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Statement of  
**SCOTT GLENN, Director**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
and  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Monday, January 30, 2023, 1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**SB 84  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.**

Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice Chair Richards and Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports the intent of this measure and offers the following recommendations** on SB 84. This bill seeks to establish a temporary “sustainable food systems working group” within the OPSD.

The OPSD appreciates the bill’s provisions to support the level of effort required to implement this proposed working group; including staffing, contracted services, coordinating stakeholder meetings and community engagement, travel expenses, conducting research, writing the plan, printing the plan, and managing public meetings, website, meeting minutes, and other requirements to fulfill the intent of this bill, particularly in accordance with Chapter 92, HRS.

The OPSD recommends the following to support the implementation of SB 84:

1. On Pages 2-5:
  - Reduce the size of the 20 member Working Group. The OPSD notes that large working groups begin to have quorum challenges.
  - Revise total Working Group membership to be an odd number to achieve a majority vote on action items.
2. On Page 6, Section 3: Recommend an appropriation of \$200,000 for the purpose of funding the expenses of this working group.
3. On Pages 6 & 7, Section 4: Recommend an appropriation of two (2) Sustainability Planning FTEs at \$65,000 each to conduct the work implementing this working group.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
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Lt. Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND, AND AGRICULTURE  
AND ENVIRONMENT**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023  
1:00 P.M.**

**SENATE BILL NO. 84  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**

Chairpersons Inouye and Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 84. This bill establishes within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OP/SD) the 23-member Sustainable Food Systems Working Group (Working Group) to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and to report to the 2025 Legislature. This bill appropriates funds to establish the Working Group, develop the plan, and fund an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions within the OP/SD's Statewide Sustainability Program. The Department of Agriculture offers a comment.

The Working Group "...shall develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy that enhances and sustains the environmental, economic, and social health of the community." The Department of Agriculture looks forward to being a member of the Working Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

And

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

By

Anna Wieczorek, Interim Dean

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

And

Michael Bruno, Provost

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

#### SB 84 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land and Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 84 which establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. The purpose of this working group is to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy that enhances and sustains the environmental, economic, and social health of our community.

A sustainable food system is defined as one that provides sufficient food to meet current food needs while maintaining healthy ecosystems that support continuous food production for generations to come. To ensure equitable access to nutritional food that is produced with minimal impact on the environment, Hawai'i needs to encourage the development of sustainable food systems. Our food systems need to serve our population's health, the environmental health of our land, and the economic health of our food and agricultural sector. Hawai'i needs to be proactive in making locally produced food widely available to our population. Similar to other parts of the world, Hawai'i is especially vulnerable to natural and human disasters that may have a negative impact on our own food security. Hence, the establishment of a working group focused on making our local food production more sustainable is one we certainly support.

Establishment of the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group as named in SB 84 is the first step in bringing together a wide spectrum of society to address our food needs in a holistic fashion.

We support this bill provided that its passage is in addition to and does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

**SB84**

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Monday, January 30, 2023, 1:00 PM  
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice Chairs Richards III and Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB84** which establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and to report to the Legislature.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supports efforts to coordinate a comprehensive sustainable food plan for Hawaii. We respectfully ask that a representative from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council be included in this important working group. Cattle is consistently among Hawaii's top agricultural commodities, and it is important to have a representative present who is knowledgeable of the complex workings of the industry. In addition to being a top commodity, Hawaii's paniolo are stewards of the land and there are huge opportunities to utilize climate smart and circular economy practices in ranching.

Hawaii's cattlemen are well-equipped to provide a high-quality protein for farm to state procurement programs and the community as a whole. Raising cattle responsibly provides an important food source while ranchers steward the land. Land stewardship that cattle producers provide like rotational grazing and invasive species removal are beneficial practices for the land, and a strong cattle industry is important for food security in the state.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Nicole Galase  
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council  
Managing Director



January 29, 2023

Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Sen. Tim Richards, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Sen. Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

**RE: Testimony supporting the intent of SB 84, Relating to Sustainable Food Systems**

Dear Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice Chairs Richards and Elefante, and Members of the Committees,

On behalf of Hawaii Foodbank, **I support the intent of SB 84**, which would establish a sustainable food systems working group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. We prefer SB420, the version developed with the input of more than 100 attendees at the Food Systems Summit earlier in January.

