaii. Small farms contribute to a healthy lifestyle that is achievable.

In summary, traditional farming techniques have become more popular; I support the purpose and initiatives of this measure and urge support to adopt SB434. Thank you for your time in reviewing this measure.

Mahalo,
Shane Nelsen
South Kona, Resident

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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terrie Hayes, LLEWELYN KAOHELAULII	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a Kanaka maoli, I stronger urge you to pass SB434. WE DO NOT NEED AN INDUSTRIAL DAIRY IN MAHA'ULEPU, A VALLEY IDEAL FOR KALO FARMING. SUSTENANCE FARMING BEGINS AT OUR ROOTS. INDUSTRIAL FARMING IS WAY TO HARD ON OUR ISLAND ENVIRONMENT. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!

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Wayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A diversified agriculture portfolio with both small- and large-scale farming operations, along with a variety of crops and farming technologies, will enhance our islands' food security and resilience to unexpected impacts, while also celebrating our cultural heritage and values. Please support this measure for our future generations! Wayne Tanaka, Honolulu 96825

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