

HB174

Late
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Schletzbaum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Dalton Hodgkinson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Clayton Reints	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Pachta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a Midwestern family farmer the GMO seeds grown on Hawaii are extremely important to helping my farm be profitable and successful. Without GMO seed we would be forced to use more chemicals to control weeds and insects which would be detrimental to the environment.

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David E. Watts III	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Bangle	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 3:13 PM
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I do hope you see the benefit in passing this bill. We, the public, will feel more confident that labeling GMO products will show openness and pride in the worthiness of the products by the producers of it. And we, the public, will get off their backs. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Mary Louise O'Brien
44-686 Kahinani Place
Kaneohe HI 96744

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Kendall Hodgson	Individual	Oppose	No

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James R. Raben	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Elsberry	Individual	Oppose	No

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Attachments: I am supporting the labeling of GMO.docx

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yuko ishimura	Individual	Support	No

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I am supporting the labeling of GMO.

We all have the rights to know how our food is produced, so that we can choose for ourselves just like labeling organic products. It is not certain that GMO is safe for our health. A huge amount of pesticides are sprayed to produce GMO. Farmers are not being able to make ends meet because they have to pay a high price for the seed. The seeds from the GMO don't produce vegetables, so farmers cannot save seeds from previous harvest and have to buy seeds every year. GMO is destroying our farming practice and our land.

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Adrian Vargas	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Dimple Dhanani [dimpledhanani@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 2:39 PM
To: AGL Testimony; CPN Testimony; HTHTestimony
Subject: Testimony for HB 174 HD2

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to give my brief testimony on the nature of GMO's and to give my support for _____

Thank you,

Dimple Dhanani
M.A. Candidate
Teaching Assistant
Department of Religion
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

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Kris Bordessa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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tagi qolouvaki	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Charles Kays	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kurt Kriener	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jerome Jirak	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wayne Lukert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Strathman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Katherine Franklin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Karen Schultheis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please consider requiring GMO labeling on local produce and products. Much attention to buying local recently. We should have the same safety measures attached to local products and foods as those we wish to impose on imports.

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Randy Lussier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Don Murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Glen Hodnefield	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am a native Hawaiian and I support natural growing foods please label GMO!

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Jerry Nichols	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rodney Horn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kuulei	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dennis Bogaards	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Linda Anderson [landerson@jnavtomotive.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 12:50 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: GMO

We absolutely should have the right to choose whether we ingest genetically altered food or not.

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Dr. Steve Launius	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Oppose HB174

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Allie Blythe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paige Druffel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melinda Sorem	I. G. & B., Inc.	Oppose	No

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Marie Weller	Individual	Support	No

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Kassie Curran	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, I ask a simple task. Label GMO products. I eat them now and will eat them after they are labeled. I just feel it is ones right to know as much as is available concerning the food we consume. Let's catch up to Europe and Japan on this simple issue. Mahalo.

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Paul Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to be informed of what is in our food just like any other ingredients. GMO labeling needs to be mandatory

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Bruce Jensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Donald Day	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ed Ulch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This measure will halt the valued winter production of seed. The use of GMO for seed has caused no harm nor has the use of GMO for food. GMO has however save countless people from starvation while lowering the cost of food for everyone. This bill has not been thought through.

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Jay R. Garetson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susanne Mackinnon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: it is much to dangerous to mess with Gmo for every living being.

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Jennie Guetterman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Please support HB 174. As a citizen of a free country in which access to information is considered one of the foundations of our democracy, please allow consumers to be informed as to whether a given item they are considering purchasing has been genetically modified or not. This is important and relevant information. This is basic. I read nearly every label of every product i buy. I want to know how many calories per serving, how much salt, cholesterol, preservatives, etc. each item contains that i am deliberating on. Then i am free to make the choice on my own free will: buy or not. Without that information i am handicapped. This is a society that thrives on transparency, we give awards for transparency! Please give me the facts as to whether item X has been genetically modified or not, and i'll go from there. Give me the right to have this information. Any less is to deprive me of information that is relevant to me as an informed consumer. Please understand and respect this.

Ronald D. Gordon, Ph.D.
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Mona Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Agriculture in your state and the seed industry there impacts farmers all across America. Please oppose this legislation.

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Daniel R. Cartmill	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Arthur	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nick Guetterman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Matt Symns	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dan Wesely	NCGA	Oppose	No

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Tim Franklin	Individual	Oppose	No

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nancy Sundberg	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Dear Agriculture committee members,

My name is Ron Betzen and I would like to express my concern on HB 174. I urge you to vote no, as I would on this legislation. Hawaii is of utmost importance in the development of genetically engineered seed that we in the Midwest use to grow the crops that feed, clothe, and feed an ever increasing world population. Please vote based on scientific fact and no emotion.

Best regards

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Robert Hanson	Individual	Oppose	No

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CLINT MILLIMAN	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jim Hultman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rayan Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Comments: Label our food and stop these GMOs! We have the right to know what's in our food.

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Pualani Ramos	Na Pualani Learning Ohana	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill, Mahalo Pualani Ramos

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To Whom It May Concern:

Our organization supports the labeling of GMO products and organisms and the labeling of NON GNO products and organisms.

We have the right to know the components of our food and what is influencing our environment.

According to a lot of research that is not conducted by the companies involved in genetic engineering, GMO pose a serious risk to our environment and our health.

There is evidence that Monsanto, Singenta and other large companies that produce genetically altered seeds and pesticides use heavy handed methods to force farmers to use their products.

It is critical that our government, which is supposed to protect its citizens from harm and stand up for righteousness and freedom, step up to the plate and do something to protect us from these monstrous injustices and dangers.

Mahalo,
Pualani Ramos
Director

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george deutsch	Individual	Oppose	No

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M.A. Saunders	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephanie Symns	Individual	Oppose	No

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Craig Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Doug Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Sutton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brandon Nakachi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eric Neer	Individual	Oppose	No

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James C. Madison	Individual	Support	No

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Neva Bixby	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jill Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO food injures animals in studies- why would it not hurt humans? The studies are out there. Please read them. Mahalo

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Keali'imakamana'onalani Parker	Individual	Support	No

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Attention: Committees AGL/CPN/HTH, WAM and CARROLL, LOWEN, MIZUNO, EVANS

In regards to HB 174 RELATING TO FOOD LABELING. This bill imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations. Effective July 1, 2012 (HB174 HD2)

I, Keali'imakamana'onalani, fully supports the labeling of all foods containing genetically modified organisms. I feel, with all that I am, that the continued presence of Monsanto in Hawaii is the continued rape and desecration of the most unique precious place on Earth. The science behind GMOs is just plain stupid. We are going against thousands of years of proper farming techniques that work with the land, not make war on it. There have been many studies that show consumption of genetically modified food in rats produced smaller rats and even caused infertility in other rats. There is so much wrong about GMOs; let's start with the fact the rest of the world vehemently opposes GMOs, have banned it in their countries, is the cause for over 2,000 suicides amongst Indian farmers, have enforced a use of seeds that require a "sterilized" environment which requires dumping millions of gallons of pesticides and herbicides onto the land just to grow their Frankenstein product. What is right about GMOs?!?!? The only people opposing Labeling are employed by Monsanto or the other bio-chemical companies and are the very reason for the very obvious pocket padding of our law makers. YUP, THAT WOULD BE YOU, SENATOR NISHIHARA. You are so obviously a puppet, it disgusts me that you sit in a position of power, and you abuse it so blatantly. THE REST OF YOU HAVE THE POWER AND OPPORTUNITY NOW TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WHAT IS PONO, WHAT WOULD SAVE OUR EARTH FOR OUR FUTURE CHILDREN AND DO RIGHT BY OUR ANCESTORS. I firmly believe we will be held accountable for our actions when we pass of this world, and I hope you hold strong to your morals and values and not succumb to the evil control of money. We are praying, hoping, expecting you to be the difference and to set the standard for the rest of America to follow. And because I know, that you know, WE DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE EATING. Bottom line, this is also about product integrity, what are they trying to hide by fighting this?!?!

In conclusion, GMOs have no place here in Hawaii, we are NOT lab rats, nor do we want to eat food that will cause organ failure, infertility and all the other related illnesses we don't know about because Monsanto only requires 90 days of testing before they send out a new seed. How pathetically irresponsible. I fully support Labeling GMO foods and a GMO-free Hawaii.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this, me ke aloha.

Keali'imakamana'onalani Parker

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Paul A Downs	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Schroeder	Individual	Oppose	No

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J. Kukui Maunakea- Forth	Individual	Support	No

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RE: HB174 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.

Report Title: Genetically Engineered Organisms; Produce; Labeling; Import

Current Referral: AGL/CPN/HTH, WAM

Aloha kakou!

I am writing on behalf of myself and my `ohana to support labeling of GMO (genetically modified organisms) with the following amendments:

1. The labeling requirement is applicable to all produce, local and imported, as was originally intentioned in House Bill 174;
2. Restate the language in Sections 4 and 5 to ensure that punitive legal action cannot be taken against organic farmers; and
3. To see that Section 9 is amended to reflect the effective date as: July 2014.

As an organic farmer/gardener and community food systems advocate, I believe that we have the right to know if our foods are genetically engineered and therefore support labeling in all venues and circumstances. Taking this action today is an easy step in you can take as our policy makers to ensure that good information is made available to the consumers and protections of our freedoms to choose is upheld.

Mahalo nui for your consideration!

Aloha,

Kukui Maunakea-Forth

Parent & Community Member

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C. Young	Individual	Support	Yes

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Cc: Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi
Subject: HB 174, HD 2 Labeling: testimony in strong support with Amendments for labeling of Both local and imported produce

I testify in strong support of labeling bill HB 174, HD 2, requesting with amendments for labeling of both local and imported produce. The public has a right to know what they are eating and drinking and feeding to their children.

Additionally, there is scientific data available that questions the impacts of consuming genetically engineered produce (GEP), and on the negative environmental impacts of growing GEP considering that they require high inputs of fossil fuels and pesticides, and they do not add to our food security.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Heacock
PO Box 1323
Lihue, HI 96766

Sent from my iPhone

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Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marisela Bracho	Individual	Support	No

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JANAE WILSON	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jane Ragan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha,

I am writing today to respectfully ask that you give positive consideration to hearing and ultimately passing into law HB174, thus allowing Hawaii residents the opportunity to make informed decisions about the foods they eat. This is a must for all of us who live and love Hawaii.

With thanks and aloha,

Anne English
Lawai, Hawaii
(808) 635-7884

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dillan hanawahine	Individual	Oppose	No

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Todd Hinkel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Antya Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Antya Miller
59-661 Alapio Road
Haleiwa, Hi 96712
808-638-8462

Opposing HB 174 on GMO Labeling to Agriculture, Health and Commerce/Consumer Protection Hearing:

Dear Senators:

I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons:

1. It has been deemed unconstitutional by our AG
2. Bio Tech products are overseen by the USDA, FDA and EPA
3. Bio Tech foods have been researched and peer reviewed for the last 20+ years and there is no good evidence that they are harmful to human health
4. Labeling for only Hawaii will probably mean companies will stop sending product to Hawaii
5. This bill will increase the cost of our food which is already amongst the costliest in the nation due to shipping costs. This increase will mean more financial hardship on our already financially strapped families.
6. Without the Bio Tech seed corn companies that have been here since 1968, our agriculture economy would be almost nil. These large companies help the small farmers by providing land and infrastructure and provide very good jobs from PhD's to farm laborers.
7. Without the Seed Corn companies, the North Shore would have houses planted instead of fields of seed corn. We must support ALL agriculture, not just organic. It's difficult to grow crops in Hawaii without spraying and using conventional farming practices. (no winter to kill bugs)
8. Etc.

Please kill this bill.

Mahalo,

Antya Miller

Resident and NS Neighborhood Board member

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charles ice	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thanks you for following the will of the people to know what they are buying. Truth in advertising, truth in labeling - this is simply a matter of upholding our right to know. The GMO story is far from over; long-term effects are unknown, but the record of science in anticipating long-term effects has been poor so far - each time we "solve" one little thing, we create more problems elsewhere. We are meddling without anticipating results. Time to give the public its rights to make decisions of conscience.

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Mike Glazer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe this measure should be supported and passed.

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Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE copy and paste this in the comment section: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) I also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Zenker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to vote in favor of this bill requiring labeling of GMOs. Consumers have the right and need to know what they are eating and feeding to their families. There is no excuse for hiding GM ingredients from Americans.

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Kent Lorens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Monica Ravanello	Monsanto	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote against this poorly written and ill-conceived bill.

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duane aistrope	Individual	Oppose	No

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J. Michael Moore	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jason camara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am oppose because this will result in higher food costs,They have alot of studies by scientific authorities concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food. labeling will not only cost people more money but will also be misleading by falsely inplying they are different in a bad way!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Conti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The politicians that support this will not get my vote EVER in the future. Monsanto and GMO in general is a poison to humanity and the planet. People have the right to know they are eating it!! For those who like GMO - then they should want labeling also so they know they are getting their allotment of poison. I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Don Duvall	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Naomi Blanchard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and good morning. Unfortunately I could not be there in person to testify this morning, but I am sure there are plenty of people who are there to speak on behalf of those who could not make it. I live here in Haleiwa and am very disheartened by whats taking place in my community, or better yet, this whole side of the island. I am against gmos as a whole and so are about 9 outta 10 people here living in Hawaii. They are poisoning some of the most precious, prestine lands in the world. It is your folks kuleana to protect these lands and your contituents, because of your power and position. These biotech lobbyists claim that gmos are safe, but I know different. It is all about the profit for these people. Whats going on with the monopoly in the food supply is just outrageous. Why do we have chemical warfare companies in charge of our food supply? Ask yourself that, would you want to eat genetically modified vegetables made in a lab that were saturated in pesticides and chemicals if you had a choice? I would guess probably not. Anyone with a brain would know that does not sound very appetizing OR safe. Something is terribly wrong in this picture. I am asking you to PLEASE, for the people and the aina, vote yes for gmo labeling. It is down to only produce now, cant we at least have that? (most of the gmos are in processed foods) We need more transparency. It is what the people want, and are demading at this point. Alot of people are watching the politicians every move to see whos side they are really on. I dont think a few thousand dollars of campaign contributions is worth a bad reputation, and a zero chance of getting reelected. HB174 was almost killed and there are people who gave it their all to make sure it was heard at this stage of the process. We need gmos labeled and out of Hawaii. We are tarnishing our image to the tourism industry by allowing these mass cultivations of genetically modified/engineered crops to take place here. Open air experiments, pesticide spraying, ect. Look whats going on on Kauai. The whole town of Waimea had gotten sick. What are our elected officals doing to protect our health? (with all due respect) going to luncheons and food tastings on these "frankenfarms"? I hope you all dont get sick. I know the best food on this island is grown from local farmers. The non-gmo produce (which is hard to come by nowadays). People have a right to choose. That is the main point that is being stressed. If the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association and other biotech industries has "improved" the crops then why not label?? They are scared because people are finding out the truth. The pesticide amounts being sprayed on these crops are lethal. This is detrimental to our state to label gmos! For just about every reason in the book. I could go on and on but you all know how strong we are fighting for this. Calling and emailing your offices for your support. We are banning together on an issue we deem critical to our future, and the future of Hawaii. Please vote yes on HB174. It is what is right. Politics

aint nothing pretty and I understand that but its time we put the government back into the peoples (who elected you into office) hands. We have spoken, hear our voices. Do what is pono Mahalo!

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Karen Holman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is without question a fundamental right of all citizens to know what is in their food, and whether this food is of natural composition or genetically modified. If we are to call ourselves a democracy we MUST label GMO!

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Jody Bowman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is ESSENTIAL to the sustainability of Hawai'i's agriculture and wellbeing! ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Lauryn Rego	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Luchte	Individual	Oppose	No

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Arlene n Maher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as it will raise food cost in Hawaii. Where food costs' already up to 40 percent more than other states. With this bill we can expect that estimate to double. Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain GMO ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic," "non GMO," or "GMO-Free."

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Angelika Dickeson	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Schuldt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sue Schwaller	Iowa Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Janice Barnett	Individual	Oppose	No

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Simone Derow- Ostapowicz	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Harder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We are farmers in Kansas. We have visited your scenic state on two occasions. Seed corn is produced there as a source for corn production around the world. The gravity of this vote could be far reaching. Please consider a "no" vote for the hungry. Thanks.

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Michael Fritts	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Cindy Ludwig	Individual	Oppose	No

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s johnston	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Sheryl MacNair	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Bennett	Monsanto	Oppose	No

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Caroline avery	Individual	Support	No

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Frank Sherwin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This measure will adversely restrict the ability of farmers to produce food in an economical manner. GMO seeds are the most important positive development in agriculture in the past 20 years.

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Steve Pringle	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: slowmobetta@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 8:36 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Labeling of GMO products

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To: sengabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Sent: Thu, Mar 21, 2013 8:31 am
Subject: Labeling of GMO products

I support HB174.

We the people, for the people, by the people.... It is my understanding that as required by the U.S. FDA, the labeling a food product gives the people an opportunity to make an informed choice, especially with those with known allergies. The people have a right to know what kind of ingredients that is in a food product. The labels on food products, whether canned, processed or whole real foods have labels on it and/or a list of ingredients. GMO is but another ingredient that is added by whatever means into the composition of a whole food item, it is infused to alter or to change or to enhance the product for salability to the people. We are all certainly aware of the other man made ingredients: preservatives, additives and other chemicals that are near to impossible to pronounce on a list of ingredients.

What is the definition of ingredient?

According to Merriam-Webster, ingredient is something that enters into a compound or is a component part of any combination or mixture : constituent.

Merriam-Webster defines constituent as: a structural unit of a definable syntactic, semantic, or phonological category that consists of one or more linguistic elements (as words, morphemes, or features) and that can occur as a component of a larger construction.

Merriam-Webster defines construction as: the act or result of construing, interpreting, or explaining; the process, art, or manner of constructing something; *also* : a thing constructed.

It is my understanding that GMO is something that is altered and/or taken from another source, manmade or otherwise and infused into another.

My point is that the U.S. FDA requires food products to be labeled with a list of ingredients, including known allergens; isn't GMO but another ingredient that should be of no exception to the law of the land? In my humble opinion, it could also have the potential effect of being an unknown allergen; so it must and should be included as another ingredient of a food product.

If GMO producers stand by their products, then why do they want to "hide" the fact that their product is GMO? If is truly safe as they dictate and that there are no ramifications of ill effect whatsoever to the masses of people down the line, 10, 20, 30 years from now, then step up to the plate and be counted and label your products as such.

We the people, for the people, by the people demand the freedom to make an informed choice. By excluding GMO from the ingredient list, only reflects upon how our country is run by special interest groups and greed,

Government needs to change that imagine, we need to get back to what's right, what's fair for the all the people, not just those that profit from the salability of product that hides it's ingredients.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Sapienza

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Nicole Myers	Individual	Oppose	No

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Davidge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RELATING TO FOOD LABELING. Report Title: Genetically Engineered Organisms; Produce; Labeling; Import Description: Imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB174 HD2)

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Jamie Nakama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We, the people of Hawaii have a right to know what is in our food, only then can informed decisions be made about what we choose to put in our bodies. The health of Hawaii's people and the land are intricately connected, hence, to ensure a sustainable future for Hawaii, we must have the knowledge and power to make informed decisions about our food...our primary source of survival. Jamie Nakama, Education Program Manager @ the Hawaii Nature Center and lecturer of Anthropology at Kapiolani Community College

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Heather Warner	Individual	Support	No

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Subject: please label GMOs HB 174

I am writing asking for your support to label GMO foods. I would like to be an informed consumer, and I am very concerned about the safety of the food that my family eats. I don't want to find out down the road that my food choices adversely affected my loved ones. I am a DES daughter, they assured my Mom that it was safe, now we know too late, that sadly, it was not. These things happen too often.

Please give us the choice, it's the right thing to do.

Aloha and thank-you,

Cathleen Shun
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lynn evans	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Paul Shields	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: vote no

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Thad Geiger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Diana Day	Individual	Support	No

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Kim McCoy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha,

Apologies for tardy submission, please get to Committee members if possible.

Mahalo,

Nomi



Strong Support With Amendments

HB174, HD2

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Room 229

The Honorable Hawaii State Senate

Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Health Committee Members

Aloha Honorable Senators,

We are a local non-profit organization dedicated to environmental awareness and social change, primarily focused on education about the impacts of genetically engineered crop production and industry and political action to protect citizens from GMO related hazards. Our organization represents over 3,500 members and subscribers predominantly in Hawaii. We are in strong support of HB174, HD2 for GMO food labeling for GMO produce labeling, however, it is not just imported GMO produce but of all genetically engineered foods which need to be labeled. Unfortunately that does not appear to be on the table but we will be back next year to do it completely. In the meantime, local produce must be included or the bill violates the Commerce Clause, which I am sure you know. This can be easily fixed by including local produce which is what constituents want anyways. This bill has already been watered down, it's time to clean it up. Quite frankly, open air GMO's need to be banned immediately to preserve human and environmental health. At the absolute least, this HD2 for produce labeling should pass. It needs a couple of amendments to make it constitutional, but as I am sure you have received the Richardson Students for Labeling response to the Attorney General's narrow *opine*. The bill stands on solid ground with the following necessary amendments in our opinion.

Please support with these suggested amendments:

- 1) Include local produce as not to violate the Commerce Clause.
- 2) Include language to 'prevent consumer confusion' so that buyers are clear on whether or not the produce they are purchasing has been genetically engineered.
- 3) Change the defective date to an effective date of July 1, 2014.

It is the least we deserve after our government has allowed war chemical companies to perform open air experiments with the genetics of all life in Hawaii. No other government in the world is permitting this level of open air experimentation, because they understand the engineered genes cannot be retracted and can and will cause irreversible harm, as they already are here.

When and if you pass legislation for GMO labeling of Hawaii grown produce, we request adequate legal provisions are made for conventional and organic farmers whose crops are unintentionally contaminated by GMO crops. It is the GMO's that cause cancerous tumors, according to recent animal studies.

The people of Hawaii are seeking legislation and protection and identification for GMO products. We are constituents and citizens, secretaries, models, teachers, farmers, parents, students, chefs, doctors, lawyers, therapists, promoters, dancers, surfers, entrepreneurs and community advocates. We are not lobbyists and multi-national corporations, or heavily invested in chemical, industrialized genetically engineered farming, for those are generally the only representatives who come to defending the biotech agenda; Those who are paid by the companies profiting from our slow destruction.

We however are highly active in our community, and dedicated to raising awareness and of course, we are your voters. Over 1,000 Hawaii people marched on the State Capitol on opening day to a rally of perhaps 1,000 more, demanding the end of GMO's and the labeling of what does exist, the abolishing of the PLDC and Hawaiian sovereignty restoration. Your constituents and people across the world are clearly calling for identification and regulation of GMO products.

GMO products have been linked to serious health risks including infertility, sterility, endocrine disruption, cancerous tumors, organ enlargement, problems with protein and cholesterol synthesis, intestinal dysregulation and undesirable genetic mutations, these foods that MUST be labeled. Genetically engineered product makers and food manufacturers are reliant on the fact that we can not detect their presence in food, they are committed to deception and refusing to identify their products.

Companies that produce genetically engineered products and foodstuff collected themselves in just a matter of months to spend over \$45 million dollars fighting GMO labeling in California's Proposition 37 alone. They can afford to label the food.

Recently major food manufacturers Pepsi, ConAgra and other funders of No to Prop 37, which consisted of biotech, GMO companies and food manufacturers who funded a campaign against food labeling transparency met with the FDA to discuss the labeling of genetically modified foods. The specific companies who funneled money to fight the public right to know if their food has GMO ingredients, have been receiving major consumer backlash. They who spent millions against food ingredient transparency are feeling the nationwide boycotts of their products and relentless exposures and viral campaigns within social media networks. It is time to address GMO food labeling.

Consumers want GMO'S LABELED. Consumers want to know, who is using GMO food. This is a reality, already in 61 countries whose legislators demonstrate deep respect for material and nutritional transparency. It is time for us to address the food industry and we are insist, with all due respect, that GMO's be labeled. A compromise, in the opinion of this organization, would be passing GMO labeling without banning GMO crops this year.

GMO's are banned at some level in at least 29 countries, and already a half dozen U.S. counties have gone GMO free. Their makers have been exiled from numerous countries and sued time and again for chemical poisoning alone. It is these products that need to be labeled, it is this you must focus on achieving. The time has come for Hawaii to eject the biotechnology seed industry and abolish the global and political GMO safe-haven that has severely derailed our sustainable future and caused Hawaii to become the foremost site and worldwide ground zero for open air genetic experimentation. The bare minimum is GMO labeling.

Our organization was formed in response to the dire condition of our legislation and state of our agriculture and local food supply regarding GMO corporations. We advocate for citizen engagement in these issues that are coming about when many are unaware they are even up for consideration. Biotechnology corporations conducting research and production of genetically engineered organisms are, in addition to threatening our fragile ecosystem and food supply, literally exposing us to components of war chemicals, spraying it next to schools, and kupuna homes. They speak only on the brilliant aims of their science, not the failed mutations of their reality.

Class action lawsuits are starting to address heavily exposed areas and incidentally, already 52,000 sea urchins were found dead off the coast of a GMO farm in Kauai alone. These are not farming companies, these are chemical companies who seek to increase the sale of chemicals and the pestilential expansion and cross-contamination of their patented, literally now viral, genetic alterations on life.

GMO's are the most endangering and invasive species of all, there is no recuperation from GMO's, we may never be able to grow food on GMO farm land again. We do not feel GMO's should even be allowed to farm in the open air in Hawaii as they contaminate conventional crops. This is the most pressing issue in Hawaii today. Over 1,000 citizens marched down Beretania to the Capitol on opening day just January 16th to a roar demanding the end of GMO's and at the very least, labeled toxins and that, should be a strong reflection of the community response to

GMO's in Hawaii.

We must address GMO industry impacts on our local economy in addition to the social and environmental costs they are inducing. These companies are chemically farming an export GMO seed industry that receives obscene levels of tax relief and retains little to no benefit or profit for the state or the citizens. We desperately need local, non-toxic farming, organic and non-GMO agricultural support, not additional burdens on an industry barely surviving when GMO contamination is only a field away and pesticide drift is impacting residents and agriculture daily.

In addition to performing literally the most open air experimental field trials in the world in Hawaii, they are depleting our natural resources. Hawaii's climate is ideal for agriculture and they are able to turn 3-4 crops per year as opposed to 1-2 most places in the United States. Few other countries allow GMO companies to perform unlimited open air genetic experiments. Please pay close attention to what GMO farms are doing in Hawaii and protect the organic and non-GMO farmers by regulating GMO's and requiring they disclose their contents in food.

The once rich soil, which GMO farms are monocropping compounds similar plantation and chemical farming damages on farm lands. The same nutrients are pulled from the soil over and over, they plant no cover crops and they do not rotate crops. Instead of using cows to fertilize, and chickens to eat the pests, they use chemical fertilizers and pesticides and herbicides which saturate our soil, contaminate groundwater and kill the healthy microorganisms and bacteria that are necessary for plant life.

The companies that produce genetically engineered products are irresponsibly releasing highly controversial new life forms, of highly questionable ethics in regards to health and environmental safety. The companies manufacturing GMO's have been exiled from dozens of countries, and the damages are piling here. As public concern begins to flow and more countries ban or demand labeling, we as a society must also stand up and require the mandation of GMO labeling.

There are multiple versions of GMO's with pesticides engineered into the food, so when you consume Bt corn, for example, every kernel grows its own internal pesticide. This is for sale in your grocery store. That Bt has been found in the majority of blood samples given by pregnant women and their unborn babies' umbilical blood in a study in Canada alone.

Without proper labeling, tracing the effects of GMO foods in Hawaii health is nearly impossible. Our hapai Mothers should be able to choose whether or not they want to eat food engineered to contain pesticides. All humans deserve the right to know what they are eating and what has been done to it. We are entering a new era wherein the masses want to know the source of their products, particularly their food. As new technologies and chemical farming increase, we want to follow food from the farm to the fork and know what we are supporting.

Regardless of whether or not you are unsure of just how damaging and risky biotechnology is, please hear us now. We have a right to know what we are eating, purchasing and supporting and if it has been genetically modified in addition to the 3000 ingredients, additives and processes which require labeling already. We who are conscious of GMO's will not stop until the power is back in the hands of the people over these unprincipled corporations to choose whether or not they want to eat GMO foods.

You have been given a chance to do something powerful on behalf of the people of Hawaii and stand for Hawaii and say the people have a right to know more than corporations have a right to profit off of their lack of knowledge. We do not want to spend our money on GMO's and need to be able to avoid them in order to pursue happiness and quality of life. Someone who supports them should have a choice to select GMO products, let the market speak for itself. If they one chooses to eat a GMO laden diet and does not care about serious health and environmental implications of doing so, one would still be able to under this legislation. Smokers still smoke carcinogenic formaldehyde soaked cigarettes, even with labels.

GMO corporations rely on the false principle of substantial equivalence and assure the public their foods and crops are no different than original, traditional foods while simultaneously arguing to the patent office that their inventions are unique, have never been created before, and deserve to be patented as different from all other prior existing products, successfully. If GMO foods are no different, how is it that GMO corporations are able to patent them? That alone should raise enough concerns to warrant the mandatory labeling of these foods. Give the children of today a chance to choose tomorrow, they are not old enough yet to make it happen by themselves and the effects of GMOs are irreversible.

