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# TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 10, 2017 8:30 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1544 RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1544, which adds "increasing the production of food intended for human consumption that is produced and sold in the State" to the duties of the Department of Agriculture. The Department offers comments on this measure.

The Department of Agriculture respectfully submits that the amendment is not necessary as it is captured in the immediately previous statement – "increase agricultural self-sufficiency". Please note that the Agribusiness Development Corporation in its Hawaii Agribusiness Plan (Section 163D-5(a)(3)) is required to do an analysis "…of the potential for increasing local production to replace imported products in a manner that complements existing local producers and increases Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency". Also, the Hawaii State Plan has a State policy to "Promote economically competitive activities that increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency, including the increased purchase and use of Hawaii-grown food and food products by residents, businesses, and governmental bodies as defined under Section 103D-104." (Section 226-7(b)(13)).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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| Simon Russell | Hawaii Farmers Union<br>United | Support            | No                    |

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

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| Marian M. Chau | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Mary Ann Pahukoa | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Joseph Kohn MD | We Are One, Inc<br>www.WeAreOne.cc -<br>WAO | Support               | No                    |

Comments: Protect People, Health, and 'Āina before toxic corporate profits and encourage corporations to act transparently, cooperatively, and responsibly (which is ultimately even more profitable). www.WeAreOne.cc

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| Billie Dawson | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

Comments: Yes, support the production of food intended for human consumption that is produced & sold in the state of Hawaii, without use of harmful pesticides & herbicides that are cancer causing, harm environment, degradate soils. Do not support Agrochemical companies or GMOs in Hawaii. Mahalo

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| scott lacasse | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| DONNIE BECKER | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Renee Riley  | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

Comments: This measure should help us become more food secure in Hawaii.

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| Mary Lacques | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Sunny Savage-Luskin | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Dr. Jana Bogs | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Edward Aloi  | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Neil Vonhof  | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Neil Vonhof  | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Tracy E Mills | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| C. Kaui Lucas | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Tulsi Greenlee | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Briana Hurley | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| William Anonsen | The Maritime Group,<br>LLC | Support            | No                    |

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| marcy cayton | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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| Ananda Stone | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

Comments: We need to take actions and steps to increase the food security in Hawaii. It doesn't make sense to ship in 85% of our food, when we are surrounded by ag lands. 1595 Kuuipo St. Lahaina, Hi. 96761

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| Dylan Armstrong | Individual   | Support                   | No                    |

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