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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### HB 95, RELATING TO DIRECT SALES FROM FARM TO CONSUMER

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health opposes this bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The department opposes this bill as it is unnecessary. Unprocessed, raw  
4 agricultural commodities are currently exempt from DOH permit requirements and may be sold directly  
5 to consumers.

6 At present, "value-added" agricultural products may be sold directly to the consumer upon issuance  
7 of a DOH Temporary Food Sale (TFS) permit. The TFS permit will be issued if:

- 8 1) The product is processed in a department certified establishment;  
9 2) A temporary food sale permit application has been completed; and,  
10 3) Upon payment of a \$25 permit fee, if applicable.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Aloha,

I'm writing in **support** of HB 95. The language of this bill will encourage and facilitate young people and new farmers to sell their production at market and to local stores.

This bill sends the very important message that Hawaii values and understands local agriculture. Anyone who grows food, eats their own Food, feeds their family and sells to customers that they look in the eye. Knowing your farmers is the safest food anyone can buy.

Our customers are welcome to visit our farm and learn how we feed the soil with compost that we have helped create using ancient practices of taking whatever grows on the land as a resource to create what feeds the soil. The microbes in the soil eat the composted material and deliver their exudite to the food plants roots.

This process grows food that supports health in those that eat the nutrient dense food we grow. The Farm is the pharmacy of the future and the farmer is the pharmacist.

Thank you for supporting this important piece of legislation.

Aloha,  
Bill and Marta Greenleaf