Where is their research? Here is ours. The only studies representatives of GMO corporations have publicly referred to with respect, no matter how well peer reviewed, or well enough for 29 other countries to ban GMO's, are the studies funded by their own corporations and interest groups.

Ninety day studies performed by the GM companies themselves is what passes these GMO products into the food supply, when animal studies have proven it is the second and third generation effects that will be most mortal, most sterile, and most mutant, increasingly along the generation lines. GM industry funded safety research proclaiming assurances that somehow satisfy our FDA, now headed by a former Monsanto executive, are not sufficient proof of their safety. We need you to address the facts. It may be slow to absorb, but we are in dire trouble having let GMO's into Hawaii in the first place. Please fix it.

In addition we have attached a summary analysis of major studies regarding GMO labeling courtesy of Yo Kobayashi. In reality, the cost of implementing GMO labeling is nominal. Food cost fear and paranoia proffered by GE industry representatives are equivalent to propaganda grossly exaggerated by paid employees of the biotechnology industry. Analysis of the studies show the biotech funded studies greatly magnified claims of food cost

increase, and that the true increase average was only 5% of their projection.

The average cost per capita per annum is about \$5.

GMO companies have shown no regard to the environment or public health concerns and should be required to label their products at the absolute, bare minimum. We and our supporters passionately encourage GMO companies to abandon their efforts in Hawaii altogether. We encourage this body to pursue with all force necessary the labeling of genetically modified foods.

In addition we will be unable to support the re-election of legislators who do not vote in favor of GMO labeling. We will actively work against the re-election of pro-biotech legislators as the residents in Hawaii exposed to GMO test sites and chemicals are growing more ill. Now is the time to join the people and start giving us what we want, GMO labeling today and the ban of open air GMO next year. Labeling is the bare minimum. We are paying extremely close attention and look forward to supporting the re-election of legislators who choose the people over the biotech industry, which is poisoning us.

It is with much love and aloha I share this with you, this is a democracy. We appreciate all of your hard work and your desire to reflect the will of the people, now is your chance. We need people in office who protect citizens, not corporations. We hope you do the right thing.

Mahalo for considering this testimony in strong support of HB174, HD2 for GMO food labeling with proposed amendments to include local produce, prevent consumer confusion and make effective July 1, 2014. Please accept our comments into record in support of labeling for all GMO foods and the inevitable ban of open air GMO's.

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Key Points of GMO Labeling Cost Discussion by Yo Kobayashi

Summary of major studies: Annual \$5 price increase

The annual price increase to consumers averaged \$5 per person or 0.25% for studies that did not have industry as their client or on their committee members and with the exception of one study, these studies were commissioned by the country's national and local governments. On the other hand, studies which had industry influence averaged annual price increase of \$108 or 3.7% per person. Please see the GMO Labeling Cost Chart in Photos for details.

Industries' habit of greatly overestimating cost: 5% of original estimate

Like in the case of GMO labeling, industries often push back against regulations that protect consumers but are inconvenient to them and one of their main arguments is, cost. A pertinent case is in the late 70's, when chemicals like DDT, PCBs and vinyl chloride were starting to be proven to be harmful to people, chemical companies including Monsanto strongly resisted increased regulation with a massive PR campaign and said it would cost 2 million jobs and have a negative economic impact of \$65 billion. After the stronger regulations were enacted, the actual cost turned out to be 5% of their estimate, had no impact to jobs and the industry continued to grow.

Anecdotal evidence from countries that have implemented labeling: no price increase

Numerous countries have mandated GMO labeling and there have been no documented cases of price increase due to the introduction of labeling and anecdotal evidence from the UK at the time of implementation indicated no price increase at the retail level.

Major flaw in study conducted in Oregon, often cited by opponents of GMO labeling

One of the major assumptions behind the 4.7% price increase to Oregon consumers concluded in Northridge Environmental Management Consultants' 2002 "Economic Implementation Analysis of Oregon Measure 27" is flawed and changing the assumption to a more realistic figure could have substantially lowered the already greatly exaggerated price increase estimate. Please see below for details.

Potential cost to state

Given cost estimates ranging from \$200,000 to \$600,000 for the UK government with a population of 59 million people, the cost to the state of Hawaii should be less, given the smaller population. Please see GMO Labeling Cost Chart in Photos for details.

Cost of NOT labeling, the most important consideration from ethical and financial standpoint

Ultimately, the comparison should be to the cost of labeling to NOT labeling.

What is the damage of major diseases and allergies GMOs are associated with? For families, devastating emotional stress and possibly thousands in medical bills, and for the government, potentially the loss of consumer confidence and financial burden in the billions if not more. And all the while, nobody can track or if need be, contain the problem because something as simple as labeling of GMOs are not done.

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American Academy of Environmental Medicine Position Paper on GMO

<http://www.aaemonline.org/gmopost.html>

Union of Concerned Scientists, High and Dry: Why Genetic Engineering Is Not Solving Agriculture's Drought Problem in a Thirsty World

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National Center for Biotechnology Information.gov Effects of Roundup(®) and Glyphosate on Three Food Microorganisms: Geotrichum candidum, Lactococcus lactis subsp. cremoris and Lactobacillus delbrueckii subsp. Bulgaricus. Roundup is considered a microbicide and inhibitor of growth in lower levels than agricultural application comparing glyphosate alone to Roundup and its effect on common bacteria used to start industrial cheeses and raw dairy products <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22362186>

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and Demand GMO Labeling, 36 GMO Labeling Bills Introduced in US, Nearly 50 Countries Require GMO Labeling

<http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/2012/03/27/record-breaking-one-million-public-comments-demand-fda-label-genetically-engineered-foods/>

50 countries with over 40% of the world's population already label genetically engineered foods, *Link to the Mellman Survey Results showing a random national survey of 1000 Americans showing that 90% favor labeling and 5% oppose <http://www.labelgmos.org/faqs>

Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Laws Global Map <http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/ge-map/>

Just Label It Regarding petition to the FDA of 1.1 million signatures to label GMOs 91% of the American people <http://justlabelit.org/fda-responds-to-1-1-million/>

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Daresa Prescott	Kansas Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Jessica Devera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am requesting you clarify within the bill that the purpose is to prevent consumer confusion so Hawaii shoppers are clear on whether or not the produce they are purchasing is genetically engineered. 3) I also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Belinda McCoy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daryl Nelsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Very bad

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Kenneth Keegan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please vote "NO" on HB 174

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Lloyd A. Wulfkuhle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that this type of grain is intirely safe and should not need any special labeling. We need it to keep feeding people which someday I worry about running out of food.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Villwock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaiian seed production is critical to producing needed foundation seeds for the whole world. While world population is expected to be 9 Billion by 2050, agriculture will need every tool possible to feed us all. We have been doing genetic modification since the beginning of mankind. Farmers have been cross breeding the best plants with other best plants since the monk Mendell began cross breeding peas centuries below. Now instead of doing 1000s of uncontrolled crosses and finally picking the best plant taking multiple years we can do it in a controlled environment with genetic markers in a matter of months. But then we need Hawaiian production to multiply the seed stock. You are the key part of a complex puzzle that will help us feed a hungry world. Please don't lock agriculture out of your beautiful state. Don Villwock farmer from Indiana

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Nomi Carmona	Babes Against Biotech	Support	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Turner	Safeway, Inc.	Oppose	No

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March 21, 2013

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senate Committee on Health

From: Keith Turner, Director of Public and Government Affairs

Re: HOUSE BILL 174, HD1, RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green, Vice Chair Kouchi, Vice Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 174, House Draft 2, and respectfully submit the following comments in opposition to the bill.

Safeway, which operates 20 stores in the State of Hawaii and has operated here since 1963, joins Times Supermarket and the Hawaii Food Industry Association ("HFIA") in opposing this bill.

According to HFIA, "Hawaii imports 85% of the food consumed in the state. Hawaii's food demands are not large enough to force domestic and foreign food suppliers to meet these labeling requirements." As proposed, this labeling requirement would be inconsistent with federal requirements, and therefore, costly to implement. Those additional costs would, unfortunately, likely lead to higher prices for groceries.

Labels on genetically engineered (GE) foods imply a warning about health effects, but no significant differences between GE and conventional foods have been determined. If a nutritional or allergenic difference were found in a GE food, current FDA regulations require a label to that effect. Extensive studies by the FDA have determined no such effect and, therefore, no need for GE labeling.

Consumers who want to buy non-GE foods already have an option: to purchase certified organic foods, which by definition cannot be produced with genetically modified ingredients.

We believe this to be a federal issue and should be dealt with at that level, rather than a piecemeal approach state by state, that only leads to higher costs for consumers with no off-setting benefits based on research by FDA and other authorities.

While we can support the intent of the measure to heighten the level of consumer information, we see it negatively impacting consumers and business. We respectfully request a "no" vote on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Keith Turner

Director of Public and Government Affairs

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Coralie Tesch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am requesting you clarify within the bill that the purpose is to prevent consumer confusion so Hawaii shoppers are clear on whether or not the produce they are purchasing is genetically engineered. 3) I also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014. Monsanto says their food is more healthy than other food and they provide transparency, so this is a way to stand behind their products proudly...labeling. Let us know what is in our food and give us the choice of what is going into our bodies. Thank you very much for your time in this matter.

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Cheryl Lansker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the labeling of GMO products in Hawaii. I have the right to know what is in my food. Please label !

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Amy Self	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers.

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To: AGL Testimony
Cc: muve@hawaii.rr.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maggie Kunkel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have a right to be informed when GMO are involved in our food supply. Our food culture is unhealthy enough with food on the shelves void of any nutrients. Now we should also be fed genetically engineered food without the option of being able to avoid it? We must label GMOs! I demand that you do the right thing for the consumer and not for the pocketbook of the big food industry.

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From: Kanalei Shun [shunk001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 8:18 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: please label GMOs

I am writing asking for your support to label GMO foods. I would like to be an informed consumer, and I am very concerned about the safety of the food that my family eats. I don't want to find out down the road that my food choices adversely affected my loved ones. I am a DES daughter, they assured my Mom that it was safe, now we know too late, that sadly, it was not. These things happen too often.

Please give us the choice, it's the right thing to do.

Aloha and thank-you,

Cathleen Shun
501 N. Kainalu Drive
Kailua, HI 96734

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Marnie Schuster	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) I also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Jay Ogden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a home gardener and help others to develop home gardens for sustainability. I support legislation to require those products that contain GMO ingredients to label these on the product. We have a right to know what we are eating. Aloha, Jay Ogden

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Greg Palla	San Joaquin Valley Quality Cotton Growers Assn.	Oppose	No
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Ayumi Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO is extremely dangerous, harmful foods. We must know that it contains our daily foods or not because of our health and children's future. I strongly agree with putting the labels on all foods.

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Linda Faust	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelleen sera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Gmo labeling!

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Don Glenn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dain	Individual	Oppose	No

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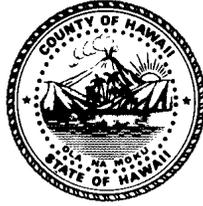
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Margaret Wille	County of Hawaii	Support	No

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Aloha,

My name is Margaret Wille, Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Committee on Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability, testifying in **SUPPORT of HB174 HD2 Relating to the Food Labeling.**

This bill imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce and authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations.

Consumers have a right to know what they are eating and the companies who produce GE foods should be proud enough of their products to label them. With more education, consumers will gain a thorough understanding of GE food and the role they can and do play in the agricultural sector. The education that labeling supports will minimize misconceptions of GE foods and would likely increase their acceptance among consumers. The cost of labeling will become a production cost that will not likely result in a large price increase to consumers.

With labeling, misconceptions over the safety or risks of eating GE foods can be raised and addressed in the public forum, as can questions over potential for allergic reactions, nutritional value as compared to non-GE foods, comparative costs between GE and non-GE foods, the increased or decreased-use of pesticide-application associated with GE foods as well as religious or ethical concerns.

This is a small step in the right direction that does not harm Hawai'i farmers. GE food labeling is an idea that is long in coming. Mahalo for passing HB174 HD2.

Margaret Wille
Council Member District 9
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Brett Ochs	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dean Remington	Individual	Oppose	No

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martin kahn	Individual	Support	No

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wes hargis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adam Pohlmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dena Smith Givens	Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance	Support	No
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Comments: Please support this very important bill! Mahalo nui!

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Malcolm Burchfiel	Individual	Oppose	No

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gary price	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Seed production in Hawaii is vital to crop production in the rest of the US and the world.

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Paul McCauley	Individual	Oppose	No

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June Tanigawa	Individual	Support	No

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Deadra Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

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joanne C. Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Very very important that all citizens you and I need to know what we take into our bodies. Food is Life.

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From: Nick Marinich [nmarinich@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 7:51 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Promote GMO crop presence in food items

Dear folks,

Since the folks in the GMO seed business and chemical companies are so positive about their products, they should be proud to promote them and advertise their GMO presence in all food items. Then, let the end consumer make the choice.

It is like, would you buy a ham that was wrapped in a brown paper bag that simply says "HAM" ... or would you be more inclined to purchase a ham wrapped in clear plastic with the words "honey baked --spiral sliced ham".

Like if these folks think that GMO grains are so great, then why are they trying to hide behind the disguise that GMO's are just like Natural/organic grains.

GMO's are not only dangerous, but the spraying of Roundup is producing the presence of volatile Roundup in and around our rural communities... The destructive cancer causing effects are only left to one's imagination.

Label GMO's, it is no different than "made in/country of origin labeling, danger- curve, caution rip tide present, or calorie count per serving".

Let the consumer be given information to be able to make a choice---let the market decide which products are worthy of being placed on the shelf.

Regards,

Nick

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Stephen Canter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rick Palkowitsh	Colorado Corn Growers Association	Oppose	No
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Ryan Broxterman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Whole Foods has just announced it's requiring suppliers to label all GMO products by 2018.

Hawaii should do the same.

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Ed Meyer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thomas Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charlie Kindall	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan May	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dick R Schmidt	Individual	Oppose	No

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nathan bair	Individual	Oppose	No

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Julia Horn	Individual	Support	No

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Julie Dahl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of labeling. All GMO products so that my family and I can make wise choices when it comes to feeding my family! Thank you!

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Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

I want food to be safe & I don't think GMO is so I want it labeled so that I can choose not to eat it!!! Please support HB 174, Katherine C. Ross PO Box 603 Papaikou, HI 96781



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Dave Tierney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no reason to label gmo, I can buy organic if I wish to avoid gmo's. I also farm and see the benefit of the technology.

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Mary Jo Lake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Do not underestimate the EVIL of Monsanto. Mold resistant, drought tolerant, antibacterial, frankenstine food is not good for us.

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Matt Ramaeker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Fredrick Schlender Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dorsey Small	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Gallion	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicole McKamey	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Cynthia Franklin	Individual	Support	No

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RE: HB174 HD2
Measure Title: RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.
Report Title: Genetically Engineered Organisms; Produce; Labeling; Import
Current Referral: AGL/CPN/HTH, WAM

I am writing in strong support of HB 174 HD2, to support GMO labeling of produce. Consumers have a right to know what is in our food and the safety of GMOs has not been adequately established through scientific testing. Hawai'i has the opportunity to lead the way in the United States to protect the safety of its citizens and future.

I would also like to see that the committee amend HB174 HD2 in three ways.

- 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174.
- 2) As currently written, Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I would like to see the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers.
- 3) Section 9 should be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

Thank you for your consideration,

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jennifer viets	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Shane Betschart	Individual	Oppose	No

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Catherine Giles	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roger Giles	Individual	Oppose	No

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Molly Beckford	Individual	Oppose	No

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Constance Garrels	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB174. Hawaii has the unique opportunity to become the first state in the nation to require GMO labeling protecting consumers from the negative short and long term health effects brought about by GMOs. Hawaii is not alone in the battle to counter the destructive actions of Monsanto and other GMO producing corporations. The following is a report on the action take by Whole Foods Corporation a national food chain: < Whole Foods Market just announced that the company will require all genetically engineered foods on its shelves to be labeled by 2018! It is the first national grocery chain to do so. Whole Foods Market has 3,300 products that are not genetically engineered, more than any other retailer in North America. Now it is taking it a step further. By 2018, any food sold in Whole Foods Market's U.S. and Canadian stores that contains genetically engineered ingredients must be labeled. This even includes meat that was fed genetically engineered feed - going beyond what any other nation requires for GE labeling. Whole Foods Market is the first national grocery store chain to set a deadline for full transparency of genetically engineered foods.> Thank you for your service. Constance Garrels

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Jennifer Betschart	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Finn	Individual	Support	No

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Bria	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) I also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Larry Dahlsten	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a grain farmer in central Kansas and am very opposed to this bill. We need to feed a hungry world!!

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Yayoi Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly believe we all have right to know about food ingredients and safety as consumers. When everyone else in the developed country, such as Japan and European countries, have this right, why only United States are so behind?

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Ruthie Agbayani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill because by not being informed a lot of people, including myself, have made bad choices in the foods we eat. As a healthcare provider, I have seen all walks of life with many debilitating & chronic illnesses & health conditions. Our foods have come to the point of not just sustaining us, but it is slowly killing us, while for some people, the foods we consume directly becomes fatal. If it's not slowly killing us, per se, then the adverse effects of consuming foods that have chemicals & GMOs are killing off and/or mutating potentially healthy cells. Personally, I think I have been effected because I've been skinny all my life & have been making healthy choices since I was a teenager. Decades later, I had to deal with high cholesterol levels (like really??? skinny person got high cholesterol???). Also, in doing research, I find that many of our foods, which we think are healthy, have GMO and / or chemicals in them from the soil, fertilizers, water, processing, preserving, and other means. Because of this, I believe my ability to have more children have been affected over the years as my infertility is unexplainable, even with medical assistance with reproduction. Please be mindful that everybody is suffering some sort of ailment in their life. I wouldn't be surprised if most of these health conditions could have been avoided had we not moved from subsistence & organic farming as individual families to mass production & profit yielding conglomerates. I believe GMO labeling will give us better choices to control our health care. Doing so will not take away our illnesses over night, but it could help defer future health care costs, which many cannot, will not be able to afford. This is a late testimony, but thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on the matter. Mahalo & Aloha.

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Ellie W Green Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Schmitt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nancy Hudson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Denise Noonan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bill DeSmet	Individual	Oppose	No

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Edward Rebman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brian Peterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There are enough hungry people in the world without using approved technology.

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Maria Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Your duties are to care for and protect the people who elected you. You are to be the voice of the people, not an elite club of for-profit moguls. I support this labeling bill but would appreciate your including locally grown products in the labeling. It is obvious this is what the people of all islands desire, which may run counter to your need for money, but your job is to represent the peoples' desires, not the corporations' desire. In your hearts, you know this to be true. To vote against this is to ignore both the people and turn a cold heart and deaf ear to your own kuleana to the people.

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Marie bouman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support labeling of genetically modified food. I support labeling imported food and food grown here in the islands as well. Numerous studies have shown that gmos are detrimental to the health of humans and animals. We have the right to know what we are buying and what we are eating. Please vote yes on labeling gmo food so that we can make safe and healthy choices about what we eat. Mahalo.

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Terry Zafft	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lance visser	Individual	Oppose	No

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TIM KRATZER	Individual	Oppose	No

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Will Mims	Individual	Oppose	No

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Travis Mason	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lily Robeau	Individual	Support	No

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Elisha Kemp	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daniel Adams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: here are a few reason that i oppose this bill being passed. 1) State-based labeling policies will increase the cost of food. Mandatory labeling of foods produced using biotechnology would unnecessarily result in higher food costs for. California's analysis of their 2012 labeling initiative that voter's rejected in November estimated that food costs for an average-income family would increase by approximately \$400 per year. Hawaii's people already pay up to 40 percent more for our food so we can expect that estimate to double! 2) GMO foods are safe. The scientific consensus on the safety of genetically modified crops is overwhelming with more than 600 peer-reviewed studies by scientific authorities such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They have all concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food. 3) Consumers already have a choice Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain GMO ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic," "non GMO," or "GMO-Free"

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Please label GMO's in Hawai'i. People have the right to know and make an informed choice.

Mahalo,
Alexandra Briggs
Pahoa, HI

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David Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation	Oppose	No
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gene sievers	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eric hickenbottom		Oppose	No

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Danny Wilkinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our nations food supply depends on GMO grains produced in your state!!!!

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Testimony for AGL/CPN/HTH on Mar 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norman Burke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO GMO's of ANY Kind!! period. Don't these "Bought Off" politicians realize that THEIR children and grandchildren and anybody they love have to live in the screwed up world they are creating? Do they think they will be immune from the consequences? If they do, they're dumber than I thought!

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Brian Dreith	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anna M Beever	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is very clear that the anti-GMO movement has proposed such a labeling law as a guise for the right to know as a way to create fear and distrust about large corporations. When presented with the replicated and real science, they completely ignore it and fall back on their pseudoscience and scare tactics. Why should you as legislators become prey to this kind of unfounded doubt and make a law to support these kinds of actions. You shouldn't. It also means that they have succeeded in using their tactics on you also. Consider this scenario that the anti-biotech groups are really seeking, which is to rid Hawaii of the biotech industry all together. If the seed companies did not take the lands and use it for those crops, what would these lands be used for after sugar and pineapple left? Would it be all small time organic farmers? Would they have the financial backing to maintain million dollar infrastructures? Just postulating also, if the seed companies did leave Hawaii as many commenters here want, who and what industry will take their place as well as be financially responsible for maintaining the old water ways and infrastructure in existence? Do these groups like Babes against Biotech, Hawaii SEED, Hawaii Anti-GMO Coalition, EarthJustice, Occupy Honolulu, etc. have a plan in place or even an idea of what would be their ideal world for Hawaii's agricultural lands? What would happen to all the once again displaced farm workers when the industry becomes stymied by these kinds of protests and laws? Do we want to lose these lands for more housing instead? Can the state of Hawaii and other landowners afford to have the land occupied by small time farmers who can't make enough money to cover costs of maintenance? To pass a law that is intended to vilify a company and a technology is irresponsible and hurts people and supports ideals, not fact or science.

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Nola Conn	Individual	Support	No

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Catherine S. Via	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nancey Kasse	Individual	Support	No

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Ross G. Via	Individual	Oppose	No

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Evan Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Unnecessary and deliberate effort to produce fear and misunderstanding through misinformation. Alterior motives are behind this bill- this is not about the safety of the people.

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Janet Murray	Individual	Support	No

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RICHARD GATES	Individual	Oppose	No

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Benjamin Marantz	Banyan Tree Farm	Support	No

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Dean Taylor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This could be devastating to food production and a big part of the Hawaiian economy.

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J.S.Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The science behind all GMO research was well established decades ago by truly brilliant and gifted people. Yet these geniuses are never put in positions of power nor will they ever be as long as they are lorded over by people of average intellect and mundane dreams. I mean the CEO's of multinational corporations and their bosses. Corporations whose main goal is to control the food supply for the planet earth. That is the nature of big business in the world today. To lie, cheat and steal is the only way to convince their investors that they mean business. If they stopped lying, cheating, stealing and worse, then nobody would invest in their criminal escapades. The money would dry up. That is the real issue at hand not GMO technology. Someday we, as a unified people of the planet, may need this knowledge. But not now. Not when people of average intellect and shabby desires are in charge. They must use this and other heartless things to gain even more control over all of us. Why must they do this? The answer is simple. They have no choice. They're just following orders. Sound familiar? We need smart people in charge. We need to have all the unqualified, non creative, compassion-less people sent home. Science is too complex and dangerous for the average person to play with at this time. Maybe in time when the brilliant people of the earth have tamed certain technology's then and only then should people of mundane dreams be allowed to play with them. Please don't give babies loaded guns. We are not ready for GMO. Truly gifted people, step up to the plate. Your time is now!

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Russell Seeney	Individual	Support	No

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Bill Baerg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Rashet	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roger Christensen	Farm Bureau of Iowa	Oppose	No

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Denise Hayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

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COREEN WILLIAMS	Individual	Support	No

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Warren Parker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill. It will damage the ability to create important crops to feed this world, and GM opponents have not based their arguments on sound science.

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Keith Alverson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a farmer and oppose this bill. GMO's have been extensively tested and found to be safe in food products. I support truthful and informative voluntary labeling of foods, but not labeling intended to discredit foods that have meet the level of testing required by FDA. I urge you to oppose H.B. 174 Thank you Keith Alverson

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James Kapule Torio Jr	Individual	Support	No
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Rita Pizarro	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Rohwer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robin Camp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Reasons mandatory labeling will not benefit the residents of HI: 1) requirements not shared by other states creates production costs that will be passed on to the residents of your state (2) since the vast majority of products must be labeled this represents a significant cost increase across the board (3) the efficacy of any single label is diminished when too many labels are on a product...consumers will gloss over the contents or become desensitized to the information (3) the label has no health impact as no difference exists between conventional and gmo foods. This legislation would significantly increase the cost of goods for all residents of your state and the only benefit is to give a few special interest groups a warm and fuzzy feeling.

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Rollin R. Harder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stuart Sprouse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: we dont need this

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Robert Frost	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Lorilani Keohokalole	Individual	Support	No

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kirk siegle	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bruce Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

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jared hagerty	monsanto	Oppose	No

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Russel Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Schmalshof	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HB174 needs to be defeated. This bill is unfavorable to the agricultural industry. There is more to this GMO issue than what the opposition is telling you. Please vote NO on this bill.

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Jennifer Yazell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elizabeth Wrage	Individual	Oppose	No

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Molly O'Connor	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charles Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gregg Kresha	Individual	Oppose	No

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JO Lynn Dollar	National Corn Growers Assn.	Oppose	No
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Mathew Habrock	Individual	Oppose	No

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Edward Zabel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1/17/2013 H Pending introduction. 1/18/2013 H Introduced and Passed First Reading 1/22/2013 H Referred to AGR, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 2 1/31/2013 H Bill scheduled to be heard by AGR on Monday, 02-04-13 9:30AM in House conference room Auditorium. 2/4/2013 H The committee(s) on AGR recommend(s) that the measure be deferred. 2/5/2013 H Bill scheduled for decision making on Thursday, 02-07-13 8:30AM in conference room 312. 2/7/2013 H The committees on AGR recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Wooley, Brower, Cheape; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Onishi, Choy, Ohno, Takayama, Tokioka, Tsuji, Ward; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Cachola. 2/8/2013 H Reported from AGR (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 253) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to CPC. 2/8/2013 H Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on CPC with Representative(s) Fale, Fukumoto, Oshiro, Tsuji, Ward voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cachola, Har, McDermott excused (3). 2/11/2013 H Bill scheduled to be heard by CPC on Wednesday, 02-13-13 2:30PM in House conference room 325. 2/13/2013 H The committees on CPC recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 8 Ayes: Representative(s) McKelvey, Kawakami, Brower, Carroll, Evans, C. Lee, Thielen; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) McDermott; 4 Noes: Representative(s) Cabanilla, Cachola, Ito, Tsuji; and 3 Excused: Representative(s) Belatti, Har, Yamane. 2/15/2013 H Reported from CPC (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 544) as amended in HD 2, recommending referral to FIN. 2/15/2013 H Report adopted. referred to the committee(s) on FIN as amended in HD 2 with Representative(s) Fale, Ito, McDermott voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Cachola voting no (1) and Representative(s) Carroll, Coffman, Hanohano, Har, Kawakami, Ward excused (6). 2/20/2013 H Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Friday, 02-22-13 3:00PM in House conference room 308. 2/22/2013 H The committee(s) on FIN recommend(s) that the measure be deferred. 2/25/2013 H Bill scheduled for decision making on Wednesday, 02-27-13 11:00AM in conference room 308. 2/27/2013 H The committees on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 17 Ayes: Representative(s) Luke, Nishimoto, Ing, Lowen, Takayama, Woodson; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Johanson, Cullen, Hashem, Jordan, Kobayashi, Morikawa, Onishi, Tokioka, Yamashita, Fukumoto, Ward; Noes: none; and Excused: none. 3/1/2013 H Reported from FIN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 924), recommending passage on Third Reading. 3/5/2013 H Passed Third Reading with Representative(s) Aquino, Cachola, Cullen, Fale,

Fukumoto, Har, Hashem, Ichiyama, Johanson, Jordan, Kobayashi, Ohno, Onishi, Oshiro, Say, Takai, Tokioka, Tsuji, Yamane voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) McDermott voting no (1) and none excused (0). Transmitted to Senate. 3/7/2013 S Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 186). 3/7/2013 S Passed First Reading. 3/7/2013 S Referred to HTH/AGL/CPN, JDL. 3/19/2013 S Referred to AGL/CPN/HTH, WAM. 3/19/2013 S The committee(s) on AGL/CPN/HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 03-21-13 9:00AM in conference room 229.

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Lela M. Hubbard	Aiealani Seniors	Support	Yes

Comments: Mrs. Leona Guillermo Fran Ikehara Jane Izutsu Mildred Komoda Ulu Vasper Frances Wonderly Dale Woodring Harry Woodring Sumie Mitani Lela M. Hubbard, President of Aiealani Seniors List Mrs. Jean Shida under my name as member We strongly support HB174 as we want to know whether produce grown in Hawaii is GMO or not. We have the right to know. Right to know GMO. We support the original version of HB174 which simply pushes for labeling of GMO produce grown in Hawaii. I want to be able to choose to consume GMO products or not. Our family has the right to know.

