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TESTIMONY OF DENISE ALBANO CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

JANUARY 30, 2019 9:00 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 450 RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCIES

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 450. This bill allows the Board of Agriculture the ability to request an agricultural emergency with the Governor and appropriates funds to support these efforts. The Department supports the intent of this measure provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

The Department recognizes the importance of responding to agricultural emergencies across the State. Last year was a perfect example of how natural disasters can have devastating impacts to local agriculture and the community. In times of emergency, the Department can provide low interest agricultural loans, if monies exist in the loan program, to support industry efforts to recover and revive production. A dedicated source of funding outside of the loan program would support agriculture around the State in times of disaster, however it will take a commitment from the State to provide consistent funding going forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.



House Committee on Agriculture
January 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
By
Nicholas Comerford
Dean, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
And

Testimony Presented Before the

Michael Bruno
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellor for Research
University of Hawaii at Mānoa

HB 450 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCIES

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in <u>strong support</u> of HB 450 relating to agricultural emergencies. We respectfully provide the following information to substantiate our position.

Section 141-A Agricultural emergencies: 2018 was a difficult year for agriculture. Torrential rains hurt the taro and ornamental plant industries on Kaua'i and O'ahu. Volcanic eruption decimated approximately 50% of the papaya industry and severely hurt the orchid industry, while also having a negative effect on the bee industry. Multiple hurricanes compounded the problems as did frequent wildfires. Hawai'i needs to be prepared for the certain eventuality that this is a foreboding of disasters to come as our climate continues to change due to human influence.

We support the process that allows an agricultural emergency to be declared. Having people knowledgeable about agriculture in Hawai'i, as is found on the Board of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture (DOA), making a recommendation on what is considered an emergency, puts the initial recommendation with agriculturalists that represent a wide swath of the industry and university. The final declaration of an emergency then rests with the governor.

<u>Section 141-B Agricultural emergency trust fund:</u> The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM), College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) strongly supports the development of a trust fund outside the state treasury. The ability to quickly react to emergencies is crucial to being effective in an emergency.

We fear that without this fund, and with increasing climate change influences in our future, agriculture in the most isolated population center on the planet depends on a rapid response and on actions that get agricultural production of safe food going as soon as possible.

The reasons for supporting an agricultural emergency fund are:

- 1. With increased occurrence and strength of storms (including hurricanes) Hawai'i should expect to see increased damage to the state's agricultural industry.
- 2. With an emphasis on Hawai'i producing more of its own food for the purpose of self-sufficiency, food quality, and food safety; agricultural emergencies as we have seen in 2018 work against those ideas and hurt the state's agricultural economy.
- 3. Individual farmers are often incapable of overcoming devastating effects such as what happened in 2018, and could use support in preventing these effects from happening; and then having help during defined emergencies.

Two current examples of the problem exist from the 2018 climate and volcanic episodes. The torrential rains washed out newly planted taro crops and/or covered over existing production with silt and debris. There is a need to provide new and better taro varieties to the growers. CTAHR, working with DOA, has been growing new material, but it takes time. With more available funding, CTAHR could have reacted faster and more effectively to help Hawai'i's agriculture.

For the papaya industry, there is an inadequate supply of seed to replant the acreage lost when lava covered over a large portion of the papaya plantations. Again, working with limited resources, the DOA and CTAHR are collaborating to grow more seed, but the ability to do so will run out in June 2019. If there had been an emergency fund, and an emergency declared, additional acreage to grow more seed could have been located resulting in a more diverse and greater quantity of seed to replant the industry in the future.

In summary, both 141-A, and B are well-designed to declare an emergency and respond to one.

<u>Section 141-1 Duties in general:</u> This section requires the collaboration of UHM/CTAHR in the areas of entomology, plant pathology, and edible/non-edible crops through the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. UHM/CTAHR supports this approach and stands ready to cooperate through research and extension. UHM/CTAHR has extension agents across all counties and each has some level of state-wide responsibility.

Our experience with DOA has been positive and collaborative and we are looking forward to keeping that relationship open through HB 450.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 450.

DAVID Y. IGE

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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 450

9:00 a.m. Room 312

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCIES

House Bill No. 450 specifies conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can request the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, and mandates the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement responses to the agricultural emergency. The bill creates the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund to implement emergency measures to respond to adverse impacts to the agricultural industry. The trust fund would generate revenues through legislative appropriations, gifts and grants, and interest earnings. The bill appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for deposit into the trust fund, and an unspecified sum of trust funds for FY 20 and FY 21.

