SB381

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Permits the acquisition of raw milk and raw milk products by owners of cows, goats, and sheep and cow, goat, and sheep shares if certain conditions are met. Requires farms and dairies that produce raw milk or raw milk products to register with the department of health. Permits farms and dairies to set up a location near an improved road to distribute their products to owners of cow, sheep, or goat shares. Prohibits the sale and redistribution of raw milk and raw milk products.



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| Alan Gottlieb | Hawaii Cattlemen's Council | Oppose | No |

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| Douglas L. Vincent | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Joni Kamiya | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: There is no scientific evidence for supporting a law such as this. It has been found over and over that this practice of consuming raw milk is indeed dangerous and deadly. It is ironic that some legislators want to apply the precautionary principle to genetic engineering which has had no deaths or illness attributed to it, but the want to make something that has killed people, especially young kids, legal. I say apply that precautional principle, rather the paralyzingly principle to raw milk and keep our keiki safe from bad practices .

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| Rosemarie Patronette | Individual | Support | No |

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