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Anita McGuffey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: *****SPAM***** Testimony in Support of HB 174

Dear Sirs or Madams,

I'm writing to submit my support for HB 174 requiring the labeling of GMO foods in Hawaii. I support, along with a majority of Americans, the right to know what is in my food.

There is strong evidence pointing to GMOs as a source of serious health problems in animals and humans as well as the environment. While research into this will undoubtedly continue in the US, many countries in the developed world are already requiring labeling of these foods. Meanwhile, we in the United States are still fighting to have a choice whether or not to knowingly eat them.

Please pass this bill and safeguard the basic human right to know what's in our food.

Respectfully,

Mark Morphey

78-226 Kahaluu Rd

Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Sent from my iPhone with Aloha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chelcie Cremer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia Holman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop GMO from poisoning our land, food, and children!

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Theresa Schmalshof	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am very much against this ill conceived and poorly written bill. There is more to this measure than opposition to this bill, HB174. This bill would strangle agriculture as we know it. Please vote NO on this bill!

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Ray Allan Mackey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janice Kracht	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janelle Kracht	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janelle Kracht	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin Ross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This measure will only hurt the citizens of Hawaii. As a state that must import products and food/feedstuffs this will cause a significant increase in cost to the citizens of Hawaii. Not only may this occur, there is no scientific basis for labeling. Leave the food labeling to the FDA and USDA. If all states have their own standards for labeling the costs will only go up for food and for no good reason. I ask you to oppose this measure.

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Robert W.K. Brown	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Everybody should have the "Right to know".

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Cameron Prince	Individual	Oppose	No

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Curt Behrends	Individual	Oppose	No

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David gottbrath	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose HB174

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Allen Faue	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The State of Hawaii is certainly entitled to pass legislation that they believe is needed to serve the best interests and to protect the citizens of Hawaii. I do not believe that passing HB174 will do anything beyond increasing costs to the citizens of Hawaii. Please look at the science behind the process that leads to the development of "genetically modified organisms". Do some investigating about the research and all of the studies and testing that is performed on these products before making a decision that both your citizens and you will regret. I believe that the bill you are about to vote on will only lead to increased costs for the people of Hawaii and will provide no benefit beyond a feel good situation for you as legislators. GMOs have been on the market for more than a decade and a half with not one single report of an adverse affect on the health and well-being of those who have been consuming those products. These products have undergone a more strenous examination for any adverse or allergenic reactions than foods that have been bred by conventional means. Do not forget that there have been other food items that have been developed through the use of mutagenesis involving radiation and/or very toxic mutagenic chemical agents with unknown effects on the safety of the food produced that did not have to be evaluated for adverse or allergenic effects on the consumer. In the end, knowing these facts, I cannot understand why the grandstanding around GMO products.

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Danny Murphy	American Soybean Association	Oppose	No
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Mike Chalfant	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daniel gaston	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin Durdan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Don Anthony	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Peelen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Peter Allen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelli	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ca farm bureau federation	California farm bureau federation	Oppose	No
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Debra Keller	Individual	Oppose	No

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C. Willson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is sufficient conflicting research to suggest the safety of GMO crops has not been adequately demonstrated. It is essential that GMO foods be labeled so people with known or emerging sensitivities can avoid genetically-altered foods. I myself had severe gastric distress after eating a supposedly "natural" cereal (Kashi) which was not labeled, and I did not know I was getting GMO soy until I googled the product to find out why I had a painful reaction. The law should require labeling of ALL GMO foods, not just imported, with a penalty for non-compliance. The law should include provisions to protect farmers from wind-borne pollination by GMO crops, with a right to recover compensatory and punitive damages, as an organic crop for sale to the health conscious becomes worthless for this purpose if pollinated by outside pollen from GMO crops. Currently, Monsanto sues the injured farmers for infringing on their patent, despite the fact that the only damage inflicted is caused by the GMO farmer (and GMO producer, lawyers, and lobby). When the farmer ruined by the escaped GMO pollen is then further harmed by the GMO seed producer, this is a grave injustice. Producers of GMO crops should be required to carry insurance against adverse reactions. Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns (which are considerable). C. Willson

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Roger Zylstra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am an Iowa Corn grower. Please don't do this without science to support it.

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Curt Frazee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jason Seelow	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elizabeth Romine	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kathy Fudge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Vaughn Reed	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelly Prince	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Rick Gruber	Nebraska Corn Growers Association	Oppose	No
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Brandon Hunnicutt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dean Meyer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keith Byergo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly against GM labeling

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Rowly Burton	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Zieser	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Koch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dave Puglia	Western Growers Association	Oppose	No

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March 21, 2013

To Members of the Hawaii Legislature:

Western Growers Association represents fresh fruit, vegetable and tree nut growers and shippers in California and Arizona. Our members provide about half the nation's fresh produce and about one-third of the organic produce sold in the U.S. We wish to respectfully convey our opposition to HB 174 regarding labeling of genetically modified seeds.

California voters rejected a similar proposal, Proposition 37, last year. Western Growers Association opposed Prop. 37 for several reasons, one of which is our concern that a state-by-state patchwork of statutory requirements for genetically modified food products would create confusion for producers and consumers alike. We are also concerned that labeling of genetically modified products in and of itself serves only to alarm consumers without conveying the full context of the benefits and facts associated with these products.

We urge you not to approve HB 174.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Puglia'.

Dave Puglia
Sr. Vice President

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Donald Swanton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Phil Thornton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Matt King	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brenda Zanga	NE Corn Growers Assn.	Oppose	No

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David Gibson	Corn Producers Association of Texas	Oppose	No
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Christa VanWie	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gerald Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mervin Krauss	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brad Godbey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Katie Pratt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose strongly

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Joe Baitinger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Katherine Scharnhorst	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anthony Y Holloway	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Herringshaw	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Robust Scientific research has proven that GMO is safe and allowed U S agriculture to meet the food needs of a growing population.

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Mary Bierman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Abed Anouti	Arizona Crop Improvement Association	Oppose	No
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Kent Hoogendoorn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Scott	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charles McMurdy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: All trials that have been done shows that GMO's are not harmful to anyone that eats them.

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Douglas Reid	Individual	Oppose	No

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Martin Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As farmers we find Corn with added traits to be very beneficial and help us reduce the impact on the environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Furner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ruth Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lisa Mcfarland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in strong opposition to HB 174

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Doug Haight	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Recker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ron Litterer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Greer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steve Ebke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Edgington	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brian	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lucas Fuess	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: What a terrible, poorly written bill that will hurt the citizens of Hawaii.

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jay Straight	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Leisy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Labeling only takes choices from the consumer and the grower. presently we have the choice to purchase organic/nonGMO or raise organic/nonGMO. Labeling blends everything together and takes choices from me as a consumer. Also labeling will increase my food costs and i already pay enough for food.

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Marty Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Andrea Stanley	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Nixon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods. Required labeling should be based on science and protecting the safety of consumers. Genetically engineered products have been found to be safe according to the FDA and other regulatory agencies around the world. They have not been linked to to any health issues. By requiring labeling, it misleads consumers into believing there may be safety concerns. Already, voluntary labeling exists for food companies that choose to label if there is enough demand for non-GE products and consumers are willing to pay for it based on their individual preference. Consumers already have the choice to buy organic, local, etc. Companies can also choose to label as non-GE if a market exists. An unnecessary GE labeling requirment on the vast majority of foods would cause consumers to bear additional costs.

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Jessi		Oppose	No

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Joe Goggin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eddie Melton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Textor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose GMO labeling. The US has the safest, cheapest food in the world. Do not add extra hurdles and expenses with this nonsense labeling.

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Dawn Montgomery	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carl Jardon	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Danesi	Individual	Oppose	No

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R. Hendricks	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joe Hodes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this measure. GM crops have been repeatedly demonstrated to be safe by rigorous independent research studies. If we are to feed the world and keep food prices low to benefit the poor, we need GM crops. Due to its climate, Hawaii plays a vital role in growing seeds for American agriculture. This bill will displace Hawaii's important role and imperil the world's most productive agriculture.

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Herbert Scott	Individual	Oppose	No

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melanie gibson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Grant Morgan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Beverly Sease	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Ver Steeg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bruce Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Deven Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Cross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Joel Grams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a farmer that uses biotech on my farm and know the benefits of the technology, also the safety of the technology. As the population continues to grow, we will need this technology to grow more on the same acres of land.

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Martin Barbre	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a corn and soybean farmer that believes this technology is totally safe and has been tested way beyond what is necessary to prove that. These types of initiatives will hamper my ability to continue to sustainably increase production of food on my land in the future. Thank you for your attention!

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Becky Randall	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brian Thalman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Kier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dale Plumer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brooke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicole Jorgensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Gunderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daniel L Clayton	Individual	Oppose	No

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jimmy herndon	Individual	Oppose	No

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daniel clayton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ben Gleason	Individual	Oppose	No

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dan clayton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Al Moorman	Individual	Oppose	No

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marty junge	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hannah Mears	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eric Yoder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Foods containing GMO's have been tested from their inception and have been proven to be safe. GMO's are helping to feed a hungry world and making farming safer and more effiecent to support the global population into the future.

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Sarah Gallo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gregory Whitmore	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tonya Armstrong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tony Likens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Irvin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daryl Haack	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard C. Hayes	Individual	Oppose	No

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April Wright Lucas	Individual	Oppose	No

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taryn sutherland	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Kevin Buckallew	Iowa Corn Growers	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Hancock	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nina Long	Individual	Support	No

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Nathan Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hector	Individual	Oppose	No

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Timothy Hoyt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paulette Pierson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dawn Nash	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Wittmaack	Individual	Oppose	No

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Douglas McGregor	Individual	Support	No

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Fred Peach	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marcelle Pires	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shelley Kurtzer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jim Burg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sarah Vacek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Andrews	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a corn farmer in Kentucky. Please oppose this measure. It's passage will impair the availability of seed corn. Hawaii hosts research for most of the companies that develop seed corn for farmers throughout the country and the world. Thank you.

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Gus Brinkman	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Wyant	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rona Wyant	Individual	Oppose	No

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Randy Hascall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a bad bill. Thank you.

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Kurt Stiefvater	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lyndsey Murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Garry Niemeyer	National Corn Growers Assoc.	Oppose	No
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Ed McQueen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii should not create labeling requirements different than what the Federal government requires.

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Julia Robbins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Megan Meyer	Individual	Oppose	No

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JAY PRICE	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark White	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ken Colombini	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Korinek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anna Bird	Individual	Oppose	No

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pete jahr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rebecca Zahrte	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam, I highly support GMO labeling. I believe people should be given the choice in what they wish to consume. Thank you, Rebecca Zahrte

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Jeff Aistrup	Monsanto	Oppose	No

Comments: Mandatory labeling of GM products could or would imply that foods containing these ingredients are somehow "unsafe", or less healthy than other foods. Overall it implies that GM products are inferior to conventional or organic products, which has been shown by various studies to be untrue.

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Steve Butler	West Virginia Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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rtichard klimes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Barbara (Pyle) Aubrey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roger DeMay	Individual	Oppose	No

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debbie burnett	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lindie Huffman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Denise Hockamier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Armstrong	Monsanto	Oppose	No

Comments: Most if not all commercial papaya grown in Hawaii are GMO. No persons have died from eating GMO foods. In order to feed the world's growing population GMO's are an important part of that plan and sustainable agriculture.

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taryn burnett	Individual	Oppose	No

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nick burnett	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Rost	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carl York	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014. ***** HB106 - Establishes a permitting process for geothermal resources development within agricultural, rural, and urban districts. Establishes application requirements for geothermal resources development within conservation

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Bryan Whitman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Clark Kinnison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Genetic research is nothing but positive for citizens of planet earth. It has allowed farmers and ranchers to continues to provide enough food for an ever growing planet. If hindered, we shall see future starvation such as the world has never known due to the increase in the world's population. We can only provide enough food for this increase through continued genetic research and the implementation of the positive results.

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Kendall Tjepkes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adam Dickinson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jamie DeHart	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cynthia Allen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Denis Heatherington	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Endsley	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steven Stettner	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Vicki Blom	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Buskey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Sailer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gene Stiek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steven Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Arthur	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a farmer biotechnology has become an essential part of my row crop operation. The GMO represented in so many of the corn varieties I use have their origin in parent seed stock produced in your state. It is the reason we are able to produce the food/fuel to feed the world and the profitability to feed my family. Please show the common sense to vote NO>

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Eric Fredrickson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Pape	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In order to maintain a safe and affordable food supply this must not be allowed. Doing so will restrict our ability to produce the safest most economically friendly food supply in the world. If you look at the number of people we will need to feed in this world 37 years from now, it will not be possible if you put this measure in place. The ramifications from this will be devastating to our agricultural industry.

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Tom Eickhoff	Monsanto	Oppose	No

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Cass Corman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Cabrera	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tyler Schildroth	Individual	Oppose	No

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Randy Longest	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mitch Blum	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Chandler	Individual	Oppose	No

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marty cummings	Individual	Oppose	No

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Don Batie	Individual	Oppose	No

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earl johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laura Paplow	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adam rebling	Farm bureau iowa	Oppose	No

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Alan Kenkel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Cardinal	Individual	Oppose	No

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T.J. Mortenson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ken Lange	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amy Littler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lindsey Frese	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Yates	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Halverson	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Thomas H Crossland	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dr James R. Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Margaret Hutchinson	Individual	Support	No

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jason martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steven Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

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Beverly J Lloyd	Individual	Oppose	No

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Klint Cork	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Richert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Malte Simmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy McElroy	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The research, development and production of hybrid seed corn in Hawaii is critical to feed, food and fuel production and U.S. agriculture as a whole. Please vote no on HB 174.

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Jeanne Speroulias	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jon Peterson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Josh Moermond	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ron Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Grimes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dan Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Whaley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: food labeling should be limited to relevant health and wellness benefits/risks. Intense scientific studies and research have found absolutely no human risks in consumption of genetically modified foods. Requiring this labeling would imply to consumers otherwise and only serve to further support media hysteria which is not scientific fact. Let's re-focus our attention on intelligent, value-added, scientifically sound labeling laws and regulations.

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Britton Wiseman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sasha Ota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is incomprehensible that we are focussing our time and energy on this non-issue. The bill is indicative of an unreasonable misunderstanding of science and should be held. Thank you for not falling victim to the politics, hype, and hysteria.

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Becky Brannon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaron Svoboda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronald D Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

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Matt Willard		Oppose	No

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Jacob Hackman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bailee Gibson	Individual	Oppose	No

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bennett gibson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Travis	Individual	Oppose	No

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andrea gibson	Individual	Oppose	No

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ron gibson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rich Rastetter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sara Allen	Monsanto	Oppose	No

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Dan Urnkis	Monsanto	Oppose	No

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Tom Hauptert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Hammond	Maine Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Greg Chapman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kristine Kubat	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Barry Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dave Rock	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joel Doble	Individual	Oppose	No

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Phyllis Tom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: • We as consumers have a right to know whether the food we are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques • GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.) • There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern) • I request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO

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Jesse Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kathy Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeremy Hollingsworth	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dave Struthers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The costs associated with the labeling of GMO's will only raise the cost of food to the consumer. These food items have been proven safe to consume and reduce the amount of pesticides used in the environment.

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Philip Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vast majority of studies show no difference between GMO and non-GMO foods. HB174 is not necessary; merely a stunt by those opposed to GMO's.

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Don Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kenneth Herz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Matt Lane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Kenny Sieren	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steve Bodensteiner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin M Ries	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jim Travaille	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ty Back	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strictly opposed to this bill.

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Justin Reiter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lester Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Andrew Alford	Individual	Oppose	No

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bernie schmitz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: as a farmer I urge you to vote no on HB174

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Bob Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please allow us to know what is in the products we are eating.

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Sheena Golish	Individual	Support	No

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Karly Williams	Babes Against Biotech	Support	Yes

Comments: SUPPORT OF HB174 WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE LOCAL PRODUCE AND EXCLUDE LABELING OF ORGANIC

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Aloha. My name is Karly Williams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. I am testifying in strong support of HB 174 with amendments for language to include local produce and EXCLUDE the labeling of organic foods as we feel it will harm our organic farmers.

From my past experiences of testifying for this bill, I am more than sure you will have received hundreds of testimonies and it is obvious what the people want. No matter what race we are, where we're from, how much money we have/make, it's plain and simple. We want GMO's labeled! [Not organic – organic farmers and GMO-free products already label their stuff as gmo-free because they want their consumers to know that their products and produce aren't related to kidney and liver damage, cancer, cancerous tumors, endocrine disruption, problems with protein synthesis, infertility and sterility, the decline of 75% of the honeybee population, and multi-million/billion dollar lawsuits around the world for environmental destruction and disregard of public safety.

You will receive testimonies from my peers of studies upon studies of scientific data regarding the safety of GMO and the related chemical use—that are independently funded and peer reviewed studies. If you dismiss this information it will become obvious to everyone at the hearing that biotech's money truly talks.

Supporting the chemical-ag practices of GMO allow the obnoxious and irresponsible use of heavily concentrated chemicals that deplete our nutrient rich-soil, make their way to our groundwater, and get picked up and carried by winds into our communities. These are chemicals BANNED AROUND THE WORLD!! And just in case you were uninformed, when your food gets sprayed, the chemicals aren't just sprayed on, and you can wash them right off and everything will be fine. The food we eat actually soaks up all these harsh chemicals! Although conventionally grown produce uses pesticides, it is the monoculture GMO crops that create superbugs and superweeds that require the use of more/harsher chemicals of/like DDT, agent orange, PCB's, atrazine, and glyphosate. And to keep the consumer from his/her right to know that they might be eating this stuff is really anti-american and anti-democracy.

The awareness is growing and the movement is gaining rapid momentum. With the things we are learning everyday about the way our food is being handled, at least give people a choice!

We already know why Obama and the feds still haven't mandated labeling of GMO even after his 2007 PROMISE, as he stated "because Americans should know what they are buying." He appointed the VP of Monsanto as deputy commissioner of the FDA! To not question Obama's integrity and the fact that he may be serving a corporate agenda, is questionable to your constituents.

Stop making this a federal issue! This is a local issue that people want to see resolutions for NOW. Let Hawaii be the first to take a stand for what is PONO and let Hawaii be the example for the rest of America, and other states with labeling bills up for legislation, to be brave, and by making this move, to urge our federal government to JUST LABEL IT!

This motion isn't just about the bill itself. This is about progression and moving forward. These biotech companies came to Hawaii when the plantation days were pau and needed people on the land. They've been here, done their thing, haven't contributed to local food security and sustainability. Now they are

becoming more and more irrelevant to Hawaii's bright future. We don't need them here and we don't WANT them here anymore. It's time to get the PEOPLE back on the land, promoting and practicing food democracy, food security, and food sustainability. This bill is a first step towards a thriving community economy and GMO-free Hawaii, which is essentially a SUSTAINABLE Hawaii.

NOW is the time. The stage is set and your constituency is watching. NOW is your golden opportunity to save hawaii's food sovereignty and food democracy. NOW is your opportunity to lead the rest of America and show the rest of the world Hawaii takes no crap! Now is the time to prove to your constituency that we made the right decisions in choosing you as leaders to protect the well being of the 'aina, our beautiful and unique ecosystems, and the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo. Namaste. Love and Many blessings to you all!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Ochsner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sheila Valdez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have a right to know what goes into our bodies.

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Larson Noa	Individual	Support	No

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Jon Huffmaster	Georgia Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Stuart Coleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this labeling bill because we have the right to know if our food is genetically engineered or not. This is about transparency, fairness and choice. Thanks for your consideration of my testimony and the outcry of so many of Hawaii's people on this issue. Aloha, Stuart

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liensa nguyen	Individual	Support	No

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Nate Wolford	Individual	Support	No

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Pua Kamaoa	Individual	Support	No

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Buddy Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Steve Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

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kevin cooksley	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend HB174 HD2 in three ways.... 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Doora Shin	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony in Support of HB174 to label GM Produce

Doora Shin

Aloha,

My name is Doora Shin. As a 20-year-old student at UH Manoa, I am taking the time to write testimony in full support of this bill. This bill should be a no-brainer - in fact it's a minimal bill when you think about the health and environmental implications.

Big agriculture is bad for everyone. It provides huge profit for a tiny percentage of people and companies in the food industry. Food from these mass growers/sprayers/producers becomes subsidized, leading to cheaper unhealthy food in our communities, especially in lower-income communities. Big agriculture hurts small, local farmers who practice sustainable farming on their land.

This bill would merely regulate the control big agriculture has on our food systems, and allow there to be some transparency in the food options provided to the people. To keep the masses in the dark about the sources of our food and the irresponsible practices of the companies producing that food is a direct betrayal of the people and of the future generations that will live on this land.

I plan to have kids and hope to raise them in Hawaii. The least I want is to be able to be informed about the choices offered to me and to my children and grandchildren. Food is basic, and the fact that I am required to read the labels and ingredients of every product and do extensive research on unknown chemicals and processing of food is truly disheartening. I want to live in a country, in a state, even in a county that has that basic respect for its people to offer them some honesty - some accountability. This bill is not asking for labeling of all products. In a world where GMO products are outlawed or labeled in almost every developed nation and even in underdeveloped nations, the positive nature and intention of this bill should be clear. Let's question those testifying against this bill, and see where those intentions stem from, and why they fear a bill that is clearly for the people. There should be no fear of labeling where there is no fear of the exposure of the true health effects and the clear environmental damage genetically modified organisms have.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Doora Shin

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From: Shellie Fielden [shelliefielden@yahoo.com]
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Subject: in support of HB 174

Senators

I am in support of HB 174

Thank you for listening to the very real concerns of the people you represent and deciding to hold a hearing on HB 174.

Not all science is good science. GMO products have not undergone human studies (what to speak of safety to insects and the bees) to determine their safety. The companies that are developing GMO plants are also experimenting with animals. Genetically engineered plants or animals cannot be identified by sight nor can their modified genes be controlled in the environment.

My oldest son was so sensitive to dyes, food additives and especially High Fructose Corn Sugar that I had to read every label. These sensitivities affected his mood, behavior and respiratory system. I depended on truth in food labels to keep him stable and healthy. Truth in food labeling is not new. It is our right as consumers.

We, the people of Hawaii depend on our legislators to protect us. I am asking you to support HB 174 and stand up for our right to know what ingredients we are consuming.

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Neil Stedman	Individual	Oppose	No

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john hewitt	Grocery Manufacturers Association	Oppose	No

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The ingredients in food must be known to the consumer. Why not?

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In friendship,
David

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Kevin Lauver	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ken Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keith Denton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Duane O. Alberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a Minnesota corn producer who depends on GMO seed corn from Hawaii. Please vote NO on HB 174. Thank You, Duane Alberts

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: From the desk of Thomas King P.O. Box 875 Na`alehu, HI. 96772 Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee: I, Thomas King, an individual citizen, a constituent of Senate district 3/ House district 5 will leave it to others to comment about the dangers of GMO's. My complaint is my constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law (14th amendment, section 1) . I am morally opposed to genetically modified food regardless of the credibility of research that claims to be impartial and valid supporting its safety. If the Government protects the biotech industry's right to sell GMO food for human consumption I put forth the proposition that I am entitled to morally oppose using those products or supporting any business that does use them. Without clear labeling I cannot make informed decisions. How I spend my food dollar is one power I should have that should not be subject to corruption of political bias. If the Organic food industry must be labeled as such so should the biotech food industry. I support labeling of all genetically modified organisms. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Sincerely, Thomas King

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Rulon Fowers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a corn farmer from Utah and it imperative that this bill be defeated. If it is not it will adversely affect my ability to raise corn.

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From: Jean Maier [jeanemaier@yahoo.com]
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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony

Dear Senators,

I have been following efforts to label GMO foods and support the efforts wholeheartedly. I wish to submit some brief comments.

I think the attorney general's opinion should be questioned.

Certainly if citizens in 63 countries around the world can require mandatory labeling, we should be able to do so here as well.

The efforts of industry lobbyists and others to deny labeling only inflames citizens resistance to their efforts and makes one more deeply concerned about what is in these non-natural products. We should have a basic right to know about something so basic as the food we buy and eat. If companies are so proud of their inventions, then you would think that they would embrace labeling. It is certainly strange to me that a company can say that its invention is just like food, at the same time saying it is different to a degree that it is entitled to place a patent of such a thing. That does not sound logical. I am also deeply concerned about weed resistance to these crops in the Midwest and higher and stronger use of pesticides.

Adding GMO information is a simple change to a label.

I am aware that some of the language needs to be changes in the legislation, but I believe that is a challenge that my Senators can handle.

I hope the my Hawaii Senators have the courage to lead the way on this essential legislation.

Respectfully with Mahalo,

Jean Maier
Retired Homeowner and former Health Educator
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JOHN RABEN	Individual	Oppose	No

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Manuel Perez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dale Kimball	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jenna Chikasuye	Individual	Support	No

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Stephen Settanni
Hilo, HI
(808)-968-6026

March 20, 2013

State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI

Senator Nishihara, Senator Baker, Senator Green, and the Committees on Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Health,

Regarding: HB174
Position: Support

Last Saturday I was at the rally in Hilo for raising GMO awareness. We had over 1,000 concerned citizens who support GMO labeling there. Similarly, the weekend before, on Kauai, 2,000 concerned citizens rallied and are in full support of GMO labeling. There are many thousands more who are also in support, but who were not able to make it. Did you know that most Americans (53%) say they would avoid GMOs if they were labeled? I am sure that statistic is higher in Hawai'i. Please support GMO labeling. It is truly a inevitability in our country. As our state legislators, you could be leading the forefront for the rest of the country, while ensuring the support of local agriculture and local economies! Do you want to go down in history as the individuals who attempted to block the progress of human rights, or who was at the leading edge of it?

Labeling GMO produce brought from outside Hawaii will allow for expansion of local produce markets and support local farmers and Hawaii's local economy.

Please do the right thing - we all have a right to know what we eat, especially since we do not know the long-term health effects of GMOs on the human body and the environment. Please see such films as *Food, Inc.*, and *Genetic Roulette*. The latter is truly an **excellently** documented film with many doctors and many scientists.

Mahalo for your time and consideration for Hawaii's authentically sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Stephen Settanni

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Kenneth Gard	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jay Ferris	Individual	Oppose	No

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Martin W. Wolcott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: to Whom Mandatory labeling of foods using biotechnology would result in higher food costs for us. Others have in some area of the state and prices are higher. Plus anyone can choose to buy food that is labeled "CERTIFIED ORGANIC", "NON GMO", or "GMO FREE" this is a choice and these are higher cost to buy why make other foods cost more. Why cut the farmers bottom line with added expence for there product. thanks Martin W. Wolcott

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Stan Duncalf	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jim aGreen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Will be detrimental to agricultural community and economy.

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Stephen Ferreira	Individual	Oppose	No

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HB 174 Labelling GMO Products

This bill is a travesty to the truth. I would like to make several points expanded upon below:

1. There is no public good served by requiring GMO products be labeled. Federal laws and FDA set labeling requirements, and at this time, do not require GMO products to be labeled. GMO corn and soybeans are so pervasive, in practice, it would be reasonable to assume most products are GMO products unless they are labeled to be GMO-free. Many if not most organic purveyors are moving to labeling their products as GMO-free in an attempt to differentiate their products from conventionally produced items.
2. This bill is not really a “right to know” bill. Instead, it has the hidden agenda to put Hawaii seed companies out of business and to oppose large companies like Monsanto and Syngenta. It also increases the cost of conventionally produced agricultural products by requiring labeling in an attempt to make higher priced organic products more competitive to conventionally produced products.
3. The truth about GMO safety lies with the record. To date, not a single person has been hurt or harmed by consuming or being exposed to GMO products. Many have made the claim of injury, but not a single person has been confirmed to be harmed by the medical community. All claims of harm are UNSUPPORTED and UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS; thus they are merely claims that have not been verified. Thus, the record suggests that GMO products are completely safe to consume, and there is no record of harm that can be substantiated for anyone. To me, this looks is an outstanding record of safety.
4. Consumers already have a choice to avoid GMO foods by consuming organically produced foods. The bill’s labeling requirement provides no additional information, but would raise the cost of competitor products in an attempt to raise prices of conventionally produced items to decrease the cost differential between higher priced organic products.
5. Opponents of GMO technology are reacting with near religious fervor to oppose this technology with complete disregard for the scientific data. Religious and philosophical positions on the technology have no bearing on the decision to label GMO products. This decision should be science based.

By not relying on science based information, we risk making biased and discriminatory decisions no different than the notion held 50 years ago about the superiority of whites over blacks.

By ignoring the data and the science, we are being no different than those who held the notion of racial superiority and who supported racial discrimination against blacks. The details around the issue are certainly different, but the misguided opinions now are no different than the racial views in this country more than 50 years ago.

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Donald F Kopacek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brock Helgerson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as there is no scientific evidence that engineered produce is any different than all other produce. Therefore no need to label as there is no difference.

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Tami Kirk	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO. • Consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques • GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.) • There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern)

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Neal Briggs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a farmer and we don't need this

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dave schisler	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Tupper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Sibbel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joylin K L Domingo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We deserve the right to know whether the food we feed our Keiki are produced using genetic modification organisms!! My 'Ohana and I feel that GMO may pose potential adverse environmental impacts! No good for the Keiki, No good for the 'Aina!

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Charlie Teixeira	Individual	Support	No

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Larry W DeBord	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marisa Akiona	Monsanto	Oppose	No

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Judy DeBord	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jack Fombelle	Individual	Oppose	No

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I support the passage of HB174.