While the Department of Budget and Finance understands the importance of Hawai'i's agricultural industry, the department notes that it is unclear if the proposed trust fund would be self-sustaining. As an alternative, the existing emergency authorities and funding mechanisms could be utilized to address the situations referenced in the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



January 28, 2019

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair House Committee on Agriculture

Comments in Support of HB 450 Relating to Agricultural Emergencies; Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund (Specifies conditions under which the Board of Agriculture (BOA) can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency. Requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency. Establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund and appropriates funds.)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 312

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 450, and to offer comments.

HB 450. As an advocate for the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including important agricultural lands in Hawaii, LURF supports this measure which seeks to help prevent interruption of commerce and crop production and protect the welfare of the people of the State in the event of any emergency arising from world conflict, terrorist threat, natural disaster, or outbreak of disease.

This bill proposes to authorize the BOA to submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency and require the DOA to develop and implement measures to respond to such emergencies.

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LURF's Position. This bill articulates the need for and establishes the authority of the BOA to declare agricultural emergencies, and for the DOA to develop and implement measures for appropriate response, which are essential to mitigate disruption to commerce and food production by the local agricultural industry, and to safeguard food accessibility and safety in the event of any disaster or emergency situation.

By supporting such authorization, as well as the establishment of, and appropriation of sufficient funding toward an agricultural emergency trust fund to provide for the implementation of emergency measures in response to any adverse effects on the local agricultural industry, the State will be better able to assure and protect the welfare of the people of the State.

Local farmers, ranchers and stakeholders consider such assurances critical to conduct their agricultural operations and to sustain their businesses. These agricultural stakeholders believe measures such as HB 450 will greatly assist the public, as well as the long-term betterment of the State's agricultural industry.

For the above reasons, LURF **<u>supports</u> HB 450**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this matter.



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January 30, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 450 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE EMERGENCIES

Room 312 9:00 PM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports HB 450, which specifies the conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, consistent with chapter 127A, HRS. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency and establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund.

2018 was a particularly difficult year for Hawaii's farmers and ranchers. The historic torrential rains and disastrous floods on Kauai and Oahu in April, the Kilauea eruption which caused devastation from lava and ash on Hawaii Island, Hurricane Lane and Tropical Storm Olivia were major natural disasters that had a drastic impact to Hawaii's agriculture industry. Unfortunately, Hawaii farmers and ranchers have been and will continually be impacted by damaging weather or natural disasters such as epidemic disease, pest outbreaks, high wind, thunderstorms, hurricanes, fire, flood, earthquakes, lava flow, vog or other volcanic activity, droughts, and tidal waves.

An Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund would enable HDOA to quickly respond to agricultural emergencies by assisting farmers and ranchers with funding to help repair damaged infrastructure, replant crops, or replace equipment and supplies allowing them to continue farming or ranching.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important subject.

HB-450 Submitted on: 1/29/2019 10:12:50 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/30/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP)

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: Conference Room 312 State Capitol

RE: HB 450 Relating to Agricultural Emergencies

Aloha mai kakou Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

The O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 450 relating to Agricultural Emergencies.**

HB 450 specifies the conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, consistent with chapter 127A, HRS. HB 450 requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency. HB 450 establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund and appropriates funds.

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. We encourage the responsible development of ocean resources and aquaculture to achieve sustainability in our State of our marine resources an ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the Native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, polices to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and

increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times. We need to ensure food safety, strive towards food security an strive to set the highest standards for food quality and nutrition. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018)*, p. 9, In. 5-16.

As indicated on page 1, lines 4 - 13 of HB 450: "Agricultural emergencies. (a) If the board of agriculture determines that an adverse effect on Hawaii's agricultural industry resulting from world conflict, terrorist threat, natural disaster, or outbreak of disease, regardless of when or where occurring, may result in substantial interruption of commerce and crop production to the State and adversely affect the welfare of the people of the State, the board of agriculture shall submit a request to the governor to declare that an agricultural emergency, as defined under section 125-1, exists."

