



**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth  
In Support of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Package Bill SB 434  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
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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.*

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Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

**Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) supports the Office of Hawaiian Affairs priority SB434** 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** 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**. Mahalo nui for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Audrey Newman**

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

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Diane Ragone	Individual	Support	No

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Kaimo Muhlestein	Individual	Support	No

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Leimomi Dierks	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: Recognizing the role and creating support for small scale family farms and traditional crops will be an important pathway to a more vibrant and self-reliant food future for Hawai'i.

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