The assumption that it will be challenged is not a good enough reason to drop HB174.

We have a right to know what is in our food and the source of that food. GMO manipulation of our food sources has not been researched enough and there is much controversy regarding it.

I support the mandatory labeling of all foods derived from any GMO source.

Sincerely

Mille Kohl

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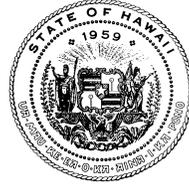
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Carol Higa	Health	Oppose	Yes

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HB 174, HD2, RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

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

March 21, 2013
9:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The department is unable to perform the rule making function that is required
2 by this bill.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** This initiative is not funded in the Executive Biennium Budget and therefore may
4 adversely affect other department priorities.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The department does not object in principle to a labeling policy to enhance
6 public awareness of genetically engineered produce in Hawaii markets. However, the department
7 cannot enforce such legislation. Legally defensible analytical methods to detect genetic modifications in
8 produce do not exist. Our laboratory does not possess the requisite scientific expertise, fiscal capacity,
9 equipment and experience to test and determine, at a level of confidence that could withstand legal
10 challenges, whether suspected produce has been genetically engineered.

11 Currently, there is no conclusive scientific evidence of negative health effects associated with the
12 consumption of genetically engineered food or food products as determined by the U.S. Food and Drug

1 Administration. We do not believe labeling of genetically engineered produce is a health issue.

2 Therefore, such a program should not be assigned to the department to administer.

3 The Department would like to focus its limited resources controlling the incidence of food borne
4 illness in the food establishments through proper timely inspections.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Cathy Goeggel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: the effective date should be 2013!

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Jared Schroeder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pauline Shatek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jaime Naig	Individual	Oppose	No

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Colin Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Naig	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kris Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I will not buy genetically engineered food. It must be labeled.

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Bill Jesina	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amenala Neahru	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Tom Shatek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jay w Duquette	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators This bill has come a long way and the people of these islands have spoken in support of labeling GMO produce. Consumers have a right to know what they are purchasing and putting into their bodies. This bill takes appropriate measures to ensure (in part) that the consumer is protected and given the choice. We need these protections as no one knows the full extent of the dangers to health and safety GMO crops pose to human beings and animals. Please do the due diligence and show the people of Hawaii that their health and the health of their children is more important than the profits of multinational corporations. You now have that chance. Aloha and mahalo. Sincerely Jay W Duquette

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Suppose there were no hypothetical situations....

Lorn Douglas

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All Hawaii Representatives

Re: In Support of HB 174

Aloha,

I am a retired businessman and 29 year resident of the Big Island. I live in Lower Puna, a rural district the is a jewel in many ways. There is not a day when I don't stop at some point to thank God for the priviledge of living in such a beautiful place.

I choose to live a sustainable lifestyle, growing lots of food, generating enough solar power to fuel my two houses and two electric cars. I also heat my water with solar power.

When Cpt Cook 'discovered' the Big Island there were 1,000,000 people living here sustainably and self-sufficiently. Now we import 90 percent of our food and some of it is questionable nutrition disguised as food. I do not want to eat genetically modified crops and consider I have the right to know what I am buying. Its obvious that the time is now to label our food supply properly.

I urge you to support this legislation:

Mahalo for your considertion,



Lorn Douglas

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly Faust	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Ervin A Hoffmann	Individual	Oppose	No

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William A. Ballenger	Ballenger Farms, LLC	Oppose	No

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Randy Stoberl	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: kaji [<mailto:kaji@mauigateway.com>]
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To: ENETestimony
Subject: GMO TESTIMONY

Dear Sirs,

Stop the madness, our food is the most important thing for our survival as a species. You can't take it and manipulate it for profit and expect us not to have major repercussions. This is unbelievable and it is the responsibility of our AG lawmakers, to protect the people. These GMO corporations have changed and manipulated our food and then put it out for sale on the market, without ever testing it. How can this be? What about peoples health and well being? I AM a 40 year resident of Maui and I AM disgusted that the people we elect to protect and serve us, have abandon the people. In this day and age, people are coming together and we will fire or fail to reelect people who do not serve the well being of our health and communities. These corporations have endless money to pay off our elected officials so they look the other way. I have heard in the media, some local folks saying, wheres the proof that it makes people sick? Well, the results may not be seen for many, many years, but already there are hundreds of thousands of people with IBS (irritable bowel syndrome) which is the irritation of the bowels, that did not exist in the huge numbers that there are today. I guarantee you this is true. Let's send a message to these Frankenfood, unconciouse people, that the wonderful people of Hawaii, do care about these islands, their people and the future generations as well as our ocean who will be sickened and and then the only people that will profit, besides the GMO people are the Big Pharma People, who will try to fix the diseases they have perpetrated on mankind and already rule the world. Please stand up for all of us, for yourself, your children and their families. Thank you sirs. I am sending you a link to Peru who resisted these evil companies. <http://www.occupymonsanto360.org/2012/03/10/peru-passes-monumental-ten-year-ban-on-genetically-engineered-foods/> Please care about the people, it is in your hands and there is no turning back. No amount of money, will ever take the place of being Pono and looking at the future. There are ethical ways of growing food organically, that keep insects away and doesn't poison everything around it, and it is your responsibility to help keep people healthy, we are all in this together and it is up to you to see that these Companies will not manipulate everyones food and health for profit. Make Hawaii a GMO free state. Mahalo!!

Regards,
Jackie Cummings

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Chad Rockow	Individual	Oppose	No

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rich schumacher	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Scharfenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Frank	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill but suggest the following 3 ammendments be made to it. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Donna Dykes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Please see attached Word document.

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senate Committee on Health
March 20, 2013

Re: HB 174, HD2
Hearing Date: March 21, 2013 at 9 a.m.

Testimony in Support of HB 174, HD2

Please approve HB 174, HD2. Consumers should be able to have information about the foods they eat. This should be a principle regardless of the current state of knowledge about various food components. In the case of GMO foods, we will be better able to track the influence of these foods if there is some way to know about their existence.

I support food labeling for all types of food components and oppose the efforts of powerful industry lobbies to prevent public knowledge about foods. Please act in favor of consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kathleen Reinhardt
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Honolulu, HI 96821

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son geiger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB 174

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Cheryl Werner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Todd M Blum	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha Senators,

Please label ALL GMO anything.

Better still eliminate all GMO's altogether.

Heirloom strains of seeds and plants are contaminated by GMO's.

Pollen carried by the wind drifts for miles ...

Organic farms on the West side of Hawaii have been contaminated from GMO papaya fields on the East side of Hawaii.

PLEASE STOP THIS HORROR FROM CONTINUING!

WE MUST CARE FOR THE EARTH IF HUMANITY IS TO SURVIVE.

YOUR VOTE CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD AND SHIFT US BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY TO THRIVABILITY!

Blessings Be, Cheryl Gama
Kealahou, Hawaii

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From: CONRAD ROLAND [coro@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 4:54 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I support HB 174 requiring the labeling of all GMO produce brought into Hawai'i.

In addition, we need to restrict the excessive use of herbicides (2,4-D in particular), pesticides, and fungicides !

Conrad Roland, M.S.
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george braun	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Peracciny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please grant people the right to choose GMO and NOGMO. It's that simple. We want our freedom.

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Scott VanderWal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Biotechnology is important to all American farmers and all of our consumers. Hawaii is a leader in research due to the climate. You have tremendous economic activity from it as well. Please oppose the GM labeling bill. Thank you.

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Gmo food has the very real potential to destroy the worlds agriculture and create widespread starvation. Labeling is necessary in order to generate any kind of statistics regarding the devastating effect on humans and livestock. GMO plant DNA also has the very real potential to irreparably destroy ALL plant DNA through the spread of GMO pollen. These risks are not worth any imaginary gains which are claimed in the lies of big agriculture corporations which are only concerned with short term profits. Long term pains for short term gains. Labeling is only the beginning and without labeling valid statistics are impossible to collect. Strong legislation is necessary in order to protect the lives of all living things in the animal and plant kingdoms. This threatens to cause more devastation to life on this planet than global nuclear war. For the sake of your childrens childrens children, wake up and do the right thing. Included for your education is an article from www.corpwatch.com. Please read carefully, and try to include some more authoritative science and knowledge in your agriculture committees.

The Case Against Agricultural Biotechnology

by Miguel A. Altieri, contained in a briefing packet that was sent to ministers of the Sacramento Ministerial June 10th, 2003

The deployment of transgenic crops is occurring at a rapid pace, reaching about 44.5 million hectares in 2000. Although commercial cultivation is mostly confined to USA, Argentina, Canada, and China, biotechnology proponents argue that expansion of such crops to the Third World is essential to feed the poor in the Third World, reduce environmental degradation, and promote sustainable agriculture. Such promises do not match reality.

Biotechnology is a technology under corporate control, protected by patents and IPR, and thus contrary to farmers' millenary traditions of saving and exchanging seeds.

Hunger is linked to poverty, lack of access to land, and maldistribution of food. Biotechnology exacerbates inequalities underlying the causes of hunger.

Transgenic crops pose a range of potential environmental risks that threaten the sustainability of small farming systems. The ecological effects of engineered crops are not limited to pest resistance and creation of new weeds and pollution of landraces. Transgenic crops can produce environmental toxins that move through the food chain, and also may end up in the soil and water affecting invertebrates, and probably ecological processes such as nutrient cycling. Moreover, large-scale landscape homogenisation with transgenic crops will exacerbate the ecological vulnerability already associated with monoculture agriculture (Altieri 2000a).

There is widespread consensus that yields have not increased with transgenic crops. In the case of Bt corn the economic advantages are not clear, given that the occurrence of insect pests is unpredictable.

Savings in insecticide use are minimal when examined on a per hectare basis, and insignificant when compared to savings derived from Integrated Pest Management strategies. Herbicide use is up, locking farmers to broad spectrum herbicides that narrow weed management options and condemn farmers to monoculture.

There are agroecological alternatives to biotechnology that result in technologies that are cheap, accessible, risk averting, productive in marginal environments, environment and health enhancing, and culturally and socially acceptable.

Policies must be put in place to promote the upscaling of successful agroecological interventions, that are already reaching about nine million small farmers at one-tenth the cost incurred by official international agricultural subventions.

It is urgent that international donors recognise the gravity of the problem, take a chance on new institutional arrangements led by NGOs and farmers' organisations, and provide funding for a grassroots-based alternative agricultural development approach in the Third World.

Biotechnology companies often claim that genetically modified organisms (GMOs) - specifically genetically altered seeds - are essential scientific breakthroughs needed to feed the world and reduce poverty in developing countries. Such claims promoted by the biotech industry-created consortium, the 'Council for Biotechnology Information' with a \$250 million budget, uses the issue of hunger in the developing world to justify GM crops without explaining how GM crops will actually mitigate hunger. Malthusian biotechnologists need first to explain why GM crops will feed hungry Indians when 36.6 million excess tons of grain stocks in 'godowns' (silos) of India will not. The world today produces more food per inhabitant than ever before. Enough food is available to provide 4.3 pounds for every person every day: 2.5 pounds of grain, beans, and nuts, about a pound of meat, milk, and eggs, and another of fruits and vegetables (Lapp et al.. 1998). Simply raising food output may be the last thing that is needed.

In 1999 enough grain was produced globally to feed a population of eight billion people (six billion inhabit the planet in 2000), had it been evenly distributed or not fed to animals. Seven out of ten pounds of grain are fed to animals in the USA. Countries such as Brazil, Paraguay, Thailand, and Indonesia devote thousands of acres of agricultural land to produce soybeans and manioc for export to feed cattle in Europe. By channelling one-third of the grain produced world-wide to needy people, hunger would cease instantly (Lapp et al.. 1998). Hunger is also compounded by globalisation, especially when developing countries embrace free trade policies (lowering tariffs and allowing goods from industrialised countries to flow in) advocated by international lending agencies. The experience of Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, is illuminating. In 1986 Haiti imported just 7,000 tons of rice, the majority consumed was grown in the island. After opening its economy to the world, cheaper rice immediately flooded in from the USA where the rice industry is subsidised. By 1996 Haiti imported 196,000 tons of foreign rice at the cost of US\$100 million a year. Haitian rice production became negligible once dependence on foreign rice was complete, and the cost of rice rose, leaving large numbers of poor people at the whim of rising world grain prices. Hunger increased (Aristide 2000).

The real causes of hunger are poverty, inequality, and lack of access to food and land. Too many people are too poor (about two billion survive on less than a dollar a day) to buy the food that is available but often poorly distributed, or lack the land and resources to grow it themselves (Lapp et al.. 1998). Because the true root cause of hunger is inequality, any method of boosting food production that deepens inequality is bound to fail to reduce hunger.

By matching myth with reality this paper challenges the false promises made by the genetic engineering industry that it will move agriculture away from a dependence on chemical inputs, increase productivity, decrease input costs, help reduce environmental problems, and feed the hungry (Office of Technology Assessment 1992). By challenging the myths of biotechnology we can expose genetic engineering for what it really is: another 'technological fix' or 'magic bullet' aimed at circumventing the environmental problems of agriculture (which themselves are the outcome of an earlier round of technological fix) without questioning the flawed assumptions that gave rise to the problems in the first place (Hindmarsh 1991). Biotechnology develops single-gene solutions for problems that derive from ecologically unstable monoculture systems designed on industrial models of efficiency. Such a unilateral and reductionist approach was already proven ecologically unsound for pesticides, also promoted by the same biotech firms, with a reductionist approach using one chemical-one pest as opposed to the one gene-one pest approach now promoted by biotechnology.

Modern industrial agriculture, today epitomised by biotechnology, is founded on philosophical premises that are fundamentally flawed, and these premises are precisely the ones that need to be exposed and criticised in order to advance towards a truly sustainable agriculture. This is particularly relevant in the case of biotechnology,

where the alliance of reductionist science and multinational monopolistic industry will take agriculture further down a misguided route, jointly perceiving agricultural problems as genetic deficiencies of organisms, and treating nature as a commodity while in the process making farmers more dependent on an agribusiness sector that increasingly concentrates power over the food system.

Will biotechnology benefit poor farmers?

Most biotechnological innovations available today bypass poor farmers: first because these farmers cannot afford the seeds that are protected by patents owned by biotechnology corporations, and second, because this modern technology is not adapted to the marginal environments where resource-poor farmers live. An estimated 850 million people live on land threatened by desertification. Another 500 million reside on terrain that is too steep to cultivate. Because of these and other limitations, about two billion people have been untouched by modern agricultural science. Moreover, most of the rural poor live in the tropics, a region that will be most vulnerable to the effects of global warming (Conway 1997).

Biotechnology researchers pledge to counter problems associated with food production in such marginal areas by developing GM crops with traits considered desirable for small farmers, such as enhanced competitiveness against weeds, and drought tolerance. However, agricultural biotechnology innovations (i.e. Bt crops and herbicide resistant crops) are profit-driven rather than need-driven. The real thrust of the genetic engineering industry is not to make agriculture more productive but to generate profits (Busch et al. 1990). In the case of herbicide tolerance the goal is to win greater herbicide market-share for a proprietary product, and to boost seed sales at the cost of damaging the usefulness of a key pest management product (Bt) that is relied on as an alternative to insecticides.

Even if biotechnology contributes to increased harvests poverty will not necessarily decline. Many poor farmers in developing countries do not have access to cash, credit, technical assistance, or markets. The so-called Green Revolution of the 1950s and 1960s bypassed such farmers because planting the new high-yield crops, and maintaining them through the use of pesticides and fertilisers, was too costly for impoverished landowners. Data show that in both Asia and Latin America wealthy farmers with larger and better-endowed lands profited from the Green Revolution, whereas farmers with fewer resources often gained little (Lapp et al. 1998). The 'Gene Revolution' might only end up repeating the mistakes of its predecessor. Genetically modified seeds are under corporate control and patent protection, consequently they are very expensive. Since many developing countries still lack the institutional infrastructure and low-interest credit necessary to deliver these new seeds to poor farmers, biotechnology will only exacerbate marginalisation.

Moreover, poor farmers do not fit into the profitable marketing niche of private corporations, whose focus is on biotechnological innovations for the commercial-agricultural sectors of industrial and developing nations. The private sector often ignores important crops such as cassava, which is a staple for 500 million people worldwide. The few impoverished landowners who will have access to biotechnology will become dangerously dependent on the annual purchase of genetically modified seeds. These farmers will have to abide by onerous intellectual property agreements not to plant seeds yielded from a harvest of bioengineered plants. In the USA farmers adopting transgenic soybeans must sign an agreement with Monsanto. If they sow transgenic soybeans the next year, the penalty is about \$3,000 per acre and, depending on the acreage, could cost farmers their farms, their livelihood. By controlling germplasm from seed to sale, and by forcing farmers to pay inflated prices for seed-chemical packages, companies are determined to extract the most profit from their investment (Krimsky and Wrubel 1996).

What about Golden Rice?

Scientists who support biotechnology and disagree with the assertion that most biotechnology research is profit-rather than need-driven, use the newly-developed but not yet commercialised Golden Rice to hide behind a rhetoric of humanitarianism. This experimental rice is rich in beta-carotene, an important nutrient for millions of children, especially in Asia, suffering from Vitamin A deficiency that can lead to blindness.

The suggestion that genetically altered rice is the proper way to address the condition of two million children at

risk of Vitamin A deficiency-induced blindness reveals a tremendous naiveté about the real causes of vitamin and micronutrient malnutrition. Vitamin A deficiency cannot really be characterised as a problem, but rather as a symptom. It warns us of broader inadequacies associated with both poverty, and with agricultural change from diverse cropping systems toward rice monoculture promoted by the Green Revolution. People do not exhibit Vitamin A deficiency because rice contains too little Vitamin A, or beta-carotene, but rather because their diet has been reduced to rice and almost nothing else. These people suffer from many other dietary illnesses that cannot be addressed by beta-carotene, but which could be addressed, together with Vitamin A deficiency, by a more varied diet. Golden Rice must be seen as a one-dimensional attempt to fix a problem created by the Green Revolution: the problem of diminished crop and dietary diversity. A magic-bullet solution, which places beta-carotene into rice while leaving poverty, poor diets, and extensive monoculture intact, is unlikely to make any durable contribution to well-being. When leafy plants are re-introduced into the diet of poor people they provide both needed beta-carotene and other missing vitamins and micro-nutrients, providing a meaningful addition to peasant nutrition and subsistence. There is an abundance of wild and cultivated green leafy vegetables rich in vitamins and nutrients within and on the periphery of paddy rice fields, most of which are eliminated when farmers adopt monocultures and associated herbicides (Greenland 1997).

Rice biotechnologists have no understanding of the deeply-rooted cultural traditions that determine food preferences among Asian people, especially the social and even religious significance of white rice. It is highly unlikely that the Golden Rice will replace white rice, which for millennia has played a variety of nutritional, culinary, and ceremonial roles. No doubt Golden Rice will clash with traditions associated with white rice, as green or blue French fries would clash with Western food preferences in the USA or Europe. But even if Golden Rice made it into the bowls of poor Asians, there is no guarantee that it would benefit poor people who don't eat fat-rich or oil-rich foods. Beta-carotene is fat-soluble and its uptake in the intestine depends upon fat or oil in the diet. People suffering protein-related malnutrition and lacking dietary fats and oils cannot store Vitamin A well in the liver, nor transport it to the different body tissues where the vitamin is needed. Moreover, given the low concentration of beta-carotene in the miracle rice (about 1.5 mg/gr of dry weight), people would have to eat more than one kilogram of rice per day to obtain a recommended daily allowance dose of Vitamin A.

Does biotechnology increase yields?

A major argument advanced by biotechnology proponents is that transgenic crops will significantly boost crop yields. Data from the USA do not support such claims. Yields have not increased with transgenic crops, rather, soybean yields tend to be lower (about six per cent less) when compared with conventional varieties, cotton yields have remained unchanged, and maize yields are higher only under sporadic conditions of high pest-pressure. No biotechnological breakthrough of resource-poor farmers has been recorded, and there is no GM crop on the horizon that is expected to outperform local varieties under the heterogeneous environmental conditions facing small farmers. Although data from the developing world is scarce, a US Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service report (USDA 1999) which analysed data collected in 1997 and 1998 for 12 and 18 USA region/crop combinations is very conclusive. The crops surveyed were Bt corn and cotton, and herbicide tolerant (HT) corn, cotton, and soybeans, and their non-engineered counterparts.

Some scientists and policy makers suggest that large investments through public-private partnerships can help developing countries acquire the indigenous scientific and institutional capacity to shape biotechnology to suit the needs and circumstances of small farmers. But once again, corporate intellectual property rights to genes and gene-cloning technology might play spoiler. For instance, in Brazil its national research institute (EMBRAPA) must negotiate licence agreements with nine different companies before a virus-resistant papaya developed with researchers at Cornell University can be released to poor farmers (Persley and Lantin 2000).

Environmental impacts of agricultural biotechnology

Biotechnology is being pursued in order to patch up problems (e.g. pesticide resistance, pollution, soil degradation, etc.) caused by previous agrochemical technologies promoted by the same companies now leading

the biorevolution. Transgenic crops developed for pest control closely follow the paradigm of using a single control mechanism (a pesticide) that has proven to fail over and over again with insects, pathogens, and weeds (National Research Council 1996). The touted 'one gene - one pest' approach will also be easily overcome by pests that are continuously adapting to new situations and evolving detoxification mechanisms (Robinson 1996).

Agricultural systems developed with transgenic crops favour monocultures characterised by dangerously high levels of genetic homogeneity, leading to higher vulnerability of agricultural systems to biotic and abiotic stresses (Robinson 1996). By promoting monocultures it will also undermine ecological methods of farming, such as rotation and polycultures, thus exacerbating the problems of conventional agriculture (Altieri 2000a). As the new bioengineered seeds replace and contaminate the old traditional varieties and their wild relatives, genetic erosion will accelerate in the Third World (Fowler and Mooney 1990). Thus the push for uniformity will not only destroy the diversity of genetic resources, but will also disrupt the biological complexity that underlies the sustainability of indigenous farming systems (Altieri 1996).

Impacts of herbicide resistant crops

Weed resistance

The continuous use of herbicides such as bromoxynil and glyphosate (also known as Roundup) which herbicide resistant crops tolerate can lead to problems (Goldberg 1992). It is well documented that when a single herbicide is used repeatedly on a crop, the chances of herbicide resistance developing in weed populations greatly increases (Holt et al. 1993). About 216 cases of pesticide resistance have now been reported in one or more herbicide chemical families (Holt and Le Baron 1990). Triazine herbicides have the most resistant weed species (about 60).

The problem is that given industry pressures to increase herbicide sales, acreages treated with these broad spectrum herbicides will expand, exacerbating the resistance problem. Although glyphosate is considered less prone to causing herbicide resistance in weeds, over time the increased use of the herbicide is bound to result in resistance.

Herbicides kill more than weeds

Companies affirm that bromoxynil and glyphosate, when properly applied, degrade rapidly in the soil, do not accumulate in groundwater, have no effects on non-target organisms, and leave no residue in foods. There is, however, evidence that bromoxynil causes birth defects in laboratory animals, is toxic to fish, and may cause cancer in humans (Goldberg 1992). Because bromoxynil is absorbed dermally, and because it causes birth defects in rodents, it is likely to pose hazards to farmers and farm workers. Similarly, glyphosate has been reported to be toxic to some non-target species in the soil: both to beneficial predators such as spiders, mites, carabid and coccinellid beetles, and to detritivores such as earthworms, as well as to aquatic organisms, including fish (Paoletti and Pimentel 1996). Questions about food safety also arise as this herbicide suffers little metabolic degradation in plants and is known to accumulate in fruits and tubers, and more than 37 million pounds of this herbicide are now used annually in the USA alone. Moreover, research documents that glyphosate seems to act in a similar fashion to antibiotics by altering soil biology in a yet unknown way and thus exerting effects such as :

Reducing the ability of soybeans and clover to fix nitrogen;

Rendering bean plants more vulnerable to disease;

Reducing the growth of beneficial soil-dwelling mycorrhizal fungi, which are key for helping plants extract phosphorous from the soil.

Most poor farmers rely on soil biological processes and organic matter for soil fertility, thus altering microbial populations with herbicides can make them more dependent on fertilisers, an expensive outcome.

Creation of 'superweeds' and contamination of landraces

Although there is some concern that transgenic crops themselves might become weeds, a major ecological risk is that large scale releases of transgenic crops may promote transfer of transgenes from crops to other plants, which then could become weeds but also unleash unpredictable ecological effects (Darmancy 1994).

Transgenes that confer significant biological advantage may transform wild/weedy plants into new or worse weeds (Rissler and Mellon 1996). The biological process of concern here is introgression (hybridisation among distinct plant species), a major problem in biodiverse farming systems within centres of origin where the possibilities of a transgenic variety encounter with sexually compatible wild relatives is very high. Evidence indicates that such genetic exchanges among wild, weed and crop plants already occur.

The fact that interspecific hybridisation and introgression are common to species such as sunflower, maize, sorghum, oilseed rape, rice, wheat, and potatoes, provides a basis for expecting gene flow between transgenic crops and wild relatives to create new herbicide resistant weeds (Lutman 1999). Transgenic crops can also allow transgenes to escape into free-living populations of landraces. The invasion of transgenes into native varieties could provoke a host of negative effects such as shrinking the agricultural gene pool; clearly any threat to local varieties represents a threat to the food security of local farmers (Snow and Moran 1997).

Environmental risks of insect resistant crops (Bt crops)

Resistance

According to the biotechnology industry, the promise of transgenic crops inserted with Bt genes is that they will replace synthetic insecticides now used to control insect pests. Most crops have a diversity of insect pests, and therefore insecticides will still have to be applied to control non-Lepidoptera pests, which are not susceptible to the Bt toxin expressed by the crop (Gould 1994). But biotechnology has a limited role in pest management, even for Lepidoptera. In the USA the economic advantages of growing transgenic corn are not assured because population densities of the European corn borer are unpredictable.

On the other hand, several Lepidoptera species have been reported developing resistance to Bt toxin in both field and laboratory tests, suggesting that major resistance problems are likely to develop in Bt crops which through the continuous expression of the toxin create a strong selection pressure (Tabashnik 1994). No serious entomologist questions whether resistance will develop or not. The question is how fast?

In order to delay the inevitable development of insects resistant to Bt crops, bioengineers are preparing resistance management plans, using patchworks of transgenics and non-transgenics (called refuges) to delay the evolution of resistance by providing susceptible insects for mating with resistant insects. Although refuges should cover at least 30 per cent of the crop area, Monsanto's new plan calls for only 20 per cent refuges, even when insecticides are to be used. Moreover, the plan offers no details whether the refuges must be planted alongside the transgenic crops, or at some distance away, where studies suggest they would be less effective (Mallet and Porter 1992). In addition to refuges requiring the difficult goal of regional co-ordination between farmers, it is unrealistic to expect most small and medium sized farmers to devote up to 30-40 per cent of their crop area to refuges, especially if crops in these areas are to sustain heavy pest damage.

The farmers who face the greatest risk from the development of insect resistance to Bt are neighbouring organic farmers who grow corn and soybeans without agrochemicals. Once resistance appears in insect populations, organic farmers will not be able to use Bt in its microbial insecticide form to control Lepidoptera pests moving in from adjacent neighbouring transgenic fields; thus losing a valuable biorational tool for pest control.

Effects on non-target species

By keeping pest populations at extremely low levels, Bt crops could potentially starve natural enemies, as predators and parasitic wasps that feed on pests need a small amount of prey to survive in the agroecosystem.

Among the natural enemies that live exclusively on insects which the transgenic crops are designed to kill (Lepidoptera), egg and larval parasitoids would be most affected because they are totally dependent on live hosts for development and survival, whereas some predators could theoretically thrive on dead or dying prey (Schuler et al. 1999).

Natural enemies could also be affected directly through inter-trophic level effects of the toxin. The potential of Bt toxins moving through arthropod food chains poses serious implications for natural biocontrol in agricultural fields. Recent evidence shows that the Bt toxin can affect beneficial insect predators that feed on insect pests present on Bt crops (Hilbeck et al.. 1999). Studies in Switzerland show that mean total mortality of predacious lacewing larvae (Chrysopidae) raised on Bt-fed prey was 62 per cent compared to 37 per cent when raised on Bt-free prey. These Bt-prey fed to Chrysopidae also exhibited prolonged development time throughout their immature life stage (Hilbeck et al.. 1999).

These findings are of concern to small farmers who rely for insect pest control on the rich complex of predators and parasites associated with their mixed cropping systems (Altieri 1994). Inter-trophic level effects of the Bt toxin raise serious concerns about the potential of the disruption of natural pest control. Polyphagous predators that move within and between mixed crops cultivars, will encounter Bt-containing non-target prey throughout the crop season (Hilbeck et al.. 1999). Disrupted biocontrol mechanisms may result in increased crop losses due to pests, or to the increased use of pesticides by farmers, with consequent health and environmental hazards. It is also now known that windblown pollen from Bt crops found on natural vegetation surrounding transgenic fields can kill non-target insects. A Cornell study (Losey et al.. 1999) showed that corn pollen containing Bt toxin can drift several metres downwind and deposit itself on milkweed foliage with potentially deleterious effects on Monarch butterfly populations. These findings open a whole new dimension on the unexpected impacts of transgenic crops on non-target organisms which play key roles in the ecosystem, such as providing alternative food for natural enemies that depend on field margins for their continual existence in agroecosystems (Altieri 1994). But environmental effects are not limited to the interface of crops and insects. Bt toxins can be incorporated into the soil through leaf materials when farmers incorporate transgenic crop residues after harvest. Toxins may persist for 2-3 months, resisting degradation by binding to clay and humic acid soil particles while maintaining toxin activity (Palm et al.. 1996). Such active Bt toxins that end up and accumulate in the soil and water from transgenic leaf litter may have negative impacts on soil and aquatic invertebrates and nutrient cycling processes (Donnegan and Seidler 1999).

