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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Towers	PAN	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Ruderman, Chair Kidani and Committee Members: On behalf of PAN North America and our over 8,500 members in Hawai'i, we urge you to pass SB376, that would create farm to school program and coordinator positions in the Hawai'i Departments of Agriculture and Education. These efforts will increase the opportunities for healthy, local food in schools, and invest in Hawaiian farmers, jobs and the state's economy. Passing SB376 is an appropriate investment in the future of prosperous agriculture in Hawai'i. Sincerely, Paul Towers Organizing & Media Director Pesticide Action Network North America

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**CHARLES STRUWE
FARMER
HAUULA, HAWAII**

SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION
Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 2:46 p.m., Room 414

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Riviere, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committees:

My name is Charles Struwe and **I strongly support SB376 and offer comments.**

I am one of Hawaii's 3 tenant Primary Operators of a Institutional, Research, Experimental, and American Indian Reservation Farms and a student at my alma mater the University Hawaii at Manoa (Fall, 1974 to Spring, 2015 and Bachelor of Business Administration, December, 1983) and I provide an Agricultural Education Program as allowed under statute that focuses on Food Borne Illness, Genetics, Traditional Food and Agricultural Crop Production in water and soil, Nutrition and the United States of America's Natural Resource Conservation Service Conservation Plan Farming.

SB376, A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, "(e)stablishes the Hawaii farm to school program and two farm to school coordinator positions and appropriates funds" (see description). "The purpose of this Act is to create a farm to school program in the department of agriculture and to provide funding for two farm to school coordinator positions to oversee the State's farm to school program" (see page 2, lines 20 and 21 and page 3, lines 1 and 2). One of the two coordinators will be created within the Department and the other within the Department of Education and they are mandated to "work in collaboration with each other and the appropriate stakeholders to address issues of supply, demand, procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in state facilities, primary education facilities, and take reasonable steps to incorporate more agricultural and nutrition education in schools (see page 3, lines 17 through 21 and page 4, lines 1 to 3).

In practical terms, the bill, when enacted and implemented, would provide me with a fellow educator from the Department of Education to work with to address the issues required under the provisions of the bill. That is the "issues of supply, demand, procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in state facilities, primarily education facilities" and "the incorporation (of) more agricultural and nutrition education in schools."

I respectfully request that you pass this bill so that such a program will be established in the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

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Hawai'i Green Growth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports SB376, which will establish the Hawai'i farm to school program and create two Farm to School Coordinator positions - one at Department of Agriculture and another at Department of Education. This will jointly increase institutional purchasing of local foods and to coordinate a framework that supports agricultural education from pre-school through college. Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 70 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy. SB376 will help advance action on the Aloha+ Challenge's local food production 2030 target: "At least double local food production - 20-30% of food consumed is grown locally." The Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'oa is a joint leadership commitment to achieve six sustainability targets by 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, green jobs and education. The Aloha+ Challenge was unanimously endorsed by the 2014 Legislature (SCR 69) and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. It was also internationally recognized as a model of integrated sustainability at the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa.

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Lisa Maruyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a parent of children at a public elementary school and middle school and am a strong supporter of public education. Through the years, I have been concerned about the quality of the food served by the DOE to students; in particular, the amount of processed and canned foods students consume. School farms will make fresh, healthy food available for students and expose them to healthy ways of living. I support the idea of an institutional program of school farms and strongly support any effort to dedicate resources to this effort. Thank you.

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SB 367

Tuesday February 17, 2:46 PM

Conference Room 414

State Capitol

415 Beretania Street

To: Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair

Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Education Committee.

From: Pomaikai Richardson

Good afternoon, my name is Pomaikai'i Richardson. Im currently an 11th grader attending Kalaheo High School in Kailua. I firmly support Senate Bill 376. Currently the Farm-toSchool program stands with out a coordinator's assistance to ensure that the program is effectively being taken into action. A coordinator is needed from both the Agriculture Committee and the Education Committee, to ensure progress is being made in both areas.

The Farm To School Program is an excellent way to enrich students health, along with improving their academic performance and increasing the schools overall school meal participation. In states across the US, Farm to School Coordinators have already begun to assist in the programs progress and success. By funding the coordinator positions to oversee Hawaii's Farm-to-School program, they will be able to address the issues of supply and demand, and use a variety of reasonable ways to promote agricultural and nutrition education to Hawaii's youth.

Similar program such as the “Aina in Schools” have already started to make impacts in schools across Hawaii. Providing locally grown fruits and vegetables to students. Hawaii communities strive to increase Hawaii’s sustainability and we can continue to and support Hawaii’s sustainability by supporting the Farm to School Program and provide funding for the coordinators needed to ensure its progress.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today, and I hope that you also will support Senate Bill 367.