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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
AGRICULTURE

January 31, 2013

9:00 a.m.

HB 502

RELATING TO FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 502. This bill appropriates monies to the department of agriculture to monitor local food production and requires issuance of a request for proposals to establish a food sufficiency baseline of food locally produced and consumed.

SECTION 4 of this bill, which includes language on issuance of a request for proposals (RFP), is not necessary. The acquisition of consultant services to conduct research and report findings are subject to HRS chapter 103D, and the RFP is one of several methods of procurement that may be used to procure such services.

The following is provided for your consideration to simplify this section:

~~SECTION 4. Pursuant to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of agriculture shall issue a request for proposals to contract for a report with findings on the establishment of a food sufficiency baseline that determines the percentage of food that currently is consumed and produced in the State. This baseline is intended to enable the State to set goals and move towards greater food self-sufficiency.~~

~~—The entity awarded the contract, in conjunction with the department of agriculture, shall submit the report of its findings on the establishment of food sufficiency determined by the percentage of food that currently is consumed and produced in the State to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015.~~

Thank you.

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| Harvey Arkin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I buy and support locally grown food and would like to see it's production doubled. Please approve HB 502

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| James McCay | Individual | | No |

Comments: A quick vote of support for HB502. Sounds like a great idea and I look forward to the results and discussions. We NEED more local foods ASAP. Mahalo, James

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| Nancy Davlantes | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| John A Sweeney | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of HB502. Doubling our food production, according to a 2008 UH study, would give a \$313 million jolt to the state economy, create \$47 million in profits, provide \$6 million in state tax revenues and create more than 2,300 jobs. Hawaii currently only grows 8% to 10% of the food we eat, according to the US Department of Agriculture. This leaves us incredibly vulnerable to supply disruptions. Opinion polls repeatedly show this issue is one of the top political concerns of voters in Hawaii. They also show that local people are prepared to pay a little more than for imported food because they place a premium on locally grown food. A statutory goal for food production will have a galvanizing effect both on the state and on the private sector - in the same way as the Clean Energy Initiative has helped kick-start the booming alternative energy sector. Finally, Hawaii's state constitution says the following: ARTICLE XI CONSERVATION, CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES Section 1. For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State. All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978] AGRICULTURAL LANDS Section 3. The State shall conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands. The legislature shall provide standards and criteria to accomplish the foregoing. Lands identified by the State as important agricultural lands needed to fulfill the purposes above shall not be reclassified by the State or rezoned by its political subdivisions without meeting the standards and criteria established by the legislature and approved by a two-thirds vote of the body responsible for the reclassification or rezoning action. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]. Mahalo nui for your consideration, John

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