The fact that Bt retains its insecticidal properties, and is protected against microbial degradation by being bound to soil particles and persisting in various soils for at least 234 days, is of serious concern for poor farmers who cannot purchase expensive chemical fertilisers. These farmers instead rely on local residues, organic matter, and soil micro-organisms for soil fertility (key invertebrate, fungal, or bacterial species), which can be negatively affected by the soil-bound toxin (Saxena et al.. 1999).

More sustainable alternatives to biotechnology do exist

What is agroecology?

A growing number of farmers, NGOs, and sustainable agriculture advocates propose that instead of the biotechnology capital- and input-intensive approach, developing countries should favour an agroecological model that emphasises biodiversity, nutrient recycling, synergy among crops, animals, soils, and other biological components, as well as regeneration and conservation of resources (Altieri 1996).

Agroecological approaches rely on indigenous farming knowledge, and selected low-input modern technologies, to diversify production. The approach incorporates biological principles and local resources into the management of farming systems, thus providing for an environmentally sound and affordable way for smallholders to intensify production in marginal areas (Altieri et al. 2000b).

There are proven agroecological alternatives to biotechnology that result in technologies that are cheap, accessible, risk averting, productive in marginal environments, environment and health enhancing, and culturally and socially acceptable. A recent analysis of 208 agroecologically based projects and/or initiatives documented clear increases in food production over some 29 million hectares, with nearly 9 million households

benefiting from increased food diversity and security. Promoted sustainable agriculture practices led to 50-100 per cent increases in per hectare food production (about 1.71 tonnes per year per household) in rain-fed areas, typical of small farmers living in marginal environments; that is an area of about 3.58 million hectares, cultivated by about 4.42 million farmers (Pretty and Hine 2000). Such yield enhancements are a true breakthrough for achieving food security among resource-poor farmers isolated from mainstream agricultural institutions (Uphoff and Altieri 1999). Some of the examples considered in this study include (Pretty 1995): Brazil: 200,000 farmers using green manures/cover crops doubled maize and wheat yields; Guatemala-Honduras: 45,000 farmers using the legume *Mucuna* as a cover for soil conservation systems tripled maize yields in hillsides; Mexico: 100,000 small organic coffee producers increased production by half; South-east Asia: 100,000 small rice farmers involved in IPM farmers' schools substantially increased yields while eliminating pesticides; Kenya: 200,000 farmers using legume-based agroforestry and organic inputs doubled maize yields. These examples are but a small sample of the thousands of successful experiences of sustainable agriculture implemented at the local level. Data show that over time agroecological systems exhibit more stable levels of total production per unit area than high-input systems; produce economically favourable rates of return; provide a return to labour and other inputs sufficient for a livelihood acceptable to small farmers and their families; and ensure soil protection and conservation and enhance agrobiodiversity. More importantly, these experiences, which emphasise farmer-to-farmer research and grassroots extension approaches, represent countless demonstrations of talent, creativity, and scientific capability in rural communities. They point to the fact that human resource development is the cornerstone of any strategy aimed at increasing options for rural people and especially resource-poor farmers.

Conclusions

The ecological effects of engineered crops are not limited to pest resistance and creation of new weeds or virus strains. Transgenic crops can produce environmental toxins that move through the food chain, and also may end up in the soil and water affecting invertebrates and probably ecological processes such as nutrient cycling. Gene flow from transgenic crops to landraces can compromise the genetic integrity of centres of origin. Moreover, large-scale landscape homogenisation with transgenic crops will exacerbate the ecological vulnerability already associated with monoculture agriculture (Altieri 2000a). Unquestioned expansion of this technology into developing countries is not desirable. There is strength in the agricultural diversity of many of these countries, and it should not be inhibited or reduced by extensive monoculture, especially when the consequences of doing so results in serious social and environmental problems (Thrupp 1998).

It is through management of this biodiversity that small farmers located in marginal environments in the developing world can produce much of the needed food. The evidence is conclusive: new approaches and technologies spearheaded by farmers, local governments, and NGOs around the world are already making a sufficient contribution to food security at the household, national, and regional levels. A variety of agroecological and participatory approaches in many countries show very positive outcomes, even under adverse conditions. Potentials include: raising cereal yields from 50 to 200 per cent, increasing stability of production through diversification and soil/water management, improving diets and income with appropriate support and spread of these approaches, and contributing to national food security and to exports (Uphoff and Altieri 1999).

Whether the potential and spread of these thousands of local agroecological innovations is realised depends on investments, policies, and attitude changes on the part of researchers and policy makers. Major changes must be made in policies, institutions, and research and development to make sure that agroecological alternatives are adopted, made equitably and broadly accessible, and multiplied so that their full benefit for sustainable food security can be realised. Existing subsidies and policy incentives for conventional chemical approaches must be dismantled. Corporate control over the food system must also be challenged. It is urgent that governments and international public organisations encourage and support effective partnerships between NGOs, local universities, and farmer organisations in order to assist and empower poor farmers to achieve food security,

income generation, and natural resource conservation.

Equitable market opportunities must also be developed emphasising fair trade and other mechanisms that link farmers and consumers more directly. The ultimate challenge is to increase investment and research in agroecology and scale up projects that have already proven successful to thousands of other farmers. If such initiatives are complemented with true land reform this holds the promise of productivity gains far outweighing the potential of agricultural biotechnology. While industry proponents will often forecast 15, 20, or even 30 per cent yield gains from biotechnology, smaller farms today produce from 200-1,000 per cent more per unit area than larger farms, world-wide (Rosset 1999). Land reforms that bring average land holdings down to their optimum (small) size from the inefficient, unproductive overly large units that characterise much of world agriculture today, could provide the basis for production increases beside which the much ballyhooed promise of biotechnology would pale in comparison. This will generate a meaningful impact on the income, food security, and environmental well-being of the world's population, especially of the millions of poor farmers yet untouched by modern agricultural technology.

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I strongly support HB174. GMO food products are inherently dangerous, and much more research needs to be done to determine exactly how dangerous they are.

In the meantime, GMOs must be labeled so that consumers have a clear choice as to whether to take the risk of eating them.

Thank you very much.

Michael Holwell
Captain Cook, Hawaii

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Mil Bar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HECK NO TO NO LABELING!!!! *** DO *** LABEL ANYTHING GMO. Better yet, PROHBIT EVERYTHING GMO. IT IS A HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD. IT IS PROVEN DANGEROUS IN ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THEY *** FORBID IT ***. WHY ARE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATIONS SACRIFICING THEIR OWN CITIZENS????

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Ashley Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that the United States is kept free through freedom of information and freedom from ignorance. I want to be able to make my decisions as an American citizen with all of the knowledge that I need to help myself strive for a lifestyle I choose. Just like nutritional labels and cigarette warning labels I want produce to fall under the same categories of labeling to help consumers understand the additives that might make the produce harmful or not. I fully believe that if we do not label GMO foods, we will not be following American concepts of freedom of knowledge and power to the consumer.

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greg bartz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jenna Chikasuye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish I could be present at the hearing - please help to ensure that outer-islanders can have a voice in the near future through electronic/ video testimony presence. Thank you!

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Catherine Linton Cutler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please add Hawaii grown produce to the labeling requirement

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Susan McLaren	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jared Walter	Individual	Oppose	No

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TESTIMONY OF PAUL ACHITOFF IN SUPPORT OF HB 174 HD 2

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TESTIMONY RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 174, HD 2
RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

March 21, 2013; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Good morning Chairs Nishihara, Baker and Green, and members of the Committees:

My name is Paul Achitoff, and I am an attorney with Earthjustice, a public interest environmental nonprofit law firm that has been operating in Hawai'i for over 25 years. I appreciate the opportunity to offer this testimony regarding House Bill No. 174 HD2. I offer this testimony in my personal capacity. I support this bill, which requires that foods produced through genetic engineering sold in Hawai'i be labeled as such.

I have been an attorney for thirty years, in private practice as well as with my current employer, and have been working on issues concerning genetic engineering for over ten years. I have litigated numerous lawsuits on the issue, in Hawai'i and across the United States, against Monsanto, Syngenta, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This has allowed me to become intimately familiar with the regulatory process as well as the science behind genetically engineered products. Based on my familiarity with the issue I believe that labeling of genetically engineered foods is in the public interest, and based on my legal analysis I am confident that a labeling bill that applies equally to local and imported produce is constitutional.

The argument that no evidence exists that ingesting genetically engineered products may have any adverse health effects is utter nonsense, and anyone who declares that this is so is at best misinformed. While the health effects of consuming genetically engineered foods may continue to be debated for many years, labeling such products does not depend, legally or as a matter of public policy, on a consensus emerging about these effects. More than enough already is known about genetically engineered products to raise legitimate concerns about health and other interests to entitle Hawai'i's residents and visitors to have the choice whether to purchase them, and whether to support the businesses that create, grow, or market them.

Genetically engineered products were not created to do anything for consumers. Most are designed to resist the effects of pesticides, and in particular, Monsanto's Roundup herbicide. These crops were created to (1) sell herbicide, and (2) allow private businesses to patent and own and control use of the seeds used to grow our major commodity crops. Continued secrecy has allowed the industry to force consumers to go along with this, regardless of the environmental, social, and health costs.

The environmental impacts of these crops is now well documented, and several courts have agreed that because of these impacts, environmental impact statements must be prepared before they can be marketed. It is an established fact that hundreds of millions of additional pounds of herbicide have been used on America's agricultural lands due specifically to the use of these crops. It is also an established fact that as a result of farmers having doused their fields over and over with Roundup, many millions of acres of U.S. farmland are now infested with herbicide resistant "superweeds." This problem is undisputed. Nearly half of all U.S. farmers now report that their fields are infested with Roundup-resistant weeds, up from 34 percent in 2011. Farmers must now use other methods to kill these weeds, and many have turned to using more toxic herbicides for this purpose, and some have had to go back to hand weeding.

As a result of the tremendous use of the herbicide most genetically engineered crops are designed to be used with, the chemical is now found in virtually all of the ground and surface waters of many states, and even in the rain water, according to a recent study by the U.S. Geological Survey.

It is an established fact that U.S. farmers have suffered well over a billion dollars in documented damages as a result of having their crops contaminated with genetically engineered varieties that destroy their markets, either because other

nations—dozens of which now require labeling, refuse to accept them—or because consumers and processors want no part of them. The contamination of the U.S. long grain rice crop a few years ago alone has resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in damages awarded to rice farmers after trial, or through settlements, and there have been other, similar contamination events involving other genetically engineered products that have mistakenly ended up on supermarket shelves or in the fields of farmers who do not want them.

Poll after poll has shown a very large majority of people—up to 90 percent—want genetically engineered foods labeled so that they can decide for themselves what to purchase, what to eat, what to feed their children, and what kinds of businesses to support with their dollars. No one has the right to profit by preventing people from knowing what they are purchasing. If proponents of genetic engineering have a case to be made that their products are not only safe but beneficial to society, let them make it, openly to an informed public, without hiding behind the chairs of legislators. This kind of secrecy to preserve one's chosen business model is unethical. The argument that we ought not to tell people what they are buying because they might decide not to buy our product is one that our society rejected a long time ago. We are not here discussing a requirement that products be labeled deceptively, but merely that they be truthfully, neutrally labeled so that consumers may make up their own minds, and not have their minds made up for them by a company that profits from secrecy.

No credible evidence has been submitted showing that requiring labeling would meaningfully increase costs to consumers. Growers currently label their crops with stickers that cost very little, and often do so voluntarily to market the product. Much of the fruit and vegetables in the supermarket bears a label, and we've seen no evidence that it costs consumers more than unlabeled counterparts. Such labeling is a very small part of the cost of doing business in a marketplace where we value transparency and the consumer's right to choose among competing products. Our papaya growers willingly pay the cost of exactly such labels to gain access to the Japanese papaya market, yet argue—without any support—that they cannot afford to give their neighbors in Hawai'i this very same choice.

I have thoroughly reviewed the Attorney General's opinion on the constitutionality of HB174. I am familiar with the applicable law, and my response and analysis is attached to my testimony. In brief, a labeling bill that applies equally to locally grown and imported produce is constitutional. Alaska already requires that genetically engineered seafood be labeled as such, and it has not been challenged.

I respectfully ask you to pass HB174, as amended to include locally grown produce. Thank you again for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

Constitutionality of HB174 Concerning Labeling of Genetically Engineered Produce

The following is a response to a letter dated March 12, 2013 from Wade H. Hargrove, III, on behalf of the State of Hawai'i Attorney General's office to Sen. Rosalyn Baker regarding the constitutionality of HB174, concerning labeling of genetically engineered produce ("AG Memo"). The AG Memo asserts that HB174 will likely be found unconstitutional on the basis that (1) state efforts to label genetically engineered products ("GMOs" or "GE" products) are preempted by federal law; (2) it violates First Amendment protections of commercial speech; and (3) it violates the Commerce Clause.

In summary, while there are almost always arguments that may be made in support of, or against, any legal proposition, some legal questions are closer than others. In my opinion, two of the three legal positions taken in the AG Memo are not very close questions. With respect to federal preemption and First Amendment concerns, the AG Memo's positions are very weak and indicate a lack of familiarity with the law. The argument that HB174 as currently drafted may violate the Commerce Clause is considerably stronger. However, it also is easily cured by making the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, per the original intent of HB174.

First Amendment

In support of the claim that all state measures requiring GMO food labeling likely violate the First Amendment, the AG Memo cites one case, International Dairy Foods Ass'n v. Amestoy, 92 F.3d 67 (2d Cir. 1996), involving a Vermont law requiring that milk produced by cows treated with the growth hormone rBGH be labeled as such. The AG Memo barely scratches the surface of the relevant law, and its conclusion is not well reasoned or supported. The AG Memo also claims in its conclusion that a court will apply "strict scrutiny" in reviewing the constitutionality of a GMO labeling law in the face of arguments that it violates the First Amendment. This is incorrect.

By way of background, with regard to the standard of review courts will apply to commercial speech regulation under the First Amendment, the Supreme Court has decided two cases that are particularly relevant, Cent. Hudson Gas & Elec. Corp. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n of N.Y., 447 U.S. 557 (1980), and the subsequent Zauderer v. Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio, 471 U.S. 626 (1985). Zauderer addresses *disclosure* requirements, as in the bill under consideration in Hawai'i. Central Hudson addresses *restrictions* on commercial speech, which are not created by the Hawai'i bill. Neither case imposes a strict scrutiny standard, as suggested by the AG Memo.

In Central Hudson, the Court considered whether New York State's ban on promotional advertising violated the First Amendment. The Court set out a four-part test for constitutionality of bans on commercial speech: First, a court determines whether the commercial speech is protected in the first instance. 447 U.S. at 566. To be protected, it "must concern lawful activity

and not be misleading.” *Id.* Second, the government “must assert a substantial interest to be achieved by restrictions on commercial speech.” *Id.* at 564, 566. Third, the regulation must “directly advance[] the governmental interest.” *Id.* Finally, the regulation must not be “more extensive than is necessary to serve that interest.” *Id.* In deciding whether a measure meets this four-part test, a court applies an intermediate scrutiny standard.

Zauderer concerned Ohio’s Office of Disciplinary Counsel’s disciplinary actions against an attorney who had solicited business in an advertisement. The ODC had required that the attorney disclose the nature of his contingency fee arrangements, and prohibited certain aspects of his advertising. The Supreme Court considered the ODC’s prohibitions under the Central Hudson four-part test. However, it addressed the disclosure aspects under a different and more lenient standard.

The Court noted that there were “material differences between disclosure requirements and outright prohibitions on speech,” and that—as in the Hawai‘i bill at issue—“Ohio ha[d] not attempted to prevent attorneys from conveying information to the public; it ha[d] only required them to provide somewhat more information than they might otherwise be inclined to present.” *Id.* at 650. It distinguished other cases where disclosure requirements had been subject to full First Amendment protection because the “interests at stake” were of a different order—implicating prescriptions on politics, religion, nationalism, or other matters of opinion. 471 U.S. at 650-51. In contrast, the required speech in Zauderer case, as in the Hawai‘i bill, was “factual.” *Id.* at 651. Notably, the Supreme Court observed that the attorney’s “constitutionally protected interest in *not* providing any particular factual information in his advertising is minimal.” *Id.* The Court ultimately held that the interest in ensuring the public had information clarifying the details of the attorney’s contingency fee arrangement “easily passe[d] muster.” *Id.* at 652.

The court in Amestoy—the milk case cited in the AG Memo—reviewed the Vermont law requiring disclosure under the Central Hudson test which, as just noted, does not apply to measures requiring disclosure, but to bans on commercial speech. The Amestoy court focused on the Central Hudson requirement that the State demonstrate it had a substantial interest to be advanced by the legislation, and declared itself precluded from considering any interest that the State had not put forward in the lower court. The court found that Vermont’s only claimed interest was satisfying “consumer curiosity,” and held that this was inadequate under Central Hudson.

More recent cases have pointed out that in cases like the constitutionality of the Hawai‘i bill, Zauderer, rather than Central Hudson, applies. Although Zauderer concerned the State’s interest in preventing consumer deception, subsequent cases have held that the Zauderer test applies to a broader range of interests as well, including concerns about health and the environment, and confirmed that the Central Hudson test does not apply to disclosure cases.

For example, in Nat’l Elec. Mfrs. Ass’n v. Sorrell, 272 F.3d 104 (2d Cir. 2001), the issue was the constitutionality of a Vermont requirement that some mercury-containing products bear labels to inform consumers that the products contain mercury, and that they should be disposed of as hazardous waste. 272 F.3d at 107. The court explained that the lower court had erred by applying the Central Hudson standard to a disclosure case, and that the proper test for

determining whether a disclosure requirement is valid is to determine whether a “rational connection” exists between “the purpose of a commercial disclosure requirement and the means employed to realize that purpose.” *Id.* at 115. This was reiterated more recently in N.Y. State Restaurant Ass’n v. N.Y. City Bd. of Health, 556 F.3d 114 (2d Cir. 2009), which held that the rational basis test applies to laws that compel disclosure of “factual and uncontroversial” information by commercial entities” and that preventing obesity was a legitimate interest for a calorie disclosure requirement. (Note that while it may be controversial whether labeling should be required, the term “controversial” as used in these cases means that the truth of the information in the disclosure is itself debatable. There is no debate about the truth of a “GMO” label on a GMO food.)

Aside from the Amestoy court’s reliance on an overly strict legal standard that it is now clear does not properly apply, there are a host of well-supported reasons why the State of Hawai‘i has a legitimate interest in requiring labeling beyond the consumers’ right to know, let alone mere “consumer curiosity.” Amestoy was decided before almost any GE crops had been planted, and before any studies had been done on their effects. There are now many scientific studies raising legitimate concerns about food allergies and sensitivities, immune response and potential for chronic impairments. The environmental effects of growing the crops have by now been well documented, and include increased herbicide use and associated environmental and health risks; development of herbicide-resistant weeds and consequent economic harm to farmers and use of more toxic chemicals; genetic contamination of other crops causing great economic harm; and direct harm to, and degradation of habitat used by, a wide range of plants and animals, including endangered species, caused by the herbicides with which GE crops are designed to be used and in some cases, the crops themselves.

Finally, to the extent it is argued that laws requiring disclosure must address some form of deception, the Food and Drug Administration itself used this concept in its rationale for requiring labels on irradiated foods. Irradiation in Food, 51 Fed. Reg. 13,376-01, 13,388, 13,390 (April 18, 1986) (“Irradiation may not change the food visually so that in the absence of a statement that a food has been irradiated, the implied representation to consumers is that the food has not been processed. . . . Thus, the absence of a label statement on retail foods may incorrectly suggest that an irradiated food is essentially unprocessed.”). In response to comments that the “irradiation” label itself could be misleading (an argument sometimes heard from the genetic engineering industry and its proxies), the FDA stated that “any confusion created by the presence of a retail label requirement can be corrected by proper consumer education programs.” *Id.* at 13,389; see also Va. State Bd. of Pharmacy, 425 U.S. at 769-70 (rejecting State’s argument that disclosure of drug prices would somehow harm “unwitting customers” and calling approach “highly paternalistic”).

Federal Preemption

The AG Memo observes that State law may be preempted by federal law, and that this preemption may be “express” or inferred as a result of a pervasive federal legal scheme “occupying the field.” The AG Memo suggests that any state effort to require labeling of GMO foods is expressly preempted by an amendment to the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act

(FDCA) under the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (NLEA), which regulates certain aspects of food labeling in concert with the FDCA. Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, Pub. L. No. 101-535 § 2, 104 Stat. 2353 (1990). The NLEA sought to “clarify and strengthen the [FDA’s] legal authority to require nutrition labeling on foods, and to establish the circumstances under which claims may be made about nutrients in food.” N.Y. State Restaurant Ass’n v. N.Y. City Bd. of Health, 556 F.3d 114, 118 (2d Cir. 2009). The AG Memo indicates a lack of familiarity with the applicable statutes.

Express Preemption

When a federal statute contains an express preemption provision, a presumption against preemption exists, requiring courts to read the clause narrowly. See Medtronic, Inc. v. Lohr, 518 U.S. 470, 485 (1996). Additionally, “in areas of traditional state regulation, [courts] assume that a federal statute has not supplanted state law unless Congress has made such an intention clear and manifest.” Bates v. Dow Agrosciences LLC, 544 U.S. 431, 449 (2005); see also Holk v. Snapple Beverage Corp., 575 F.3d 329, 334 (3rd Cir. 2009) (“Health and safety issues have traditionally fallen within the province of state regulation. This is true of the regulation of food and beverage labeling and branding.”) (citation omitted).

The AG Memo does not analyze how the FDCA might possibly preempt HB174, but simply declares that it does, citing the “standard of identity,” “nutrition levels and health-related claims,” and “standards of quality and fill of container” express preemption provisions without showing how these might actually apply to a requirement that a GMO food carry a label disclosing that fact. They plainly do not.

The “standard of identity” provision prevents a state from promulgating a definition of a food that conflicts with a definition that has been promulgated by the FDA. For example, if the FDA issued a regulation defining what “coffee” or “milk” mean in terms of the ingredients allowed in a product marketed with those labels, a state cannot enact a nonconforming definition. The law provides that “a food does not conform to the definition and standard of identity” if: (1) it “contains an ingredient for which no provision is made in such definition and standard” (with some exceptions for additives); (2) it does not contain an ingredient included in the standard of identity, or; (3) the quantity of an ingredient does not conform. 21 C.F.R. § 130.8.

Where the FDA has not issued such a regulatory definition, the standard of identity provision does not apply. Guerrero v. Target Corp., No. 12-21115-CIV, 2012 WL 3812324, at *10 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 4, 2012) (determining that Florida’s labeling standard was not preempted by the standard of identity preemption provision because there was no federal standard of identity for honey). There exists no federal standard of identity for genetically engineered foods, so the provision does not apply to HB174. Moreover, the bill would not change the “identity” of any labeled product within the regulatory definition of a nonconforming standard of identity—a labeled soybean would still be marketed as a “soybean.”

Regarding nutrition, 21 U.S.C. § 343(q) requires food labels to contain information about serving size, number of servings, total calories per serving, and amounts of the following nutrients per serving: fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrates, sugars, fiber, and protein. Id. § 343(q)(1); see also 21 C.F.R. § 101.9(c) (also requiring information for vitamins and minerals).

According to the regulation, “[n]o nutrients or food components other than those listed . . . as either mandatory or voluntary may be included within the nutrition label.” *Id.* Disclosure that a food is genetically engineered is not nutrient information within the meaning of the law.

21 U.S.C. § 343(r)(1) covers nutrition level claims and health-related claims—specifically, express nutrient content claims, implied nutrient content claims, and health-related claims. 21 C.F.R. §§ 101.13(b), 101.14(a)(1).

An express nutrient content claim is a direct statement about the level or range of a nutrient in a food (which nutrient is required to be on the label). 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b), (b)(1). The labeling requirement at issue here makes no such claim. An implied nutrient content claim “describes the food or an ingredient therein in a manner that suggests that a nutrient is absent or present in a certain amount, 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b)(2)(i), or “suggests that the food, because of its nutrient content, may be useful in maintaining healthy dietary practices and is made in association with an explicit claim or statement about a nutrient (e.g., ‘healthy, contains 3 grams (g) of fat’).” *Id.*, § 101.13(b)(2)(ii). Again, the requirement in question suggests nothing of this nature.

Health claims characterize the relationship between any of the nutrients in a food product and a disease or health-related condition, 21 C.F.R. § 101.14(a)(1), and are limited to claims about disease risk reduction; such claims need to be approved by FDA. HB174 makes no such claims.

Field Preemption

The AG Memo’s suggestion that “[r]equirements to label GMO foods may also be field preempted” because FDA regulations “cover all aspects of what a food label must and must not contain,” also is plainly incorrect. Under the NLEA, the law “shall not be construed to preempt any provision of state law, unless such provision is expressly preempted under Section 403A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.” Pub. L. No. 101-535, § 6(c)(1) (21 U.S.C. § 343-1 note). (Section 403A, as the AG Memo points out, is the legal provision containing the express preemptions described above.) Thus, Congress precluded field preemption in this arena. *See, e.g., Cipollone v. Liggett Group, Inc.*, 505 U.S. 504, 532 (1992) (“We resort to principles of implied pre-emption—that is, inquiring whether Congress has occupied a particular field with the intent to supplant state law or whether state law actually conflicts with federal law—only when Congress has been silent with respect to pre-emption.”) (Blackmun, J., concurring) (internal citation omitted). The AG Memo’s mention of the FDA’s view that a label that “expresses or implies that a food is superior (e.g., safer or of higher quality) because it is not bioengineered would be misleading” is not relevant to a requirement that a food be labeled as having been genetically engineered. HB174’s requirement makes no express or implied representation concerning a food’s superiority, but simply requires that it disclose a fact.

Commerce Clause

Finally, the AG Memo suggests that the current draft of HB174 runs afoul of the Commerce Clause’s prohibition on discriminatory import restrictions because it applies to

imported produce but not locally grown produce . The Constitution grants Congress the power “[t]o regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States.” U.S. Const. art. I, § 8, cl. 3. The Commerce Clause implicitly restricts the State’s’ power to enact laws that burden interstate commerce; this is known as the “dormant Commerce Clause.”

On this point, the AG Memo’s argument is on stronger ground, although a contrary position can be argued. A state may constitutionally impose a restriction solely on out-of-state actions or products where necessary to achieve an important government purpose. It might be argued that Hawai‘i has a strong interest in protecting its unique environment and supporting local food independence. Maine v. Taylor, 477 U.S. 131, 133, 152-52 (1986) (holding that a state law restricting the importation of baitfish was constitutional because there was no less discriminatory alternative for addressing the legitimate local interest of protecting native fisheries). The burden to prove discrimination “rests on the party challenging the validity of the statute.” Hughes v. Oklahoma, 441 U.S. 322, 336 (1979).

However, any concerns about the constitutionality of HB174 can easily be addressed by making the labeling requirement applicable to local as well as imported produce, as was provided in HB174 as originally introduced, as has been proposed in other, similar bills and amendments, and as is reflected in the existing Alaska law requiring that genetically engineered fish be labeled as such.

Paul Achitoff
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I, as a citizen of the USA, have a right to know if my food is genetically modified... just like I have a right to know if it contains trans-fats which they said were harmless for ages.

Sincerely, Mary True
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Pepe'ekeo HI, 96783
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Aloha Senators:

Thank you for hearing this bill. I support adding back the original language to label food with genetically engineered ingredients and have it include Hawaii grown produce in order to make it constitutionally sound .

I would like to point out that as a consumer there would be complete confusion at the produce stand if Hawaii grown GMO produce were exempted from labeling. For instance, if I want a papaya, Hawaii's GMO papaya would not have to be labeled, and it would sit next to a papaya from Mexico. What kind of choice would I have if I wanted to eat a GMO papaya?

The same would hold true for "labeled" imported GMO sweet corn set next to Hawaii grown GMO sweet corn (if it ever grows here). Both would be GMO, but the consumer would not have a real choice and would have to guess which to purchase.

The point of the law is to identify GMO food. Please pass a bill that is not going to add to the confusion.

Merle Hayward
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Elizabeth Montgomery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the labeling of our food! Consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques. There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods. I request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is genetically modified.

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David K. Makaiwi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha senators My name is David K. Makaiwi III and i live on the island of molokai and is an employee of monsanto. I have four great children and two hani children,my oldest is graduating this year and going off to attend Grand Canyon university in Arizona,My youngest 9 months old. GMO's have been around for about 15-20 year,so i think that theres alot of produce and products with GMO's in stores right now like clothing,foods,drinks and snacks. Why? do we need a law when we already have laws in place. Prices will go up and taxes too i don't want to pay more then i have to it's hard already whats going to happen when my 9 month becomes an adult will it get harder for her? People should stop the fighting with other people and learn to work together instead of hathing each other theres more worst things in the world we should be fighting against like "ICE" it really bad stuff more worst then GMO's. GMO's is approved by the FDA and Government officals say it's safe and i agree. Enough fighting to much fighting and killing in the world! Thank you and may GOD BLESS us all...