Food security is a critical issue in Hawai'i, where one in six residents lacks comprehensive access to healthy, nutritious food. The pandemic amplified the need for Hawai'i to strengthen our local food systems, which would in turn support greater resilience, food security, environmental and human health, economic diversity, and stability. A statewide strategy developed in collaboration with partners across the food system is a necessary step to developing a more sustainable and resilient food system in Hawai'i.

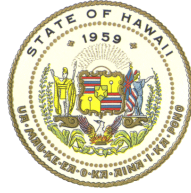
The Hawai'i Foodbank is the largest hunger relief organization in the state. We gather donated, rescued, and purchased food and distribute it to those in need through our network of more than 200 agency partners. We welcome the opportunity to serve on the working group contemplated in this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration.

With aloha,



Amy Marvin  
President and CEO, Hawaii Foodbank



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**Testimony of  
Leah Laramée  
Coordinator, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, January 30, 2023  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 224**

**In support of  
Senate Bill SB84  
RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY**

Senate Bill 84 establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and appropriates funds. **The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) offers the following comments in support of this measure.**

The Commission's working paper *Nature-Based Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change in Hawai'i* recognizes that Climate impacts to agriculture, fisheries, and food system infrastructure have steadily increased over the last 10 years and are projected to increase in severity over this century. Hawai'i, must prepare for more frequent and severe climate-induced shocks, disruption of critical supply chains and fisheries, increased food insecurity, and the catastrophic loss of life, livelihoods, property and infrastructure.

Simultaneously, the post-plantation agricultural economy of Hawai'i remains largely oriented toward external markets, with a diversified agriculture sector and regional food economy limited by a range of social, economic and political obstacles. Sustainably-managed agricultural systems can play a critical role in enhancing local food supplies, increasing resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change, and protecting Hawai'i's coral reefs ecosystems.

There are a number of models of sustainable food systems in Hawai'i, including approaches that incorporate indigenous management strategies, that can help to build resilience, and support biodiversity and ecosystem services. Recent research suggests that indigenous agroecosystems

(including agroforestry, lo'i systems, and dryland agriculture) supported large populations of Native Hawaiians pre-European contact, and that many of the areas that these systems likely occupied are still viable today. By contrast, Hawai'i's legacy of plantation agriculture has left many of the most highly productive soils in the state in a degraded condition. There are, however, many producers interested in reversing this trend. Climate-smart agricultural management choices support soil health over time which provides beneficial outcomes for air and water quality, human health, groundwater recharge, nearshore ecosystem resilience, increased drought tolerance of crops and plants, reduced impacts of flooding, increased crop and livestock productivity, and overall ecosystem resilience.

With 41% of Hawai'i's agricultural lands currently unfarmed, there is a huge opportunity to lower the state's food importation rates while mitigating climate change and protecting native ecosystems and cultural/traditional practices. Locally-produced agriculture is a vital part of our economy. Combining cultural wisdom with new scientific methods, sustainable food systems can reduce carbon emissions and improve crop yields through utilizing cover crops, reducing tillage, agroforestry and other carbon smart practices. Establishing the sustainable food systems working group is a good first step in achieving this.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure.



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Statement of  
**JOHN DE FRIES**  
Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
**COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**  
and **WATER AND LAND**

January 30, 2023  
1:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
**SENATE BILL NO. 84**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**

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Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice Chairs Richards and Elefante, and members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of the intent of SB84, establishing the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority's Destination Management Action Plans, also known as DMAPs, were developed in collaboration with Hawai'i's communities. Contained within the six plans are hundreds of actions and sub-actions identified by kama'āina, many of which speak to the importance of supporting local agriculture, shopping and dining with local businesses, and building capacity for agritourism.

The further development of sustainable food systems in Hawai'i addresses those DMAP actions, advances the goals of the Aloha+ Challenge, the principles of the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Declaration (to which HTA has committed), and moves us closer to a model of regenerative tourism. It also offers more avenues to capture visitor spending – over \$19 billion in 2022 – and keep those dollars circulating in Hawai'i.

HTA stands ready to participate in the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group, and appreciates the intent of SB84 to advance sustainable food systems in Hawai'i. We also defer to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development on the implementation of this measure. Mahalo.





**SB84**  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Senate Committee on Water and Land,

January 30, 2023

1:00 PM

Room 224

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The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees to **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** SB84, which would establish the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable and resilient local food economy.

