Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
And
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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By
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SB 1082 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Kidani and Riviere, and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1082. Hawai'i Community College's (Hawai'i CC) Agriculture Program prepares students for employment in government service, agribusiness, horticulture, livestock, flowers and foliage, landscape, macadamia nuts, papaya, and coffee industries. Student interest in the program has grown in recent years and continues to average around 30 majors each year.

The two year Associate in Applied Science degree program requirement of 62 credits, includes a 24 credit Certificate of Achievement, and Certificates of Competence in Landscape Worker (12 credits) and Farm Worker (18 credits). The AAS degree is comprised of 14 Agriculture courses, 12 of which have hands-on lab activities. Some of the activities occur in the campus lab, but the vast majority of time is spent at the Panaewa farm.

Hawai'i CC has a cooperative relationship with UH Hilo to use approximately 1 acre of land at the Panaewa agriculture farm. The agriculture farm serves as a live instructional laboratory for hands on learning.

Hawai'i CC's Agriculture Program is collaborating with the College's Culinary Arts program in a robust farm-to-table effort. Fruits and vegetables grown at the farm are utilized by the Culinary Arts program for service in our popular on-campus dining establishments. In turn, Culinary Arts students spend time on the farm learning where the raw foods come from and what it takes to grow, harvest, process, and deliver them to the campus kitchens.

Currently the agriculture farm production is unable to keep up with demand by the Culinary Arts program. As instructor Lew Nakamura says "They take everything we produce and are asking for more." This measure will greatly assist in meeting that demand, and will enable Hawai'i CC to fully capitalize on the student learning

opportunities using state-of-the-art equipment. If appropriated, new equipment will assist with expansion of the growing field, more efficient preparation of soil, more efficient transport of products from the field to the processing area, and provide shaded areas for improved volume and quality of products.

This measure provides \$165,600 for equipment and \$43,000 for 1.00 FTE Farm Coordinator to manage the farm and assist faculty with instruction at the farm site. The Farm Coordinator has a myriad of duties ranging from procurement of supplies and plant inventory, to maintaining the processing area, maintaining equipment, and assisting the faculty with instruction at the farm site.

The UH Community Colleges is in concurrence with the intent of the bill and strongly supports its passage on the condition that any requested funds do not supplant any portion of the University's Biennium Budget request.



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Simon Russell, Chairperson, HFUU Legislative Committee

Ray Maki Vice-President HFUU

Aloha Chairman Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Committee,

Anny Bruch
Secretary
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Hawaii Farmers Union United strongly supports SB 1082.

We have great admiration for the UH Hilo and it's programs that support agriculture.

Karen Reid Treasurer HFUU This measure before you will add a much needed personnel and equipment that the college needs to continue to serve our agriculture industry.

Directors

We appreciate your support for this important step forward for Hawaii's agricultural future.

Christian Zukerman Wai'anae

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Anderson Waimanalo

HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED

Simon Russell Haleakalā

Simon Russell

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Clarence Baber Kohala The Hawai'i Farmers Union United and its Chapters is a nonprofit corporation formed under Hawai'i law. It advocates for the sovereign right of farmers ranchers and fishers to create and sustain vibrant and prosperous agricultural communities for the benefit of all Hawai'i through cooperation, education and legislation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

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Randy Cabral	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

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Pamela Boyar	Farm Lovers Farmers Markets	Support	No

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Micah Alameda	Individual	Support	No	

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a UH Hilo alumni, and know many former students who greatly benefitted from taking agriculture classes as HCC as an alternative to UH Hilo. They are much more affordable and the content is amazing. Please support this program. Thank you for your time.

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megan powers	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mary Overbay	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: No money for GMO's. Please, ban the production of all GMO's in Hawaii.

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Chris Mentzel	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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Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No

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vicki levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: strongly support this bill

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Support	No	

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Isabelle Olivit	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Hawaii Community College appropriation for staffing and equipment for the agriculture program in Hilo. We need to train future farmers so we can be food sustainable in Hawaii.

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Yoshito L'Hote	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Big island needs to grow more farmers

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Tara Grace	Individual	Support	No

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No	

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION & AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 7, 2017 1:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 1082 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Kahele and Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1082, which makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii for personnel and equipment assisting the UH Hilo's agricultural farm. The Department supports this measure.

The Department supports the efforts of the Hawaii Community College Agriculture Program and believes that increasing education to interested students will move toward a new generation of agriculturalists throughout the State. It is important for the State to support educational, on-farm programs such as this to increase Hawaii's self-sufficiency and sustainability efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Helmut Klauer	A'a Li'i Farm	Support	No

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES EVERY ISLAND SHOULD HAVE THIS SUPPORT

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