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Brad Buchanan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a farmer from Iowa that relies on seed research and seed production preformed in Hawaii. This will have an adverse effect on agricultural research and production .

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From: Oen Chikasuye [oenshine@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 4:24 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony of Support for HB174

Aloha Senators,

This is a testimony of support on behalf of HB174, the GMO produce labeling bill.

We had over 1,000 people at the rally in Hilo last Saturday who support GMO labeling, and 2,000 people on Kaua'i the weekend before who rallied to support GMO labeling, at the least. There are many thousands more who are also in support, but who were not able to make it.

Labeling GMO produce brought from outside Hawaii will allow for expansion of local produce markets and support local farmers and local economics.

Most people I know want to know what they eat, yet most Americans (53%) say they would avoid GMOs if they were labeled. Please do the right thing - we have a right to know what we eat!

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jenna Chikasuye

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Dear Legislators,

Genetically modified foodstuffs have not been around long enough for us to fully comprehend what their long-term effects will be upon us, the consumers. From what i understand, the FDA has not allowed enough time to elapse and had caved into pressure from the massive food producing corporations.

My question is: What is so terrible about requiring food manufacturers and processors to fully disclose what is in their products, which might have some effect upon us the consumers?? Why should we, the consumers, have our lives and/or health potentially jeopardized by processes or ingredients, which have not been fully tested?

Please vote in OUR best interests, not those of Big Business!

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Virginia Bennett

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Mike Phillips	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Gelfand	Individual	Support	No

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From: Doug Orton [heartofdugness@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 4:12 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

I support HB 174. Respectfully, Doug Orton , Pahoa , Hi. 96778

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Corey Malichky	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Bolte	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mary Jo Ogden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charles Dow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. I simply believe it will add to the ever growing cost of our food bills. I have faith in science and the fact that our approval process in the United States provides us with a safe food supply.

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W Lacy Upchurch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 4:09 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: I support HB 174

I support HB 174, private interests should not get in the way of the food we feed our children. I'm in favor of GMO labeling

Aloha,

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Gene Bennett



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Terry Teunissen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bart Lofton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Stoddard	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brad Chester	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A. Richard Bonanno, Ph.D.	Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge the legislators of Hawaii to vote against this legislation which will adversely impact growers throughout the United States. The track record of Biotech speaks for itself and the determination of the US FDA confirms that these products do not require any special labeling.

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Jason Heisler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This proposal accomplishes nothing but hinders the ability of modern agriculture to supply the consumer with SAFE, abundant, and affordable food by elevating one production system above others and creating the suggestion that modern methods aren't safe.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia A Greiman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cynthia A Greiman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tad Keller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:53 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Please support HB 174.

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Thank you. . .

Carolyn Knoll
Kaneohe, HI

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body; instead to skid in sideways, chocolate and wine in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming WOO HOO What a ride!!"

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Jim Tentinger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Theresa Ludeking	Individual	Oppose	No

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Toni Bini	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gretchen Brandt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jon kilgore	MS Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Jon kilgore	MS Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:50 PM
To: AGL Testimony; CPN Testimony; HTHTestimony
Cc: Colleen Soares
Subject: HB 174 HD2

Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Health,

I urge you to amend HB 174 HD2 to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO. I am an educator and researcher, and I am very concerned about GMO food, because we just do not know the consequences for our long-term health. Furthermore, no research I have read gives me confidence that such foods are safe. Food labeling is a simple issue. It is about making food more healthy, and about allowing for the Democratic choices that this country stands for. The labeling of genetically modified food ingredients should be a moot issue, given the **long** history of hard work to accomplish labeling. People worked hard for over a century to know what was in the food we eat. Perhaps few people know the history of that hard and long effort. Sometimes we take our important democratic rights for granted. It seems to me that big agribusinesses are undermining much of the work that has been done over the years in the name of Democracy and human rights. Here is one history of food labeling:

<http://blog.fooducate.com/2008/10/25/1862-2008-a-brief-history-of-food-and-nutrition-labeling/>

Thank you,

Colleen Soares, PhD

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Micah Agler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Karolyn Rimola	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: please add Hawaii grown produce to the labeling requirement

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Matthew Brandt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wayne Fredericks	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Keune	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeanne Vana	North Shore Farms LLC	Support	No

Comments: I am a farmer. I label my conventionally grown crops because I am proud of the product I produce and I am not afraid to stand by it. Labeling is easy and inexpensive to meet consumers demand and right to know the food they eat to make informed decisions about GMO and GM Food choices. Labeling provides customer satisfaction and is great PR. PLEASE SUPPORT LABELING GM Food. Its time for the State of Hawaii to be a leader.

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Stanley Mattes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sawyer Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marvin Jesse	Individual	Oppose	No

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nishihara1 - Amanda

From: 3babbs@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:45 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Aloha,

I support HB 174 because I am an Hawaiian resident and deserve to know exactly what I am buying to put into my body.

Adding the letters GMO just ahead of MSG and Red Dye #3 will cost nothing.

Sixty-three countries around the world including all of Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand already require mandatory labeling of GMO products.

We need to progress forward by doing what is best for our collective future. Hawaii can lead the way and make us proud for being residents of this wonderful State.

Mahalo,

Katharine Babb
Kailua Kona, Hawaii

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Barbara & Hank Kline [bank@maui.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:44 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Please, please I want to know what I am eating.
Get rid of companies trying to use people to save
their \$. We demand to know whats in our food.
Please pay attention to all of us who do not want
chemicals in our food.

Thank you
Barbara Kline
Maui, HI

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Allison Moskal	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jerry Wendt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dipal Chaudhari	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Spohnheimer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brett Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose labeling of GMO products.

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Michael Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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HB 174 Testimony

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

My name is Michael Kamiya and I oppose HB 174.

I am a 3rd generation Hawaii papaya farmer and recently joined my father in his company, Kamiya Gold, Inc. The company started with humble beginnings over 40 years ago with my grandfather, who then passed it on to my father who grew the company to what it is today. Our company is known for the Kamiya Papaya and is sold through an assortment of supermarkets, restaurants as well as small neighborhood “mom & pop” stores throughout Oahu.

As a farmer and business owner, I oppose HB 174 because of the damaging effects to our business. Since the anti-GMO activists use “fear mongering” and scare tactics in their publicity about the safety of GMO, being forced to place that specific named label on our product would severely damage our customer’s trust and confidence. Customers would now question the safety of our products when in fact they are completely safe. Hawaii GMO papayas have been approved for sale and consumption by USDA, FDA & EPA.

Why label something that is completely safe? If we allow the anti-GMO fear mongering to continue and be validated by the labeling law, it will demonize GMO. As a young farmer who is looking to the future in agriculture, I have already witnessed the devastating effects of the papaya ring-spot virus and how it was eliminated by the technology and science of GMO. With GMO, as farmers we can be prepared for the next devastating disease or pest.

As our law makers, we humbly ask for you to think about the ramifications of placing labels on products that are completely safe for it is the future in agriculture.

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Warren Watanabe	MCFB	Oppose	No

Comments: This measure is not about right to know It is about asking away good agricultural jobs supporting many families And it is about denying farmers and ranchers access to technology. Supporters of this measure want to take us back to backbreaking hoe-hana days Please kill this measure and thereby show your support to commercial farmers and ranchers Thank you

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Robert Yuska	Individual	Oppose	No

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robertshatek	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Burrack	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: passing this HB174 would setback Hawaii biotechnology for years. there has never been one meal consumed using genetic enhanced foods that has been harmful. over 2 trillion served!

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Norvin Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Opposed to HB 174

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Dennis Booth	Individual		No

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From: Mary Lou Spadaro [mlspadaro@yahoo.com]
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Everyone has the right to know what is in their food and where it comes from - so why are GMO ingredients in our food being hidden from us? If ordinary citizens cannot overcome the influences that large corporations have on government policies, at least give us the opportunity to vote with our purchases and have a truly "free market."

the biotech companies who patent life and food are among the most powerful multi-national companies in the world and they are dictating policy over basic life-sustaining industries and practices. Give us back our right to choose! Label GMOs!

Mary Spadaro
Honolulu

Sent from my iPad

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Robert Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Paul Stoll	Individual	Oppose	No

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Arnold B. Nurock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Users/buyers need to know what they are eating!

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Dan Hansen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ikaika Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Must change to include local produce

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Jay Ryan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Green	Individual	Oppose	No

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lynn desotel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lowella Oasay	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am opposed to this bill.

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Despite rhetoric by supporters one should note the demands by supporters of this measure .. This is NOT a right to know measure It is an Anti commercial agriculture This measure needs to be killed in support of farmers and ranchers working 98% of the land

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Steven Riesselman	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

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brad stolte	Individual	Oppose	No

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Re: HB 174
Hearing: March 21 at 9: am

Aloha Senators,

I am writing in support of HB 174.

My concern is more with the issues surrounding GMO crops than the food itself. I go out of my way to buy food that is not GMO because I don't want my food sprayed with Round-up or other pesticides that may be toxic to humans.

Most of our food already has so much nutritional information on it that adding GMO information surely is not an imposition for the food industry - unless they have something to hide.

Please do not let big agribusiness rule in Hawaii.

Thank you,

Sarah Preble
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Comments: GMO crop production is needed for the advancement of agriculture.

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HB 174 HD1 Labeling of Genetically engineered foods and products

The committee(s) on AGL/CPN/HTH hearing
on 03-21-13 9:00AM in conference room 229.

Aloha Senator Green, Senator Nishihara and Senator Bakere,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I appreciate the efforts to craft a bill to address the labeling of GE imports which I support; however,

I urge you to go with the will of the people as heard by all the county councils of our islands, which is in support of :

A. Labeling ALL genetically engineered foods and products with a “genetically engineered label, not just imports“

B. Labels are necessary so consumers know the difference between non-gmo and gmo fruits and vegetables particularly.

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C. We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

D. WHY MOVE ON A GMO LABELING REQUIREMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL?

1. FDA Regulation can not keep up with the amount of chemicals and genetically engineered additives, fruits and vegetables coming down the pipeline, and regulatory agencies. Many chemical ingredients are allowed in products as GRAS, generally considered safe--unless it is discovered post market there is a problem. Quite frankly, this has been true with GE crops and ingredients despite claims by industry otherwise. From Monsanto's website: "There has not been a single substantiated instance of illness or harm associated with GM crops." I did 6 months of research and came to the Senate AG in 2006 after I found studies and reports that countered that and submitted them then. That's reason alone for me, Label GE. I enclosed them in separate document.

2. Counterfeit food fraud. 40% of our food has been revealed as this, and has precipitated the FDA legislation to craft greater traceability from farm to table and related to our pharmaceuticals that's a start. That should help with cleaner GMO imports hopefully.

3. Genetic Engineering is still a young science. It has potential benefits when proceeding with a more evolved safety protocol and community relations that create earned trust. GE also has shown according to studies aggressive policies that push product to market with claims of safety without acknowledgment of unintended consequences. rbGH in milk may be an example. The precautionary principle should apply.

4. The FDA and Industry state their safety studies are “Recognized as Safe” However, this is based **not on independent studies** but on studies from industry **self-regulation.**” From literature, I understand Safety protocol proved more rudimentary when many of the GMOs were approved in 1996.

3 month rat studies. I discovered that the FDA only required these for genetic engineering crop and food approval, which was primarily in 1996. Other articles report that anomalies don’t really show up from 4 months to about 2 years of age, particularly with autism. This is a concern.

AMA states GMOs Needs mandatory studies. The AMA Executive Summary Conclusion states “To better characterize the potential harms of bioengineered foods, the Council believes that pre-market safety assessment should shift from a voluntary notification process to a mandatory requirement.” Labeling of Bioengineered Foods (Resolutions 508 and 509-A-11) <http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/csaph/a12-csaph2-bioengineeredfoods.pdf>

5. Many unlabeled GMO additives are just considered **GRAS** Generally Recognized as safe—**until there is an incident! Also a concern.**

6. RE: Human studies: Neither industry nor the FDA require human studies on GMOs.

7. Viral Gene VI. Three weeks ago I called and had a 1.5 hr. phone conversation with an FDA scientist which began with “how can I submit studies to you” since I saw no studies on the Biotech Registry since 1996 that showed any controversy. I spoke to him about an article that came out 1/21/13 entitled “Regulators Discover a Hidden Viral Gene in Commercial GMO Crops.” I was particularly concerned about this gene, Gene VI, which is a gene that basically attacks the host. The biotech company had received approval for the crop right after they received approval years ago and didn’t bother to report it or use it in its assessments. Recently it was brought to their attention that Gene VI was discovered to be widespread in GE crops. This apparently has serious implications for harm to both food and crops and poses problems not only for the public, but regulators. Concerns re: integrity related to this.

Regulators Discover a Hidden Viral Gene in Commercial GMO Crops.
<http://independentsciencenews.org/commentaries/regulators-discover-a-hidden-viral-gene-in-commercial-gmo-crops/>

With this kind of protocol, these are not risks that I believe should be taken by myself or the public without **MANDATORY TRUTH IN LABELING** of genetically engineered, ingredients.

8. I saw one biotech protocol set up to do a human study which to address

the interactive nature of unique gene expression, the assimilation of novel proteins, and impacts of metabolites at different stages of human development. One of their studies I saw was designed to test that, but it was **never tested**. Consumers would probably feel more trusting of GMO safety if there were human studies.

9. Concerns to label: Particularly at impact are babies., children, and immune compromised persons who cannot speak for themselves. While I have the choice to eat organic, that's not true for babies and children who have growing brains and babies.

A. FIRST STUDY SHOWS GMO Crossing through blood to fetus This shows GMOs are not limited to the digestive system.

Maternal and fetal exposure to pesticides associated to genetically modified foods in Eastern Townships of Quebec, Canada Journal of Toxicology, Aziz Aris and Samuel Leblanc, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Sherbrooke Hospital Centre, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada Clinical Research Centre of Sherbrooke University Hospital Centre, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada

Blood of thirty pregnant women (PW) and thirty-nine nonpregnant women (NPW) were studied. Serum GLYP and GLUF were detected in NPW and not detected in PW. Serum 3-MPPA and CryAb1 toxin were detected in PW, their fetuses and NPW. This is the first study to reveal the presence of circulating PAGMF in women with and without pregnancy, in reproductive toxicology including nutrition and utero-placental. GMOS and pesticide crossed through the fetal cord.

<http://somloquesembrem.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/arisleblanc2011.pdf>

B. GE baby formulas like Simalac has up 45% GE corn syrup and the introduction of further GE brings it up to 50% sugar--ingredients shows a disregard for the health of our species very early when immune systems are not well formed. Those are products that are recipe for diabetes in life and have not been recalled for the right reason-- recalled for beetles in the milk, not for the amount of sugar. <http://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls/ucm226885.htm> However they were!

My sadness is for the babies and children who have been exposed to genetic engineering foods in combinations that create unhealthy cumulative effects because of the way in which they are being formulated and marketed.

10. Aspartame, a GE sweetener is extremely controversial with multiple harms yet considered safe by the FDA and known to be addictive. This has been on and off the market. Recently it is being re-considered for open comment for FDA approval in flavoring milk.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/02/20/2013-03835/flavored-milk-petition-to-amend-the-standard-of-identity-for-milk-and-17-additional-dairy-products> <http://www.infowars.com/u-s-dairy-industry-petitions-fda-to-approve-aspartame-as-hidden-unlabeled-additive-in-milk-yogurt-eggnog-and-cream/>

11. rbGH in milk. I look at how genetic engineering bt or rbGH in milk for example interacts in the body—not just in the gut as an isolated organ. . Given these are toxins and antibiotics respectively and have the ability to create resistances and toxic burden interacting randomly in the body,

12. I don't assume because industry says it's safe that it fits the consumer's definition of safety. Industry studies consider safety a matter of risk/ benefit. Therefore, label it.

13. The definition of recognized as safe based on nutritional equivalency is pretty weak when you consider the cumulative effects of adding a number of GE ingredients together in loads that are considered toxic burden.

14. So why label just genetically engineered imports with this kind of proliferation of GMO substances out of control even at the FDA regulatory level? From a matter of consumer protection and health, whether the food is in state or imported, the issue is firstly whether labeling of genetically engineered foods and products meets reasonable informative truth in labeling requirements for health, safety, nutritional content, quality, and quantity.

15. RE: Imports. From an Ag standpoint, I imagine what matters is protecting the economic local industry. It's unlikely that companies will stop importing food here. Many industries change their labels and ingredients fairly frequently to accommodate and weigh what they send based on consumer demand in a free market.

16. Industry's argument that nutritional equivalency as conventional food as a means to say that GMOs are safe is flawed. What can we trust?

I went to Monsanto's Q & A on their website which states: "Why aren't you running human clinical trials on GM crops? Answer: Because existing food crops are recognized as safe, the logical starting point for safety assessment of

a GM food is to ask “what’s different?” Aspects of the GM crop which are the same as the non-GM counterpart do not require safety assessment.

Nutritional equivalency has nothing to do with safety. It simply means it provides similar nutrients . Other factors determine safety;

17. Trusting the gut brain. We have to be able to trust that what we are consuming is safe.. If not, this is a good reason to label. When in doubt, we have to go beyond just taste, smell, and texture and trust our instinctual gut brain. Quite frankly most people’s guts in the US don’t appear to be in great shape given 2/3 of Americans are overweight or obese.

I reserve the alienable right to know what I put in my body and want to maintain control over my own genetic makeup and lineage.

Me ka Pumehana,

Unmani Cynthia Groves

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I am testifying in testifying in support of HB 174, which will be heard on Thursday (3/21) at 9:00 a.m.

Aloha pumehana,
Beth McCormick

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I have needed for the last 20 years to read every label I buy from any store/outlet. I depend on knowing what is in my diet to keep me from extreme headaches (lasting up to 36 hrs.), sleeplessness, muscle aches, and sometimes accompanying nausea. By doing this over the years and excluding specific food groups, spices and herbs I have come to be able to lead a pretty normal life. GMO's are just another factor that I will need to factor in (and start from scratch to gather evidence for myself). For this reason I am asking that legislation be enacted to allow every consumer to be able to judge for themselves what they will or will not put in their bodies. Please support HB 174. Thank you,

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Comments: Please don't make the food more expensive. Make informed and science based decisions Mahalo

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Randall Figueroa

HB 174 HD2 , Relating to Food Labeling
Senate Committees on Agriculture, Health, and Commerce and Consumer Protection
March 21, 2013
Room 229, at 9:00 a.m.

Position: Opposed

Chairs Nishihara, Baker, and Green; Vice Chairs Kouchi and Galuteria; and Members of the Senate Committees on AGR, CPN, and HTH,

Aloha and anticipated Mahalo for taking in consideration my point of view.

Please be aware that people living on the island of Kauai have to take second or third jobs to sustain the family. I am a believer that this island is for everybody and not for rich people only. If you vote in favor of this bill that food price will cost more to the locals who are already dealing with the high cost of living.

There is no scientific information or indication from federal agencies like FDA, USDA, Health association or Department of Agriculture indicating that ingredients coming or genetically engineered food is different from organic food. In fact, organic food has been the focus of E. Coli <http://www.drugrecallattorneysblog.com/2013/02/organic-spinach-recalled-natio.html>. That bacteria has been known to be a terrible contaminant and does kill people if not treated on a timely manner and appropriately.

I do respect the choice of people and preference for organic food if they like it but for citizens who are living in the borderline this is not an option. IF you label it "organic" or GMO free that should be sufficient for individuals to make their choice.

Being said that we must do a better job educating people about the technology the farmers are using to comply with the food demand across the world. There is only 2% of farmers from the total population in North America. It is a great job what they are doing and in fact a much needed job. Without farmers we won't have food, if they are not successful we won't eat, if we push the labeling to the limit we will affect not only our local farmers and consumers but look further, we will affect the economy in USA and other farmers with this new compliance.

Some of the food producers might select not to ship their produce or products to Kauai! Looking at it from this perspective you will not only affect the price of food on the island but also could potentially take away options to our consumers by simply eliminating those food producers who are not going to comply with the label and simply will prefer to avoid Kauai.

Please think again about this labeling issue and help our consumers by doing the right thing. Please show our citizens that our politicians are making informed decisions and not only listening to a loud group of people that might be able to afford “organic” as a way of living and who don’t care about those who are really going to struggle with the increase in food cost on Kauai.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of science-based decision making.

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Dear Senate Committee Members:

Please pass this bill requiring labeling of imported GMO food and please do amend this bill to include food grown in Hawaii as well. Please recognize the rights of all citizens to know what they are eating and to make a more informed choice. GMOs benefit only the corporate agriculture by decreasing biodiversity (creating plants with sterile seeds!), increased use of herbicides, etc. The effects of eating these crops and now fish are unknown at best. Please do right by the people and pass this bill!!!

Mahalo!

Wendy

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Dear Senators,

I am unable to confirm if my submitted testimony - relating to HB174 - though the website was received. Therefore, I am attaching my testimony and hope to have the opportunity to appear before you tomorrow on the matter relating to HB174. Thank you.

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Dear Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.

I would like to register my opposition to House Bill 174.

I have worked for Monsanto for almost 25 years. During the course of that time, my employment with Monsanto has enabled my wife, Jeri, and I to raise our children - Michael, Lauren and Matthew - to be successful adult members of their communities. During these 25 years, we have lived in several states on the mainland. Recently, my wife and I had the opportunity to move to Hawaii and become residents of your great state. We have purchased a home and are becoming actively involved in our new community.

I mention all of this to bring a "face" to Monsanto. Monsanto is made up of wonderful, individual, talented, devoted and dedicated people. People like these folks behind me - not the evil company as we have been portrayed by some groups.

GMO is not an evil event that some groups claim it is. Monsanto has been working with GMOs for more than 20 years and if GMOs were such an evil thing, I feel very confident that our 20,000+ employees of Monsanto from the CEO on down to the technicians would not allow the business to continue with GMOs. They too, are just as concerned for their families as we all are.

In closing, I want to thank this committee, once again, for the opportunity to voice my opposition to HB174.

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Jessica Simmons	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Simmons	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ferron Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kent Bradford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to carefully consider mandating labeling of genetically engineered foods. This will achieve no useful purpose and will end up costing consumers. There is no scientific basis for specifically labeling these foods, and you will open the door to demands to label foods for all kinds of reasons at the whim of activist groups or market segments.

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Mike Holst	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melvin K Matsuda	Kahuku Farmers Inc	Oppose	No

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John Morgan	Kualoa Ranch	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is John Morgan and I am president of Kualoa Ranch. We oppose this bill. This bill is an example of well meaning individuals who take it upon themselves to be judge and jury over matters that they have no expertise in. There is no empirical evidence that GM foods are bad for you, and there are very large governmental orgaizations (i.e. FDA) whose primary job is to safeguard the public, and none of these organizations has made the call to promote or require madatory labeling of GM foods. Please do not let the noisy throng get in the way of proper legislation. Please oppose this bill.

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Brian Branca	Individual	Oppose	No

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keoni gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

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HB174 HD2

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By

Kealani Gangwes

University of Hilo Hawaii School of Nursing Student

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HB174 HD2 imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations. Our statement on this measure does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii Hilo.

I am testifying in support of this measure. I strongly support the initiative to label genetically engineered produce as we believe that all people have the right to know what they are consuming. There have been no long-term studies conducted to determine the effect of genetically modified foods on health. While new drugs have to undergo strict safety evaluation, these food items have none. Most food products accessible to the public is labeled with caloric and nutritional value information, which is utilized by many people for dietary purposes. I believe that the addition to these labels stating whether the food is genetically or non-genetically engineered would be beneficial to the public as a whole. As nursing students we learn to educate our patients and our community about nutrition and healthy lifestyles. I believe that all people should be supplied with appropriate knowledge in order to make informed decisions. Until more research can be done on genetically modified foods, there is value in to avoid the potential health risks.

I applaud the Legislature for its interest in this bill and protecting the rights of our local communities. I am in complete support of HB174 HD2 and the labeling of all genetically engineered produce.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Sincerely,

Kealani Gangwes

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Mike Striegel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cris Wunder	NewYork Agri Business Association	Oppose	No
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I strongly support HB 174 in favor of labeling all GMO produce brought into or sold in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Dr. Lucy Miller
Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii
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Tony Eickman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Weston Rathje	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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As a resident of Hawaii, I oppose the passing of HB 174. Legislation such as this is targeted to prevent individuals and companies, such as the one that supports the well being of my family and thousands of others here in Hawaii, to market their products in an equal marketplace where both products provide the same nourishment and health effects. There is no sound scientific data that supports any negligible effects from GMO's and this bill instead creates a government that becomes involved in consumer demand. I say let the markets determine who succeeds and let government worry about the safety, education, and well being of its citizens. This is a matter where there are no health concerns but mere inaccurate perception and uneducated knowledge of the science behind the production of these goods. This bill would instead infringe upon the right of those who sell these products as prevent them from competing in an equal market. In closing I would like to communicate my opposition to this bill.

Thank you for reading my testimony,

Weston Rathje

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Elias hayes	Individual	Support	No

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Judith Epperson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Labeling on all GMO products is important to all who care about what our food contains and how it was grown. The excuse for not labeling is that it would cost too much, not a good excuse, our health is more important than any other consideration. Profit is a wrong motive when it comes to the health and well being of all people.

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Please support and pass this bill requiring labeling of GMO products in HI.

People buying food should have the right to know what is in their food.

GMO technology has not been proven safe and any such serious change to our food supply should at least provide for consumer awareness.

thank you

Ray Dittman

Pahoa, HI

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Rick Steuben	Individual	Oppose	No

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Morey Hill	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ward Van Dyke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Tobin	Kentucky Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Momi Matsuda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Casterton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vote no on this bill!

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Lance Tarochione	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dale Anson	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Gaulding	Individual	Oppose	No

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Clyde Fukuyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Clyde Fukuyama of Matsuda-Fukuyama Farms, Inc. I strongly oppose HB 174. I am a papaya farmer on the island of Oahu and have been farming for over thirty years. Papaya has been one of our major crops we always grow. Without the research and development of the Rainbow papaya(GMO) papaya, we would not be in business today. The FDA, EPA, and USDA have all approved the genetically modified Rainbow papaya. It is safe fruit to eat and all our family, friends, and customers enjoy the papaya. I feel it is unfair for us to have to label the fruit knowing it is no different from other hybrids or papaya varieties. I humbly ask for your support to oppose HB 174. Respectfully submitted. Clyde Fukuyama

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Russel Glade	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steve McGrew	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Frazee	Individual	Oppose	No
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Testimony for AGL/CPN/HTH on Mar 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Recker	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Nolte	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gretchen cares	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the labeling of our foods. My first choice would be to BAN all gmos from our country, but we will be working in that. And one day it will happen. Gmo foods make people and animals sick and infertile. It is the single handed most evil thing that anyone could ever do to people, hide pesticides that change our DNA in our food supply! Monsanto is also poisoning our land and destroying our environment! The bees don't lie!! 70% have died off recently since gm crops have been around! What will we do when theyre gone?? It's all down hill from there! Please don't help in this catastrophic depletion of our natural world! Thank you, Gretchen cares kailua-kona

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Mark Vosseller	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Brian Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

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Name Hoshino	Individual	Support	No

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Nameaaea Hoshino
HB 174

I'm a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Hawaiian Studies. My focus is Mālama 'Āina. I am testifying in support HB174 relating to food labeling. Food labeling gives an opportunity to know what the people in Hawaii Nei is eating and have an awareness on what is being imported from the United States. The concerns that I see today many of our foods are being imported from the United States in which causes difficulties if the foods contains Genetic Modify Organism (GMO). For me, I am a fifth generation kalo farmer in Lahaina, Maui. I try to teach my 'ohana and friends about being more sustainable and hopefully the practices til can be passed down to the next generation. For my closing statement this place is very precious to us if we continue to rely on United States to provide food and not labeling them I feel this place will be in jeopardy because we failed to learn the practices of our kūpuna i hala.

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Yael Claussen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Yes, I do work in the seed industry and yes, I do not want to lose my job. That clarified, perhaps being one who works in the field, with a degree in sustainable agriculture, with years of understanding and experience should not discredit my testimony. The people of Hawaii have a right to know if their food is safe. That's why we have agencies of experts who study these topics for years to make these decisions. The masses that subscribe to any hype or fear-driven facebook posts should not be the ones creating legislature nor deciding in their minds if food has passed safety testing. More importantly, any food labeling specific to the state of Hawaii is going to restrict our imports, opportunities and financial health. Hawaii is not a big enough state to make producers change their labels. They simply won't export here. "GMO" has become demonized in Hawaii as many have jumped on the bandwagon. Let the labelling come from Washington, so a few in Hawaii won't destroy choices for the rest of us.

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Ron Claussen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chyan LaPlant	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Erin M Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Greif	Individual	Oppose	No

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Name Hoshino	Individual	Support	No

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Steven R Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Name Hoshino	Individual	Support	No

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Tyler Helgen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Judith Rivera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't pass this bill. Do not contribute to increase the cost of living on Kauai. There is people with no options, label it Organic and provide those with that high food cost life style the option to select their choice. There is no scientific background that indicates that genetically modified food is different from organic food or harmful.

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Judith Rivera

HB 174 HD2 , Relating to Food Labeling
Senate Committees on Agriculture, Health, and Commerce and Consumer Protection
March 21, 2013
Room 229, at 9:00 a.m.