He ali‘i ka ‘āina; he kauwā ke kanaka. OHA wishes to express its strong support for the thrust of this measure to establish a robust network of partners “to create a vibrant and resilient local food economy that enhances and sustains the environmental, economic, and social health of the community.” **In support of this impetus, OHA respectfully asks that this measure be amended to afford OHA a representative seat on the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group.**

OHA makes this request as the principal public agency in the State responsible for the performance, development, and coordination of programs and activities relating to Native Hawaiians,<sup>1</sup> a great many of whom are kahu holoholona (ranchers), mahi‘ai (farmers), lawai‘a (fishers), kanaka hahai holoholona (hunters), and hānai ‘ai (food producer-practitioners). Our traditional Native Hawaiian cultural practices are deeply rooted in familial bonds with the natural world and the cultivation of these connections over the span of millennia now serve as exemplary models for any sustainable Hawai‘i-based food system.

Unfortunately, the fetid flow of historical injustice over the past 130 years has systemically severed Native Hawaiians from their ‘āina (the natural world), their traditions, and their cultures. Accordingly, Native Hawaiians now endure some of the worst socio-economic conditions among all peoples in this State, with ongoing inequities and disparities that continue to undermine Native Hawaiian existence. One of the most challenging social determinants of health for Native Hawaiians is economic well-being,<sup>2</sup> where Native

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<sup>1</sup> HRS §10-3.

<sup>2</sup> Dept. of Native Hawaiian Health, John A. Burns School of Medicine, *Assessment and Priorities for the Health*



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Hawaiians have the highest rate of poverty and unemployment among Hawai‘i’s major ethnic groups, and “lower average annual earnings than statewide averages for both men and women.”<sup>3</sup> Once again, at the highest rate among the State’s major ethnic groups, 63% of Native Hawaiians are finding it difficult to survive,<sup>4</sup> with a 60% majority of Native Hawaiians unable to make ends meet.<sup>5</sup>

The late Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli once observed, “the health of the land is the health of the people.” Native Hawaiians, i ka wā kahiko (in the time long before), intimately understood the need to develop systems and practices – like mālama ‘āina – that would ensure the survival of the people into perpetuity. It has become preeminently clear, over the long struggle to address the inequities and disparities associated with the disturbing status of Native Hawaiian health, that the greatest hope for recovery is through the dismantling of these tangled systems that have kept Native Hawaiians landless and impoverished.

Widespread Native Hawaiian participation in a far-reaching Hawai‘i-based sustainable food system economy would be integral to achieving vast improvements in Native Hawaiian health and well-being by reconnecting Native Hawaiians with ‘āina and their traditional cultures, while simultaneously elevating Native Hawaiian socio-economic conditions through potentially limitless economic development opportunities. Na ke kanaka mahi‘ai ka imu ō nui (the well-filled imu belongs to the person who tills the soil).

Since its establishment in 1978, OHA has made substantial contributions toward the preservation and protection of agricultural lands and the perpetuation of hānai ‘ai cultures and practices. Through meaningful participation in this Working Group, OHA will continue to meet its strategic goals to address health outcomes and economic stability for the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians.

Finally, OHA recognizes that this measure designates two members of the Native Hawaiian community to be selected by the director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. OHA appreciates and supports this provision for its insight into the value of Native Hawaiian representation and the potential contribution of Native Hawaiian

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*and Well-Being in Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders*, 2020, p. 12

<sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>4</sup> Aloha United Way, *Alice in Hawai ‘i: 2022 Facts and Figures*, Nov. 2022, p.9.

<sup>5</sup> Id. at 6.



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**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**  
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knowledge to advance the purpose and function of this working group. **OHA is certain that its contribution to this Working Group would be unique, as OHA is best-positioned to represent the interests and aspirations of the Native Hawaiian people as the only entity with the constitutional and statutory mandate to serve the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians.**

OHA appreciates the opportunity to support this measure with the recommended amendment **to grant OHA a representative seat on the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group.** Mahalo nui loa.



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January 29, 2023

House Committees on Agriculture and the Environment and Committee on Water and Land  
*Monday January 30, 2023, 1:00 pm*

SUBJECT: Support for SB 84 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Dear Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice-Chairs Richards and Elefante, and members of the Committees:

On behalf of the North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership (North Shore EVP), I would like to extend our full support of SB 84, which will establish within the office of planning and sustainable development the sustainable food systems working group.