DPH demands the protection of the people of Hawai`i and their property against natural and man-made disasters. DPH believes in the science of climate change, affirm human activity as its primary cause and main driver, and support emergency preparedness and planning efforts to mitigate its impacts. This includes investment in early warning systems, emergency management and response systems, and adequate emergency sheltering. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 20, In. 28-32.*

For the foregoing reasons, OCCLP supports HB 450 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mahalo nui loa Me ka `oia`i`o

Melodie Aduia

Chair, O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i

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HB-450 Submitted on: 1/29/2019 9:34:55 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/30/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No	Ī

Comments:



<u>HB-450</u> Submitted on: 1/29/2019 3:32:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 1/30/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: Owen O'Callaghan hawaiianhappycakes@gmail.com

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:53 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, & Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB 450 - Relating to Agriculture Emergencies, which specifies the conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund, and requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

From: Phil Becker <sales@aikaneplantation.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:56 AM

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From: Philippe Visintainer <philippe@coconutprotectors.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:02 PM

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From: Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>
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From: Reid Yoshida <r-yoshida@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2019 11:50 PM

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From: Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com>
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From: Roberta Taira <kekiai08@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:39 AM

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From: Roy Asao <rasao777@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:35 AM

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From: Stephanie Whalen <swhalen@harc-hspa.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 7:41 AM

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I strongly support HB 450 - Relating to Agriculture Emergencies, which specifies the conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund, and requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency.

It is becoming apparent that the changing weather patterns may be creating more serious issues for farmers. It is imperative that sufficient measures are in place to help the smaller businesses survive since we are depending mora and more on those small enterprises for our local food supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

From: Sharon Mees <alohamees@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:39 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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Monday, January 28, 2019 11:12 AM

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From: Susan Schen k <sschenck@harc-hspa.com>
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From: Tamara Lupoloff <tamaragirly@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:11 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: William Steiner <wwmsteiner@gmail.com>

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From: Winifred Marcos <w1n1marc@gmail.com>

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From: Yarrow Flower <yarrow621@gmail.com>
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From: Young Tarring <young@applebananas.com>

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From: James Tavares <tavaresjam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 1:43 PM

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From: James Nakatani < jnakatani@hawaii.rr.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 8:17 AM

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From: Alan Tada <flowersforever@hawaiiantel.biz>

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From: Jari Sugano <ncsugano@gmail.com>
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From: Alan Gottlieb <alan@prloffice.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 4:11 PM

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From: Jason T Okuhama <jokuhama@cbllending.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 9:56 AM

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From: Joanna Nobriga <heartofpalmhawaii@live.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 5:55 AM

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From: Judith Huber <jude2755@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:47 AM

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From: Annette Niles <aknranch@aol.com>
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From: Justin Teixeira <jtexfarms@gmail.com>
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From: Anthony Cadiz <anthonyjcadiz@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:17 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, & Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB 450 - Relating to Agriculture Emergencies, which specifies the conditions in which the Board of Agriculture can submit a request to the Governor to declare an agricultural emergency, establishes the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund, and requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement measures to respond to the agricultural emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





From: Karol Haraguchi <karol@haraguchiricemill.org>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:14 PM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: kenneth kawakami <kenk@hawaiiantel.net>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:35 PM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Kenneth Kaneshiro <kaneshirk001@hawaii.rr.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 8:06 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Barry Kim <kimn001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:07 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Kristin Olson <kristinmolson@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:45 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Kylie Matsuda-Lum <kylie@kahukufarms.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 9:01 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Christine Brammer <christine.brammer@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:39 PM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Clyde Fukuyama <clyde@kahukubrand.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 9:42 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Laila Jayyousi <kalua1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 5:51 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Dan Springer <dspringer@macfarms.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 8:57 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Linda Shum <lcwshum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:25 PM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Lorie Obra <lorie@rustyshawaiian.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:25 AM

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From: David Makaiwi <david.makaiwi@bayer.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 7:41 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Marisa Akiona <maakio@monsanto.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:29 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Deo Rhoden <deorhoden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:57 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Mark Phillipson <reelrelaxed@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 8:40 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Diane Chuensanguansat <dina@hawaii.rr.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:34 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

From: Megan Kono <megankono808@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:02 PM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Elton Hara <koolau.farmers@hawaiiantel.net>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:55 PM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Melvin Matsuda <melvin@kahukubrand.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 7:40 AM

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From: Erin James <erinjames399@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:34 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: MICHAEL HUGHES <sales@hawaiiantropicals.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:32 AM

To: AGRtestimony **Subject:** I Support HB450

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From: Frederick Mencher <fmencher@hawaii.rr.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:30 AM

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From: Gary Cruden <gary@easthawaii.net> **Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 12:09 PM

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From: Helena Miguel <hekumi808@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 8:01 AM

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From: Bonnie Self <bself@himacnut.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:47 PM

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From: LUANA BECK <hooluanaranch@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:37 PM

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From: Rodney Haraguchi <karol@haraguchiricemill.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:02 PM

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From: Sharon lwasaki <siwasaki001@hawaii.rr.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:39 PM

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