Position: Opposed

Chairs Nishihara, Baker, and Green; Vice Chairs Kouchi and Galuteria; and Members of the Senate Committees on AGR, CPN, and HTH,

Aloha all,

It is well known that the federal agencies placed big efforts and extensive research has been done related to the food labeling issue. Within more than 30 years of research there is no reliable data indicating that genetically modified crops are affecting people or animals.

In the products on the shelves of the supermarket there is at least one ingredient from the total ingredients used that will be coming from genetically modified crops. Being the food industry a business, we shall look at the options citizens have to select their food and their lifestyles. If a group of people prefer organic food then label it "organic" and that way consumers will have the choice of selecting this option and to pay for the elevated price of this option as well. There is no scientific information or background showing that organic is better than regular food. Organic products represent a niche in the business environment and are not the solution to all the health conditions people have due to their bad diet habits.

As individuals and humans, we do not have the right to take away the option of North Americans to buy food at a reasonable price. If you vote in favor of labeling the domino effect of cost distribution of labeling will contribute to increase the cost of food at the supermarket in Hawaii. Those who can pay elevated cost or select their life styles can do that, but the ones who have to choose buying food or purchasing Christmas gift for the kids don't have other option.

It is well know that a big portion of people on the island of Kauai need complimentary jobs to fulfill basic needs of their families. The housing cost is extremely high causing families to clump together in small cottages. Now if your vote is in favor of a special food labeling requirement for Hawaii, you will contribute to the misfortune of those who have no other choice but to survive to the terrible economy and high cost of Kauai. Please, don't do this to the people and stay away from causing this misfortune. Remember that you will be accountable for your contribution to making more expensive the cost of living to the people of Kauai just by listening to rumors or to loud people who are lacking scientific data.

I kindly ask you to evaluate this situation closer and to find information from credible sources before acting in favor of this Bill. Please don't do this to your people; they trust you and you should make the right decision by not voting in favor of this Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of science-based decision making.

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Sue Madsen	Individual	Oppose	No

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I'm writing to submit my support for HB 174 requiring the labeling of GMO foods in Hawaii. I support, along with a majority of Americans, the right to know what is in my food.

There is strong evidence pointing to GMOs as a source of serious health problems in animals and humans as well as the environment. While research into this will undoubtedly continue in the US, many countries in the developed world are already requiring labeling of these foods yet. Meanwhile, we in the United States are still fighting to have a choice whether or not to knowingly eat them.

If GMO foods are so desirable, why not label them so that people who want GMO foods can be assured to get them? And those who don't can choose something else.

Respectfully,
Mary Kuentz

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Kimberley Helgen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dave Skubal	Individual	Oppose	No

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Margaret Blyth	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Halverson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Bowman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Benjamin Mercier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am against GMO foods and the negative impact it has on our environment and people of Hawaii and anywhere else. If GMO foods continue, they need to be labeled so we the people can make a choice to not eat it and not support GMO food. It is our constitutional right to be able to choose what we eat.

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Tom Harrington	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Safeer Hassan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keone Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: overwhelming scientific evidence on the safety of GMO crops by scientific authorities have all concluded that eating GMO food is just as risk as eating conventionally or organically grown crops. Would you care for a slice of papaya?

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Stewart Melvin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kodi Fietsam	Individual	Oppose	No

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Don Christoffersen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Gutierrez	Times Supermarkets	Oppose	No

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Thursday, March 21, 2013

Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senate Committee on Health

Re: HB 174, HD2, Relating to Food Labeling

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green, Vice Chair Kouchi, Vice Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Committees,

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill 174, House Draft 2, and respectfully submit the following comments in opposition to the bill. Times Supermarket is based on Oahu and operates 26 stores with locations on Maui, Kauai and Oahu.

HB 174, HD2, imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce, authorizes the labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of actions to enjoin violations.

While Times and Big Save support the intent of the measure to heighten the level of consumer information, HB 174, HD2, presents serious legal and procedural concerns. We would ask that the Legislature refrain from taking any immediate action on this measure and instead work with constituents and stakeholders to develop a more palatable solution.

HB 174, HD2, has severe implications for Hawaii's businesses and consumers. Legislation of this scope should be closely vetted to ensure feasibility before being implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Bob Gutierrez
Director of Government Affairs, Times Supermarket

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All foods, and all whole foods need to be labeled, not just foods coming from the mainland. People deserve the right to know what they are eating. Food forms the foundation of human health. There is a health crisis in America today, as 70% of adults and 33% of children are overweight or obese. According to the CDC, 1/3 of all children today will become diabetic in their lifetime. These children are beginning to experience adult diseases of hypertension, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and joint diseases. According to the Surgeon General, children today are expected to live 10-20 years less than their parents. We in in the midst of a health care crisis. We must be able to accurately know what we are eating. A current peer-reviewed study from the Journal of Clinical Epigenetics links high fructose corn syrup (HFCS)with blocked mineral uptake for brain development in young children. The number of children ages 6-21 in the US receiving special education services under the autism disability category increased 91% between 2005 and 2010. Most if not all HFCS is genetically engineered, although NOT a whole food, parents and adults deserve to know that type of information also. The future of our health and our children's health and academic achievement depends on transparency, and knowledge about the current US food system.

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Roger D Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill needs ALOT more study. The politically correct is often short sided.

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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I am testifying in support of HB 174 which will be heard on Thursday 3/21 at 9:00 am.

I do not want to eat any GMO food. So, I think it is critical that any GMO produce must be identified as such. That way I can make my own choice. Major countries around the world already require mandatory labeling of GMO products. We are behind Europe, Japan, Russia and many other nations on this.

Mahalo,
Denise Ulrich

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Kevin Jurgens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jay Lynch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Dickey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Moreno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want the right to know exactly what I'm putting into my body. I do not want to have to eat GMO food. I know from recent experience that these processed foods are not good for me. I had to have surgery removing 10 inches of my colon due to processed and GMO food. Please, our food must be labeled.

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Jeffrey	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Amara Karuna [amara@mindspring.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 2:23 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: support HB174, HD2 Relating to Food Labeling

Dear Senators,
Please support the HB174, HD2 Relating to Food Labeling bill. It is very important to me to know what I am eating. I deserve to know.
thank you, Amara Karuna

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Amara Wahaba Karuna
PO Box 1430
Pahoa, HI 96778
808-982-6755 home
amara@mindspring.com

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for info on trainings and services
Also <http://www.karunaarts.com>
for prayer flags, art and Goddess clothing
Also <http://www.karunapublishing.com>
for inspirational music, books,

children's books

And <http://www.heartbeatnurturing.com>
for info on Healing our Hearts together

"There are only two ways to live your life:
as though nothing is a miracle, or as though everything is a miracle."
--Albert Einstein

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lynn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: BT corn which is just one type of GMO kills insects by exploding their stomachs. Imagine what it's doing to people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mike stenzel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I vote NO to this amendment

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Attachments: GMO.pdf; 13-039 Baisa.pdf; GMO Reso 12-095_201209261452240917.pdf

Aloha,

I, Council Member Elle Cochran, am submitting the attached testimony as an individual in STRONG SUPPORT of HB174. Unfortunately, I am unable to be present at tomorrow's hearing.

Please find the enclosed attachments.

Mahalo,
Elle Cochran

Resolution

No. 12-95

APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2013 HAWAII
STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE
PACKAGE A STATE BILL REQUIRING THE
LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD
PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the growth of genetically engineered food production has been swift and pervasive throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the long-term effects of consuming genetically engineered foods are unclear, and without mandatory labeling requirements of these foods consumers may unknowingly be putting their health at risk; and

WHEREAS, consumers should have the right to know what is in food available for sale so that they can make informed choices; and

WHEREAS, enactment of State legislation requiring the labeling of genetically engineered food products would meet the demand of Hawaii's residents for informed choices concerning the foods they consume; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the proposed State bill, attached as Exhibit "A", to require the labeling of genetically engineered food products sold in the State, is approved for inclusion in the 2013 Hawaii State Association of Counties ("HSAC") Legislative Package; and
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the HSAC Executive Committee.

Exhibit “A”

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§328- Genetically engineered material; labeling
5 requirement. (a) Beginning January 1, 2014, no food or raw
6 agricultural commodity shall be sold in the State if it contains
7 a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a
8 genetically engineered material, unless it bears a label that
9 provides the following disclosure notice in bold-face print and
10 not less than ten-point type:

11 "THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MATERIAL,
12 OR WAS PRODUCED WITH A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MATERIAL."

13 (b) A food shall be considered to have been produced with
14 a genetically engineered material if:

15 (1) The organism from which the food is derived has been
16 injected or otherwise treated with a genetically
17 engineered material (except that the use of manure as

____.B. NO. _____

1 a fertilizer for raw agricultural commodities may not
2 be construed to mean that those commodities are
3 produced with a genetically engineered material);

4 (2) The animal from which the food is derived has been fed
5 genetically engineered material; or

6 (3) The food contains an ingredient that is a food to
7 which paragraph (1) or (2) applies.

8 (c) For the purposes of this section:

9 "Genetically engineered material" means material derived
10 from any part of a genetically engineered organism, without
11 regard to whether the altered molecular or cellular
12 characteristics of the organism are detectable in the material.

13 "Genetically engineered organism" means:

14 (1) An organism that has been altered at the molecular or
15 cellular level by means that are not possible under
16 natural conditions or processes (including recombinant
17 deoxyribonucleic acid and ribonucleic acid techniques,
18 cell fusion, microencapsulation, macroencapsulation,
19 gene deletion and doubling, introducing a foreign
20 gene, and changing the positions of genes), other than
21 a means consisting exclusively of breeding,

___ .B. NO. ___

1 conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro
2 fertilization, tissue culture, or mutagenesis; or

3 (2) An organism made through sexual or asexual
4 reproduction, or both, involving an organism described
5 in paragraph (1), if possessing any of the altered
6 molecular or cellular characteristics of the organism
7 so described.

8 (d) This section shall not apply to food that is:

9 (1) Served in restaurants or other establishments in which
10 food is served for immediate human consumption;

11 (2) Processed and prepared primarily in a retail
12 establishment and is ready for human consumption, of
13 the type described in paragraph (1), and is offered
14 for sale to consumers but not for immediate human
15 consumption in the establishment and is not offered
16 for sale outside the establishment; or

17 (3) A medical food as defined in section 346-67.

18 (e) A violation of any provision of this section, or any
19 rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, shall be punishable by a
20 fine of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

21 (f) The director of health shall adopt rules, pursuant to
22 chapter 91, necessary for the purposes of this section,

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1 including rules for the testing of foods to determine the
2 presence and content of genetically engineered material."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

5

6 INTRODUCED BY: _____

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is **HEREBY CERTIFIED** that **RESOLUTION NO. 12-95** was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 21st day of September, 2012, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Dennis A. MATEO Chair	Joseph PONTANILLA Vice-Chair	Gladys C. BAISA	Robert CARROLL	Eleanora COCHRAN	Donald G. COUCH, JR.	G. Riki HOKAMA	Michael P. VICTORINO	Michael B. WHITE
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused



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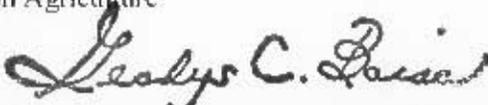


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February 1, 2013

TO: The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 174,
RELATING TO FOOD LABELING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is require labeling of any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State if it contains or was produced with a genetically engineered material.

This measure is in the Maui County's Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Maui County Council.

The County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. The growth of genetically engineered food production has been swift and pervasive throughout the nation. The long-term effects of consuming genetically engineered foods are unclear, and without mandatory labeling requirements of these foods consumers may unknowingly be putting their health at risk.
2. Consumers should have the right to know what is in food available for sale so that they can make informed choices.
3. Enactment of State legislation requiring the labeling of genetically engineered food products would meet the demand of Hawaii's residents for informed choices concerning the foods they consume.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council supports this measure.

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March 20, 2013

TO: Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Agriculture

Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Committee on Health

FROM: Elle Cochran
Council Member

Handwritten signature of Elle Cochran in cursive.

DATE: 3/20/13

SUBJECT: **IN SUPPORT OF HB 174, HD2, RELATING TO RELATING TO FOOD LABELING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in *support* for this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to impose labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations. I strongly support this measure for the following reasons:

As a public servant it is my duty to listen to, and to meet the needs of the residents of Maui County. It is clear from the outpouring of requests from both the residents of Maui County and from all of the other Counties in the State of Hawaii, that consumers demand to have the right to choose what food they purchase and feed to their families; GMO labeling provides this consumer choice.

For this reason, during the past two consecutive years, I have introduced legislation for inclusion in the HSAC package, as well as, the Maui County Package, which would allow consumers to have the right to know what is in the food that they purchase, so that they can make informed choices for their loved ones. The Maui County Council passed the Resolution for inclusion in the HSAC package both times, along with every other County in the State of Hawaii, only to have Oahu single handedly kill the legislation both years in a row.

The frustration of our constituency in the State of Hawaii has come to a head. *Many* private residents have worked countless hours and taken their own personal time to let public officials know their wishes, which have now understandably so, turned into demands. It would be such a breath of fresh

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air to know that the voters are being heard and honored by *all* of their government officials and that we can all work together in our capacity as *public* servants to actually serve the *public*, and not private business entities operating within the State.

I wait with baited breath that this bill continues its forward momentum through the Senate, as it has in the House. Although the bill in its current form has been watered down greatly, it is a start that I think many GMO labeling supporters can be happy with, for now.

I have attached previously submitted testimony from our Council Chair Baisa, as well as, the Resolution that was supported unanimously by the Maui County Council, to show that the concept of GMO labeling is supported in Maui County. Please take this under consideration during your decision making.

I thank you humbly and kindly for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Reinheimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have a right to know if GMOs are in our food. What is the opposition afraid of? That customers, given a choice, will support non-GMO food? What is wrong with letting the marketplace work?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helena Orris	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose this bill on behalf of my family and myself.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ka'imi Nicholson	Aloha Light Team	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha dear Legislators, I am a member of the Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu & a founding member of the Aloha Light Team. I support GMO labeling, transparency & our freedom of choice. My health depends upon eating pure food that doesn't have GMOs. I am concerned that, despite their claims, agribusiness has developed patented GMOs for the purpose of increasing their power & control, not for the well-being of consumers. For example, in 2007, "attorneys general in Iowa, Texas and other states initiated an inquiry into Monsanto's confidential licensing agreements. "Monsanto has used its power to raise prices and retain control over genetics at the public's expense," says Neil Harl, agricultural economist at Iowa State University who has studied the seed industry and antitrust law for decades and consulted with the Iowa attorney general's office during the state investigation. These are the contracts that must be signed by any seed company wishing to insert Monsanto's genes into its own strains of soybean and corn plants. State officials uncovered agreements that, in one form or another, required seed breeders and retailers to favor Monsanto over its competitors. One provision, for example, prohibited seed companies from combining Monsanto's genetic traits with the traits controlled by its rivals, unless given explicit written permission from Monsanto. Since the vast majority of U.S. corn and soybean crops contain Monsanto's genes, the company could effectively lock out competitors." I am also concerned that the FDA cannot be trusted because the FDA is run by agribusiness. For example, Michael R. Taylor is the current Deputy Commissioner for Foods. From 1998 through 2001, he was the Vice President for Public Policy at Monsanto. With many agribusiness people in the FDA, oversight and regulation protecting human health and the environment has been prevented. For example, Monsanto said that the pesticide toxins they genetically engineered into their crops would never affect the food supply or affect humans. The US FDA never required testing of Monsanto's claim. ~In 2011, A Canadian study that found insecticide toxins from GMO crops in 93% of samples of blood from pregnant women and in 80% of the umbilical cords tested. [~May 2011 Journal of Reproductive Toxicology] This is not a small issue, now that between 75 and 80% of all processed foods on our grocery shelves contain GMOs, with no labeling to warn us of this. We have a choice to support those who spend billions to protect their private interests to make more money & have more power, at the expense of the needs of nature & people. Or we can support transparency, accountability, & the health of our aina & our people. Thank you for standing for health & freedom. me ke aloha, Rev. Ka'imi Nicholson References: Monsanto Squeezes Out Seed Business Competition, Associated Press Investigation Finds CHRISTOPHER LEONARD 12/13/09 01:45 PM ET FRIDAY,

MAR 15, 2013 03:37 AM HST How Monsanto outfoxed the Obama administration The inside story of how the government let one company squash biotech innovation, and dominate an entire industry BY LINA KHAN

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Jesus madrado		Oppose	No

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caleb green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend HB174 to include local produce.

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Caron Ling	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators, As a consumer and lifelong Hawaii resident (Hawaii Kai, Makiki, Aiea) I respectfully ask that you support this measure and vote it into law. I want to know what is in the food my family and I are eating and I believe the scientific uncertainty is already in the literature. The burden of proof is on the biotech companies and we should not be the guinea pigs for weak regulatory oversight. I do not have faith in the FDA as they have not shown consistently to hold consumer interests and science above all. I strongly feel Hawaii can and should lead on this issue and not wait for federal labeling. Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony. Caron Ling

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Joel W. Hoegh	Individual	Oppose	No

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Krista Marsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If this bill passes it will harm business and force food prices nationwide to go up! Please don't give in to the extremist groups! Stand up for low prices and freedom to operate for businesses.

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Karla backhoff	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lawrence Cain	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This would have far reaching negative effects on agriculture well beyond Hawaii's borders! This is bad legislation!

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Linda Tucker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Trautman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Landon Patoc	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roy Plagge	Individual	Oppose	No

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Karol King	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sherry Menor-McNamara	The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii	Oppose	Yes
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**Testimony to the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Commerce and
Consumer Protection and Health
Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

RE: HB 174 HD 2 Relating to Food Labeling

Chairs Nishihara, Baker and Green, Vice Chairs Kouchi, Galuteria and Baker, and members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii **opposes** HB 174 HD 2 Relating to Food Labeling.

This would be another additional cost on businesses and consumers. Also the administrative burden and costs to differentiate and research food material would be great. We also have concerns that this bill may be unconstitutional and violate interstate commerce.

The Chamber understands consumer information is important. We believe that jurisdiction for these matters are generally handled by the Food and Drug Administration and are in line with generally accepted scientific principles. The American Medical Association (AMA), World Health Organization, National Academy of Sciences, and the European Union have thoroughly examined the evidence and found that consuming genetically engineered foods are no riskier than consuming conventionally grown foods.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the “Voice of Business” in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state’s economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

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william kerkman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elaine Nakayama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark ogden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin Ring	Individual	Oppose	No

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Damon Parrillo	Oversized Productions	Support	No

Comments: I am Highly in support of this Bill and our food Freedom I feel it is of prime importance that the public be Informed of their good choices Mahalo

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Robert Zahnley	Individual	Oppose	No

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Thursday March 21, 2013 9:00 a.m. Room 229

HB 174 HD 2 Relating to Food Labeling

Imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations.

Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green, Vice Chairs and Members of the Committees:

My name is Halina Zaleski, and I **Strongly Oppose** HB 174 HD 2.

This bill does not make good sense in that:

1. It attempts to distinguish between genetic changes that can and can not occur naturally, whereas new scientific studies are discovering that genetic material and genes (eg jumping genes, retroviral genes) have in fact moved naturally from species to species.
2. It distinguishes between genetically engineered fruits and vegetables and other genetically engineered foods, such as canola or alfalfa, without any basis for doing so.
3. It distinguishes between genetically engineered fruits and vegetables grown in Hawaii and genetically engineered fruits and vegetables grown elsewhere, without any basis for doing so.
4. It conflicts with the recommendations of USDA, FDA, and EPA based on the best available science.

Furthermore, the success of organic foods has shown that voluntary labeling is very effective in allowing consumers to choose products meeting whatever specifications they desire. The FDA provides guidelines for such voluntary labeling related to GM foods. This is a very positive approach to promoting products, which avoids the pitfalls noted in the current bill.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on this very important issue.

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Marlin J. Wyllie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: Allan Samuelson [jiwi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 2:02 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Sirs,

We are what we eat and we deserve to know what we are eating -- especially so in this day where nutritional analytics are in the forefront. That certainly includes GMO Labeling of produce imported into this state.

At this time, we are concerned about all GMO agricultural products because this involves a technology that is still in its infancy. After all, 63 countries including NZ have adopted GMO labeling, so why not us?

Thus we support HB 174.

Sincerely,

Allan & Shirley Samuelson
47-795 Ahuimanu Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Austin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill and all its manifestations. This is an important industry in the State. All GMO food is heavily tested before being released, this runs counter to interstate commerce, and violates the first ammendment.

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Kristen Ma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: "Labeling" sounds like a neutral measure, but in fact a labeling mandate has costs that push it far from neutral. We already have voluntary labeling. A labeling mandate would force consumers to bear the cost of additional labels that they haven't expressed a willingness to pay for, through the current free market system. Furthermore, instead of re-designing their labels to comply with a Hawai'i-specific label requirement, companies may opt not to send their products here for sale at all, a move that would decrease product choice for Hawai'i consumers. And finally, as an eight-year Kaua'i resident, I already pay a high price for food, and see no reason that food should be made even more expensive by a labeling mandate. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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Walter Koenig	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Lamoyne Buser	Individual	Oppose	No

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Austin minor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The passing of this bill would disrupt the livelihood of millions of Americans involved with agriculture.

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Jeff Day	Individual	Oppose	No

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mike deycaza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I like to shop at an ethnic grocery and I would love to know if the tortillas are GMO corn or not.

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Gail Greenman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Yoder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank Egan	Individual	Support	No

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Lorna Kahl	Tribute Legacy Farms LLC	Oppose	No

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From: Susan Reghi [reghis001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:51 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Aloha,

I am writing in support of HB 174. I believe any product that has any type of GMO ingredients in it should be labeled. I feel that I should have the right to know what's in my food so I can make an informed decision about what to put in my body. If GMO is as okay as they say it is, why not put it on the label? If it's not as good as they say, let me know what it's in so I can stay away from it.

Mahalo,
Susan Kelsey

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rivka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My daughter and grand daughter live in Honolulu and I am deeply concerned about the long term effects of GMOs. I think the citizens have a right to know what they are eating, to make a choice. I see no logic for not labeling. Products are obligated to list their ingredients, medications has to list side effects. I don't understand how come then GMOs are not labelled.

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Ronald H. Yasuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to know what is in the food I am eating. Labeling food which have GMO is one way of helping me make a decision whether to eat that food or not.

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kainui	Individual	Oppose	No

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Manuel Cunha, Jr.	Nisei Farmers League	Oppose	No
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Comments: As President of the Nisei Farmers League, which represents more than 1,100 growers, packers, processors, and their employees, I am deeply opposed to HB 174, which will no doubt create more paperwork and open up the possibility of frivolous lawsuits for small growers. Please vote no on this bill.

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Wayne Koehler	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Cindy Lance [cindylouwho@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:48 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I want to know what's in the food I eat and I believe it's my right to know! Please pass HB 174. It's the fair and decent thing to do.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lance
808-988-4408

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Mike Hawbaker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The requirement to label products from a genetically modified crop makes a false or negative assumption that a genetically engineered crop is somehow inferior to conventional or organic crops. Federal research and regulatory agencies have conducted years of studies that show no health or safety concerns that would call for the labeling of food from genetically modified crops. Quite the contrary, this research has found crops currently available from biotechnology to be as safe as those produced via other, more conventional, methods. This same conclusion has been reached by the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the British Royal Society, and every other respected organization that has examined the evidence. Mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food products will have an impact on our economy. Economic studies performed by University of California, Davis researchers on a similar food labeling measure, California's Proposition 37, show that labeling requirements: • Impose additional costs on local food processors to meet the requirements • Result in higher price tags on food, because manufactures and retailers could be forced to change the methods used to produce them, either by switching to non-GE products for certain crops or by forcing separate processing, labeling, packaging, recordkeeping, and distribution channels for the state. • Place an increased burden of higher grocery costs on consumers, especially the poor who spend a larger share of their income on food. Voluntary labeling and consumer choice is already available. Mandatory labeling is an attempt to discredit a scientifically sound method of food production and will negatively affect the consumer.

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Steve Frischknecht	Individual	Oppose	No

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Curt Zingula	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris	Individual	Support	No

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I am 25 years old and a proud member of the community here on Kauai. Lately there has been a rise in concern and awareness regarding companies Syngenta, Dupont, and Monsanto and their agricultural practices. I never really agreed with the practices that said companies partake in, but this state of concern/awareness has led me to further educate myself and let me tell you, I couldn't be more sad and angry. With that being said I would like to ask you to please vote YES on HB174 relating to the labeling of genetically engineered food. It is absurd that this is not already a country wide law, but I'm proud that in light of the consciousness of the state of Hawaii it is even considered. Whether you agree or disagree with the practices of creating genetically engineering food, it is important to acknowledge our RIGHT to know what is in our food. You owe it to the people of Hawaii to support this bill.

Thank you and Aloha,
Chris White-Root

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Janna Bills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Why are they so opposed to labeling what they are doing to the food? I imagine that what ever it is that they are doing is not good :)

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RE: HB174 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.

Report Title: Genetically Engineered Organisms; Produce; Labeling; Import

Current Referral: AGL/CPN/HTH, WAM

It is such a shame that the this topic is even a concern for the general well being of the people. We SHOULD know what ingredients AND MODIFICATIONS ARE BEING DONE TO THE FOOD we are buying from our markets. WE also have the choice to eat those FOODS or not eat those FOODS once we know WHAT they are and how harmful they are to our well being. WHY IS THE LEGISLATURE MORE CONCERNED WITH PROTECTING THE CORPORATION'S RIGHT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IF IT IS A BUSINESS THAT IS POISONING THE PEOPLE. WHAT ABOUT PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS AS THE PEOPLE TO BE EDUCATED, CHOOSE & THRIVE. IT IS ABOUT HOLDING THESE CORPORATIONS TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAT IN RETUN PROTECTS THE PEOPLE AND PROTECTS THE LAND.

We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways.

- 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174.**
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- 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.**

The AG's office has raised three main concerns around the current wording of the HB274 HD2. For a detailed response to these concerns, please refer to the Memo by Paul Achitoff.

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Bill Burke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ashlee Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Langan	Individual	Support	No

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From: Terry Shintani [drshintani@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:33 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Dear Honorable members of the Hawaii State Senate and House

I am in support of HB 174 in favor of labeling of GMO foods.

<http://www.aemonline.org/gmopost.html>

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Tia Pearson [tia.pearson@gmail.com]
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I have the right to know what I am eating. Since gmo's are considered safe, then there is no worry that I know what is in my food.

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Austin Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Craig Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Holden Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Heather Hankey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Ellen Caldwell	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Stephenson	Molokai Chamber of Commerce	Oppose	No

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March 21, 2013

**SENATE JOINT HEARING
COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Thursday, March 21, 2013, 9:00am-11:00am
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

**Testimony OPPOSING HB 174 HD2
Relating to Food Labeling**

Aloha Chairs Nishihara, Baker and Green, Vice Chairs Kouchi, Galuteria and Baker and Respected Committee Members,

As a representative organization of the neighbor-island of Molokai, we are respectfully submitting testimony in opposition of HB 174 HD2. We would also like to clarify any misunderstanding that may arise from other testimony attributed to the people of Molokai on the above measure. The Molokai Chamber of Commerce, which represents dozens of businesses that employ hundreds of people, that provide for their families, stands in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB 174 HD2.

We humbly ask you to consider the following:

- How can the State of Hawaii mandate labeling of imported genetically engineered produce and not require it of our own agricultural producers if it truly is meant to inform the consumer?
- How would this measure affect the distribution of our agricultural products on the U.S. Mainland if we make it more difficult for mainland farmers to distribute their produce in Hawaii?
- What will be the cost to Hawaii taxpayers of implementation and enforcement of this unnecessary measure?
- What will be the increased cost of offshore produce to Hawaii residents and families as the increased financial burden of compliance to offshore agricultural producers inevitably gets passed on to the consumer?
- What will be the exponential cost increase to the neighbor islands as a result of this measure due to the additional leg of shipping and increased levels of interisland shipping compliance?
- There is no scientific evidence to warrant the labeling of any genetically engineered food – imported or otherwise. How can this possibly be good legislation?
- Is the intent of this proposed resolution to sincerely inform and protect the public or to simply pay deference to an extreme ideology and it's followers?
- This measure would open up the possibility of infinite frivolous lawsuits based solely upon an ideology. What would be the cost, financial and otherwise, of overwhelming our justice system when there are more pressing items that must be adjudicated to ensure the safety and orderly conduct of the people of Hawaii?
- Is this measure constitutional and lawful and is the State of Hawaii placing itself in an untenable position should this measure become law?

We humbly ask that you hold HB 174 HD2.

Sincerely,

Robert Stephenson, President & CEO

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G. Eichelberger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Borcherding	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronald J De Jong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Todd Van Dyke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kathy Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thomas Helscher	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Steven Cup Choy [scupchoy1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:33 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: HB 174 HD2

I ask you to pass this bill. The public should have a right to know what they are putting in there body. I'm surprised full disclosure has not been passed along time ago.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Cup Choy
(808)864-6721

Sent from my iPad

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Michal F. Stover [mfsleh@yahoo.com]
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Aloha,

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Jeff Chown	Individual	Oppose	No

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Having lived in many different places, before returning home to live in Hawaii, I have seen, first hand, how just about every other modern, industrialized country on earth already requires the labeling of GMO food products. This is such a well established fact everywhere else, that this whole issue is a no brainer. This country was founded upon the ideals of individual liberty and freedom of choice. What I would ask you all to consider, is how you think individual liberty is protected by allowing corporations to block the labeling of such foods? How is freedom of choice protected by keeping the population *ignorant of the facts* and options open to them?