Since 2016, North Shore EVP has been working to prepare farmers to fully and equitably participate in Hawaii's commercial and institutional markets by providing food safety training and certification through our USDA GroupGAP program. Through our work along the food supply chain, we have come to realize that the state has not yet conducted a comprehensive food chain analysis that identifies the various companies, organizations and institutions that drive the agricultural economy of the state.

We welcome the formation of a sustainable food systems working group as a positive first step that may help coordinate state-wide efforts in building a successful and prosperous agricultural sector by initially conducting a comprehensive, state-wide, food chain analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Kevin M Kelly, President



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**Derek Kurisu**, KTA Superstores, *Advisor*

**Toby Taniguchi**, KTA Superstores, *Advisor*

**Joe Carter**, Coca-Cola Bottling of Hawaii, Odom, *Advisor*

**Charlie Gustafson**, Tamura Super Market, *Immediate Past Chair*

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**TO:** Committee on Agriculture and Environment and Committee on Water and Land

**FROM:** HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

**DATE:** January 30, 2023

**TIME:** 1pm

**PLACE:** Via Videoconference

**RE:** SB84 Relating to Sustainable Food Systems

**Position:** Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure. Creating more sustainable, resilient local food economy is a goal we all share. HFIA has important industry knowledge and expertise to contribute to this group and we are glad to participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER & LAND AND AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT  
Monday, January 30, 2023 — 1:00 p.m.

**Ulupono Initiative supports the intent of SB 84, Relating to Sustainable Food Systems.**

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

**Ulupono supports the intent of SB 84**, which establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and to report to the Legislature.

Developing a statewide plan around food economics may help to serve the State of Hawai'i and the future of the local agricultural industry. However, while we acknowledge that this working group shows merit with its intentions, the sheer number of participants, along with an inadequate number of actual food producer voices and Department of Agriculture-assigned working group members, creates some concern around efficiency and appropriate representation. We believe that more local producers need to be at the table and that the Department of Agriculture, whose responsibility is to serve those agriculturalists, should determine who those local farmers and ranchers should be. We recommend adjusting the working group to double the current producer voices and consider limiting/removing other entities to promote efficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*

**SB-84**

Submitted on: 1/27/2023 6:14:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/30/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support



January 30, 2023

**LATE**

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Tim Richards, III, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023  
TIME: 1:00 PM

Regarding: SB 84 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.

**Strong support.**

HFACT is a not-for-profit, IRS 501c(5) organization, that advocates for small boat commercial, non-commercial, and recreational fishermen throughout Hawaii. HFACT board members sit on a number of federal fisheries management and endangered species advisory committees as well as state marine and coastal zone advisory committees; and, HFACT is thoroughly familiar with and participates in ocean and marine resource management in Hawaii and the central Pacific.

HFACT strongly supports SB84. During the 2022 Legislative session, a similar bill received strong support from the public and industry. It is clear from the pandemic and the Ukraine incident that a comprehensive review of Hawaii's food systems is requisite. Hawaii is dependent on fresh food as Hawaii's refrigerated warehouse space is very limited due to high costs of energy. This means that the state has little buffer inventory in the event of a food supply chain disruption. In 2022, global supply chain was disrupted. The world was ill prepared for the disruption. Preparation for food supply disruption of any kind must start with an evaluation of Hawaii's sustainable food systems.

HFACT thanks the chairs, vice-chairs, and committee members of both committees for this opportunity to provide comment and to assist in providing food to the people of Hawaii and to assist in the conservation of Hawaii's natural resources.

Sincerely and Aloha,

Phil Fernandez

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President

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**SB-84**

Submitted on: 1/27/2023 8:05:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/30/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Wast of Money to Hire Realitives to serve in the Government!!!!

This is just creating more jobs to be filled by some one that is Connected!!!

**SB-84**

Submitted on: 1/29/2023 6:01:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/30/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Virginia Tincher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Committee on Water and land

Mahalo Senators Inouye, Gabbard and others for introducing this important bill. I am with you as strong supporter

Establishing the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and to report to the Legislature and appropriating funds will bring together the groups working on Sustainable Food in Hawaii.

It establishes this area as critical to the future of Hawaii. I always buy local and love the fresh food and local products. It's time to support and grow sustainability.