Local consumers, whom the state legislature has been elected to look out for, do not currently have the ability to make an informed choice about what they put into their bodies. This is a significant issue. What could be more fundamental or harmful to one's well-being, than to ingest food that is tainted with ingredients they would never purchase if they knew what they were getting? Whether or not GMO's ultimately are proven to be harmful or beneficial, the fact of the matter is that we as US citizens have the right to make informed decisions. You are the body entrusted to protect these rights on behalf of the rest of us. No one is asking to have GMOs removed from the food supply entirely. What we are asking in this bill, is just to have access to the facts. That is it. What possible harm could it cause to label GMO products appropriately? The fact that the GMO industry is fighting this bill, shows that they ultimately do not care about the end consumer. Anyone who cares about the person in the supermarket, would be in favor of putting as much information on food labels as possible, so that we can make informed choices. Food labels are already required to list fats, cholesterol, etc. What would be the harm in extending this list to include GMOs?

We as voters are counting you to protect us from this danger. This bill, will eventually be passed. That's without question. Things this fundamental to human health and well-being cannot be put off forever, however well connected these GMO companies are. The only question is whether the legislature of Hawaii wants to lead the way in this effort to increase informed choice, or follow the lead of the mainland (and the rest of the world) yet again. The time to lead the way is now! Please vote in favor of HB174 HD2, so that consumers will be able to decide for themselves what to put into their bodies, rather than having some nameless, faceless corporation that only cares about profits make this decision for us.

Thank you for your time,

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Daniel Hartwig	Nisei Farmers League	Oppose	No

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Landon Van Dyke	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture/Senate Committee on
Commerce and Consumer Protection/ Senate Committee on Health**

**To: Honorables Chair Senator Nishihara, Chair Senator Baker, Chair Senator
Green and committee members**

Re: Bill HB174 HD 2 Labeling: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT with
AMENDMENTS for labeling of BOTH local and imported produce

From: Hector Valenzuela, Mililani
Hector Valenzuela
94-1070 Anania Cr. No. 107
Mililani, Hawaii 96789
808-625-1277

This testimony is in STRONG SUPPORT of labeling bill HB HB174 HD 2,
requesting with AMENDMENTS for labeling of BOTH local and imported
produce.

I have been a professor and specialist of ecological crop production for 22 years,
but write this on a personal capacity.

As the bill currently stands, consumers won't be able to discern between locally
grown GMO and non-GMO produce. However, consumers are demanding the
labeling of ALL produce, not only the imported ones.

With respect to the science, there are simply too many unknowns about the
potential unintended effects of GM food on human health (see notes and
references below). Please allow the citizens of Hawaii to have the choice of
making an educated personal decision about the type of products that they
purchase.

In Hawaii, all counties, six (6) neighborhood boards in Oahu, and the democratic
environmental caucus have all had resolutions in favor of GMO labeling.

I work and garden in Manoa and statewide, and the quality of the food I grow and
eat, is as important to me as it is to many individuals, mothers, and care-takers in
the state.

Thank-you for your consideration, in passing Bill HB174 with AMENDMENTS,
requiring the labeling of GMO food for both locally grown and imported produce.

Sincerely,

Hector Valenzuela
Mililani
808-625-1277

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Reports on health risks from both GM crops and GM crops/pesticide combinations (as both the seed and pesticides are required for their production).

Impact of pesticide use in Hawaii by the GM Seed Industry

Available at:

<https://dl.dropbox.com/u/33544971/Pesticides%20Report%20HI13.pdf>

Report on Health and Environmental Impacts from use of Roundup Herbicide

Available at:

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/33544971/Roundup%20report%20HV12.pdf>

Sample of citations showing adverse effects from consumption of gm crops:

Available at:

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Factoids about GMO Labeling in the U.S. and in the World

63 countries around the world require labeling, including Europe, Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, and Pakistan

Current GMO labeling bills or initiative in several states inc. Washington, Maryland, New Mexico, Vermont

surveys show that over 90% of public in US and over 70% in Hawaii support labeling

in the state all Hawaii Counties and six (6) Oahu neighborhood boards have issued resolutions in support of GMO labeling

labeling has been endorsed by the Democratic Caucus in Hawaii, and by the Democratic Party in California

calls for labeling were made in 2012 by 55 members of the U.S. Congress

Wheat farmers in Washington State, support GM labeling

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References of recent refereed publications showing evidence of risk from GM food, and/or the pesticides needed to grow GM crops (herbicide resistant crops)

Birth-defects and skeletal malformations:

Antoniou M, Habib MEM, Howard CV, Jennings RC, Leifert C, et al. (2012) Teratogenic Effects of Glyphosate-Based Herbicides: Divergence of Regulatory Decisions from Scientific Evidence. J Environ Anal Toxicol S4:006. doi:10.4172/2161-0525.S4-00

Cell death from exposure to Roundup:

Martini, C.N. Matías Gabrielli, María del C. Vila. 2012. A commercial formulation of glyphosate inhibits proliferation and differentiation to adipocytes and induces apoptosis in 3T3-L1 fibroblasts. Toxicology in Vitro 26:1007–1013. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tiv.2012.04.017>

Mesnager, R., B. Bernay, and G.-E. Séralini. 2013. Ethoxylated adjuvants of glyphosate-based herbicides are active principles of human cell toxicity Toxicology (In Press). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tox.2012.09.006>.

Liver and kidney toxicity:

Séralini, G.-E., et al. Long term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup tolerant genetically modified maize. Food Chem. Toxicol. (2012), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.fct.2012.08.005>

Other Reviews showing evidence of risk:

American Academy of Environmental Medicine. 2009. Genetically Modified Foods. Testimony to Maui County Council, on September 29, 2009.

Antoniou, et al. 2011. Roundup and birth defects Is the public being kept in the dark? Earth Open Source. June 2011. 52 pp.

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Further Analysis in Support of GMO Labeling

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1) Surveys and public polls conducted at a national and at the state level in Hawaii show that the public overwhelmingly supports the labeling of GM food. According to a survey of Hawaii consumers “The majority of the respondents felt that labeling is very important” (Shehata and Cox, 2007).

2) After 25 years of following the crop biotechnology industry, via the scientific literature as described below, I still have serious concerns about potential unintended health and environmental effects from the consumption and planting of genetically modified crops.

3) A review of the most recent scientific literature (in the form of reviews or refereed publications published in international scientific journals) highlights the following disconcerting information about how little we know, and about potential and current real health and environmental risks:

- A recent review of the literature showed that the number of HEALTH studies to determine the safety of GM food continues to be “very limited” (Domingo and Bordonaba, 2011).

- Despite the lack of studies about the safety of GM food, the industry continues to claim, without providing any data or evidence, that GM food poses no health risks. As far as I know, not ONE refereed study has been conducted IN Hawaii to evaluate the health or environmental impact of the GM crops grown in the state. Certainly no ‘post-marketing’ health safety studies have been conducted in the United States, because GM crops are not labeled in the U.S.

- A recent review identified serious flaws with the current regulatory process to assess potential ENVIRONMENTAL risks (Hilbeck et al., 2011). Earlier reviews had shown that “key scientific studies” to assess potential environmental risks “are lacking” (Wolfenbarger and Phifer, 2000).

- Conflict of Interest in safety assessment protocols. Safety studies funded by industry, and published in science journals are riddled with a significant conflict of interest. Those studies that received industry funding had a 100% probability of showing results favorable to industry (Diels & Cunah et al. 2011).

- Recent reviews of the literature, published in science journals, show several health side effects from feeding experimental animals GM food (Seralini et al. 2011; Dona and Arvanitoyannis, 2009).
- A recent report documents considerable potential health effects from exposure to the direct application and residues of Roundup herbicide. Roundup herbicide is an integral component for the production of most of the GM crops grown today (i.e. growing RR crops requires the use of Roundup herbicide) (Antoniou et al, 2011).
- Three separate internal government audits conducted by the General Accountability Office (GAO, 2008), USDA (2006), and FDA (2007) concluded that current federal regulations are not doing an adequate job of protecting the public's health, nor the environment. These internal government audits concluded that "Increased oversight [is] needed", that regulations "do not go far enough to ensure the safe introduction of agricultural biotechnology," and that "FDA can't keep up with the science [of genomics, or biotechnology] to fulfill its mission"
- Based on a review of the available scientific literature, the well-respected American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) in 2009 called for the "labeling of GM foods, which is necessary for the health and safety of consumers". According to the AAEM "There is more than a casual association between GM foods and adverse health effects. There is causation as defined by Hill's Criteria in the areas of strength of association, consistency, specificity, biological gradient, and biological plausibility," and the AAEM added that "The strength of association and consistency between GM foods and disease is confirmed in several animal studies." (AAEM, 2009).

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Susan Friar		Comments Only	No

Comments: As a resident of Kauai, a parent, a micro-green farmer and a teacher, I know the importance of our islands becoming more sustainable in our food supply and the importance of food safety. As such, I believe that it is imperative that we know the full implications for humans and animals eating foods which include GMO products. Therefore, we must have all our food, both local and imported, labeled GMO when including genetically modified ingredients. Please help all of us move with caution regarding GMO foods and require labeling now of all local and imported foods.

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Carla Buscaglia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Label! Label! Label please. Thank you.

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Unmani Cynthia Groves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ADDITIONAL STUDIES SHOW THE NEED FOR LABELING GMO FOODS

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Sandi Van Dyke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marvin Van Haaften	Individual	Oppose	No
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Comments: Without GMO corn and soybeans yields will be reduced and the cost of all food related products dependant on corn and soybean will increase dramatically. Grocery products, including meat, will increase a large amount. Consumers will be hurt financially and will be very displeased with a dramatic increase in food costs at the local grocery store.

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Kimberly O'Brien	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill and instead support the FDA Labeling policy and truthful, nonmisleading labeling that helps consumers make food choices and does not unnecessarily scare them about the safety and quality of their food. Thank you, -Kimberly

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Roy Wytttenbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Don't know why GMO producers don't want their products labeled. All they have to do is advertise: NOW, with upgraded genes.

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Erwin H. Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joe Thraenert	Innovative Ag. Services	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a member of the Board of Directors of our local agriculture supply Co-op which is Innovative Ag. Services, which serves members from Central Iowa, to Northeast Iowa and extending into Southwest Wisconsin. We have approximately 5,000 members, each of whom are involved with production agriculture. Passing this measure would VERY GREATLY HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT on our members, as well as myself and all other farmers and ranchers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Bob Kauth	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Drenter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Solomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) Please amend Section 9 to take effect 1 July 2014.

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David Pingel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessie Cleghorn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: LABEL GMO foods! We hold the right to know!

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Aloha nui mai kākou,

Aloha to all those reading this and connected to this bill. I would first like to offer my deepest mahalo in gratitude for the proposal of this bill to label GMO foods in our grocery stores.

I write to you as a Hawaiian, a native of these islands whose land is so sacred to me and my people. My `ohana, Ka`ilimahunaika`awaokamehameha originate from Kohala o ka makani `Āpa`apa`a, my name is Jessie Kaleinohea Cleghorn. I am sending my strong support of bill HB 174 to label all GMO foods being sold in any market. As a consumer I have been so concerned that the foods I am buying and consuming from my local grocery store are GMO foods that I have stopped buying packaged goods altogether and have stopped buying produce from any grocery store. I have seen the effects of GMO food on lab rats that have been fed GMO foods for testing and it horrifies me! The amount of tumors and cancers that these rats develop after consuming GMO foods for a period of time is outrageous, it makes me wonder about the people who run these tests and that they can decide to feed people these cancerous foods, that to me is preposterous!

Please congressmen, men and women of the senate and the house, please follow through for us! Make the right and pono choice to pass this bill HB 174 to label GMO foods. We have the right to know, your own families will benefit from this bill, informing consumers as to the foods they eat, it is our ancestral right as people of this earth to know what we are eating. I trust you will make the right decision and I thank you for that. Mahalo.

Me ke akahai,
With humility and kindness,
Kaleinohea Cleghorn

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Unmani Cynthia Groves	Individual	Support	No

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Robin Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a lifetime member of the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, a Fellow of the NTBG, etc. I am also a research chemist in the pharmaceutical field and once worked as an environmental toxicologist. This type of legislation sounds good on the surface but consider the following: 1. How do you define GMO food? For example, all food that contains anything related to corn has to be considered GMO, as all corn has been subject to genetic modification either through hybridization (random genetic mutation) or through bioengineering (directed genetic mutation). The result is the same on a molecular basis. 2. At least 95% of all currently available foodstuffs are GMO in some way. By labeling virtually everything you make it meaningless. 3. How do you prove something is NOT GMO?? Are you going to require DNA sequence analysis or just take someone at their word? I can guarantee that lawyers are just waiting for this scenario. You will end up placing the burden on the non-GMO people (if any actually can be proven to exist. 4. There is no scientific evidence, or even verifiable health studies, to indicate that GMO foods are in any way detrimental to human health. In fact, there is no theoretical reason to suspect them as such as all genetic material (DNA) is digested in the stomach. No new amino acids, bioavailable proteins, etc are produced. A scientist could not differentiate between so called non-GMO food and GMO food. 5. Much of this debate is centered on the issue of pesticide and herbicide use which is not related to GMO foodstuffs. Pesticide and herbicide are important issues but should not cloud the GMO debate. GMO crops are engineered to require reduced pesticide and herbicide usage. The field trials on Kauai are another story and should not be cloud the GMO labeling issue.

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carter allen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend HB174 to include local produce.

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Robert Stephenson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mary A. Guinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a citizen of a Democracy, I have the right to be informed. As a consumer, I need to know what I eat. My health is influenced by what I eat. Yes, I support GMO labeling.

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Testimony for AGL/CPN/HTH on Mar 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Porterfield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I always wondered why animals eat non-GMO grain first before they eat the GMO grain. It is now coming to light that GMO corn may contain high levels of formaldehyde (in one case it was measured at 200 ppm). Animals can smell it. Formaldehyde is used to embalm dead cells. California's Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL) states: "The employer shall assure that no employee is exposed to a concentration of airborne formaldehyde which exceeds two parts formaldehyde per million parts of air (2 ppm) as a 15 minute STEL." U.S. EPA says it"... can cause watery eyes, burning sensations in the eyes and throat, nausea, and difficulty in breathing in some humans exposed at elevated levels (above 0.1 parts per million). High concentrations may trigger attacks in people with asthma... It has also been shown to cause cancer in animals and may cause cancer in humans." This alone should be reason enough to vote for GMO labeling. Insecticide, Herbicide and Fungicide use are increasing, not decreasing with the increased use of GMOs. Corn yields are trending flat to down over the last decade in Iowa despite all the great GMO biotech claims. Human disease has skyrocketed in many categories since the introduction of GMO soybeans and corn in the last decade and a half. There is a strong correlation and anybody who looks at it with a halfway open mind could not help but conclude there is cause and effect. Even the largest GMO company sees the light on the train coming through the tunnel as they just bought selected assets of a company focused on microbes and sustainable agricultural solutions. (Ag Professional March 2013 page 10) We the people ought to be able to know what is in our food. If we know, then we can decide for ourselves how fast we want to die. As a Certified Crop Adviser, I can give you plenty of other reasons, but I would have to write a book that you wouldn't have time to read. So, Please vote Yes for GMO labeling, it is the right thing to do.

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Blair Boudousquie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I healed my liver when I got off GMO foods. We have a right to know!

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Cynthia Petersen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: State based labeling policies will increase our cost of food and GMO foods are and have been safe. We as consumers already have a choice today.

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Alan Crammatte	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : I suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Vote no to HB174.

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Jim Klinker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Legislation of this kind is intended to make the public think there is something wrong with GMO products, both plant and animal. There is no scientific basis for attacking GMO foods. American agriculture is producing more food using less resources because of modern technology including GMO. Legislation of this type is a marketing gimmick by those who want to attract the public to their alternative production method by attacking modern agricultural practices. Those hyped alternative practices will not feed the next 2 billion people expected on this earth by 2050. My family farm grows corn and soybeans in Nebraska. We are producing more with less because of GMO and other modern advances in this applied science we call American agriculture.

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Michele Sonen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The people of Hawaii have a right to know what's in their food so that we can make informed choices about our health. Please pass this bill.

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T.R. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have people with severe food allergies in my family. All GMOs must be labeled to avoid hospital and doctor visits. Please support this important bill.

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Kevin Rehder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joe Thraenert	Individual	Oppose	No

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I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.....TO ENACT THAT RIGHT I MUST BE GIVEN A CHOICE.....PASS HOUSE BILL174.

HB174 WILL ALLOW ALL HAWAII RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IMPROVED DECISIONS ABOUT THE FOOD THEY WISH TO EAT.

REQUIRING THAT GMO FOOD BE LABELED AS SUCH, ALLOWS THE INDIVIDUAL TO DECIDE IF THEY ARE READY TO ACCEPT THE UNKNOWN RESULTS OF EATING TRANSGENIC FOODS.

LET CAPITALISM DECIDE IF GMO IS THE WAY TO GO.....PEOPLE MUST BE INFORMED IN ORDER TO DECIDE WHETHER TO BUY GMO FOOD OR NOT. ONCE FOOD IS LABELED AS GMO, THE REAL RESULTS WILL BE KNOWN IF THE PUBLIC STILL WISHES TO BUY GMO OR NOT.

PLEASE PASS HB174.

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MELODY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend HB174 to include local produce.

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Keanuenue Roldan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: No GMO's please.

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My name is Keanuenue Roldan. I am from Kamuela, Hawaii. I am giving testimony in support of bill HB 174 to label all GMO foods. Please congressmen, men and women of the senate and the house, please follow through for us, your people, us who voted you into office, uphold our freedom of choice, to make an informed and educated decision in the food we consume. Please vote to label all GMO foods, as I personally do not want to consume or feed GMO foods to anyone, I don't trust them, period. Thank you for doing the right thing! Thank you for labeling all GMO foods! It is our, including your right to know!

Me ka ha`aha`a,
Keanuenue Kaholi Roldan

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Matt Willimack	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tyler Postin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jamie Fry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of all GMO ingredients and products, local and imported, being plainly labeled so all people can make informed decisions on what they are eating. This is extremely important for the health and welfare of all the people of Hawaii.

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Ryan Christensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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JAMES A. NAHKUNST	Individual	Oppose	No

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Doug Gruver	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melanie Christensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dan Sturm	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ward Van Dyke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Penny Levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha; This bill does not make any judgement over whether gmo foods are good or bad; it only supports our right to know as consumers what is in our food. I support the right of every person in Hawaii to have a choice over the food they consume. Without labeling that can not occur. I am concerned that Sections 4 and 5 of HB174 HD2 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I recommend that the section be amended as follows: "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a PURPOSEFUL violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. Please amend Section 9 to take effect 1 July 2014. Consumers suport this overwhelmingly. I encourage committee members to pass this bill and allow freedom of choice to flourish. mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Cynthia K.L. Rezentes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support the public's right to know what composition their food is made of. While there may or may not be available detailed scientific information one way or the other regarding the safety or non-safety of genetically modified/engineered foods, each person should have the freedom to CHOOSE whether to indulge or not in these foods and the only way that freedom to CHOOSE is to know if or if not that food is genetically modified/engineered. Please support this right to know bill. Mahalo, Cynthia K.L. Rezentes

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Dr. Bryan J Gentsch	Texas Seed Trade Association	Oppose	No

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RE: Public Testimony on HB 174 relating to food labeling

Dear Chairmen and Vice Chairmen,

The Texas Seed Trade Association, representing 130 companies based in, or doing business in Texas, respectfully submits the following public testimony pursuant to HB 174 relating to food labeling.

- We adhere to the “substantially similar” references by the US EPA and the USDA, relative to any perceived differences in GM and conventionally bred plant material, which indicates there are no significant differences in the safety or nutritional value of GM plant products and non-GM plant products
- As GM and non-GM plant products are not different in any meaningful way we see no need to label one product, or the other, in order to indicate its GM, or non-GM, status
- Compliance with the labeling of either GM, or non-GM, plant products will prove costly, particularly under the proposed regulatory burdens called for in HB 174, and those costs will invariably be passed on to food consumers with no commensurate increase in demonstrated safety or public benefit
- HB 174 seems more a trade barrier to produce imported into Hawaii as the GM produce regulatory provisions outlined HB 174 do not apply to GM produce grown in Hawaii but rather only to “imported” produce and does not address processed GM food products
- To our knowledge no directly consumed, non-processed, GM plant product food item fitting the definition of “produce” in HB 174 is currently commercially available making references to GM “produce”, as defined in this legislation, moot
- If HB 174 goes into effect, as indicated, 99 years from this July 1st, we are not substantially concerned with this legislation
- If HB 174 is to go into effect in a time frame less than that indicated in the legislation we respectfully offer and register our opposition to the legislation

Bryan J. Gentsch, PhD
Executive Vice President

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I favor HB 174 to label GMO food. I believe that for most GMO's it will make no difference to my health but for some there is reasonable doubt and we deserve an alert notice if we wish to avoid those until we can investigate further.

I understand some fear this may trigger the barriers against interstate commerce being limited by states but I can think of no better way to bring about enactment of this policy on the Federal level.

Aloha!
Richard Reed
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Roxanne Nagel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Blake	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dr. Jason Hocker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kristi Berghuis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ryan Bell	Individual	Support	No

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Chuck Kolbet	Individual	Oppose	No

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vic kruse	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joan Lake	Individual	Oppose	No

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Allen waldner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I don't want Gmo products in my food and want to know when they are present. What a horrible thing to do to food!!!

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Ben Albright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support mandatory labeling of GMOs.

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Mark Kiewiet	Individual	Oppose	No

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Drew Rempp	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roger Hoftzyer	Individual	Oppose	No

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ANN ODELL	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jim Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill

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Trey Callender	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : I suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Nick Podhajsky	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sanford Saito	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tara Bagley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill needs to be amended to mandate that produce grown in Hawaii is also labeled if it is genetically modified. I feel we have a right to know about our foods if they are imported and if they are grown locally.

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People should have the right to know what they are eating. We already tell them how much salt and sugar and fat is in their food along with preservatives and other things. And some people make choices based on this information. GMO information is something else people should have a right to know and it should be a criminal offense not to disclose this information.

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Bob Wells	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not support this measure

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Kevin Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Derrick Thielk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not agree that GMO products should be labeled. They have not been proven to be any more harmful than their 'conventional' equivalents. Please do not pass this bill. Thank you.

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Jim Tully	Individual	Oppose	No

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Greg Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do what is right for the people of Hawaii and vote to label GMO's. There is no good reason at all to vote against this unless you have been bought and paid for by the bio-tech giants like Monsanto. We are all watching your votes very carefully. Do the right thing. Be PONO!!!

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Dear Hawaii State Senators,

I am urging you to do what is right for the citizens of Hawaii and not to cave in to the powerful interests of Monsanto and other biotech giants. If their products are so safe then why are they spending millions upon millions of dollars making sure that we consumers cannot find out if their GMO's are in our food? Why would you put the interests of a company that has the worst track record in the world for poison and pollution, before the rights of Hawaiian citizens to decide what we want to ingest? None of Monsanto executives actually eat their poison... they eat only organically grown food because they know that these crops are nothing but poison. There are study after study that conclusively show the dangers of GMO's, but for some reason we are not allowed to decide for ourselves whether or not we want to eat them... this is just wrong. Almost every other developed nation in the world has GMO labeling laws and many countries have outright banned their use. Why should we be different? Please do the right thing. We will be paying very close attention to your votes and will be actively campaigning against anyone who votes against this labeling law because it will show where your loyalty is. you truly care about the Aina and our people there is no other possible way to vote except in support of this GMO labeling bill.

Thank you for your time,

Greg Hansen,

Haiku Maui

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Jennifer Morris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Americans have a right to know what is in their food and how it's made. It is not a privilege but a basic right, and labels should be required. How can I protect myself if I don't know what is in my food?

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David Winkles	South Carolina Farm Bureau	Oppose	No
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Comments: Our 25,000 Farmer members depend on the production of seed corn -- much of which comes from Hawaii. Please defeat this bill.

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Roger Batt	Pacific Seed Association	Oppose	No

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chuck staudt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ryan Becker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amy Curtis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha,

The citizens of our country ask very little of our government because many feel you do not care or only consider the money interests in every issue you decide for us, therefore do not contact you the people who REPRESENT US.

But the issue of being able to know what we are eating, should be such an easy decision based on human decency and respect for every one, that there should be no need for us to have to contact you, because we expect you to PROTECT US from taking away such a basic right as to KNOW WHAT IS IN OUR FOOD. Please, help us to regain our trust in government by granting us such a basic human right as to know what is in the food we choose, or not, to eat.

Mahalo,
Shannon Taylor
Holualoa, Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Schoonover	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have a right to know how the food I am consuming was produced. GMO's can potentially have a negative impact on not only our environment, but our health. I care about the foods that I eat. Therefore, I support labeling of all GMO products, including those grown locally in Hawaii. Thank you.

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Jim Gorzynski	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dwight Mellott	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marvin Borcherding	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: John Lynch [jelywich@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Please Support of HB 174

Aloha,

Please support HB 174. We have a right to know what we are buying and what we are eating. Knowledge itself is power and the consumer should not be denied the power to choose.

Mahalo,
John Lynch
Kailua Kona

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Stout	Times Supermarkets	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no way a retailer can verify what manufacturers are doing with their production. This has to be at the national level with the FDA. It's impossible for us to know whether a product is GMO or not so how can we possibly be in compliance??

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Randy L Moser	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Wellik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vote No

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Freddie Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melvin Meyers	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nina Monasevitch	Individual	Support	No

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John Fietsam	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: HB174

vote no! Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chuck Souder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is a very bad, unnecessary proposal which caters to low information people's misunderstanding of the many benefits of GMO. Please defeat this bill! Thank you.

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mike wagner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan Julifs	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peniela Rand	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I agree with labeling GMO foods imported to Hawaii, BUT I would also like to see labeling of local GMO foods as well. I do not want to eat GMO foods and believe that the consumer should be aware of what they are eating. The more transparency the better. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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mike waldschmidt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Weidenbach	Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponic Association	Oppose	No

Comments: The HAAA strongly opposes HB 174. The seed companies have provided significant economic and employment benefits to Hawaii, as well as numerous spin-off benefits to the overall Hawaii agricultural industry. In addition they have preserved our agricultural lands and green open spaces left fallow with the close of sugar and pine. Federal studies have repeatedly found no significant risks associated with GMO products, and if you take the time to actually understand the technology involved, it leaves far less to chance and risk than traditional breeding practices. The costs to the Hawaii consumer for this legislation in higher food costs would be significant. But perhaps most importantly from a humanitarian standpoint, the Hawaii seed research and initial seed production is the basis for much of the grain seeds grown by US farmers supporting the US economy, and which in turn helps to supply an increasingly strained global food supply to supply an increasingly hungry world. With Global climate change and population increases becoming more problematic year by year, we will need every scientific option available to feed a hungry world going forward. Hawaii has an opportunity and moral obligation to continue to support that critical process. Please don't give in to the outspoken but ill informed minority, and continue to support the Hawaii seed industry by opposing HB 174. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Tamara M List	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Wrage	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ashley	Individual	Support	No

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Don Willemsen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: oppose labeling of genetically engineered foods

Name: Heather Liao

HB 174 HD2 , Relating to Food Labeling
Senate Committees on Agriculture, Health, and Commerce and Consumer Protection
March 21, 2013
Room 229, at 9:00 a.m.

Position: Opposed

Chairs Nishihara, Baker, and Green; Vice Chairs Kouchi and Galuteria; and Members of the Senate Committees on AGR, CPN, an HTH,

I oppose labeling of genetically engineered foods. **The process will increase the cost of food which is bad for us as a consumer.** GMO foods have been approved to be safe. There is no scientific evidence to show GMO food is harm to human and there is no substantiated case of harm has been reported to GMO foods over a decade and half.

Heather Liao

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Karen Wood	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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David Tiedemann	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Most Americans (53%) say they would avoid GMOs if they were labeled. Let's give these folks the opportunity to make an informed choice and decide what they want to eat. Regardless of what the AG's opinion is on this matter, HB 174 should be passed and the people of Hawaii should know what foods are GMO. If the Federal Government wants to challenge Hawaii's decision, it should be welcomed and embraced as the rest of the country watches Hawaii's stand on labeling GMO.

Please support HB 174.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Michele Nihipali
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Hauula, HI 96717

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Gary Edwards	Individual	Oppose	No

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joe dierickx	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nelson T. Okumura	VIP Foodservice	Oppose	No

Comments: Chairs & Committee Members: My name is Nelson T. Okumura and I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to this bill on behalf of VIP Foodservice. The practical reality of enforcing this bill will be a nightmare. If the distributor/grower does not label the produce or advise the retailer that the product is GMO then the retailer is potentially liable for the mislabeling. A retailer cannot identify GMO product by visual or taste inspection. As proposed, this labeling required would be inconsistent to federal requirements, and therefore, unconstitutional and costly to implement. Hawaii imports 85% of the food consumed in the state. Hawaii's food demands are not large enough to force domestic and foreign food suppliers to meet these labeling requirements. As such, the cost will be borne by Hawaii's consumers. This is a federal issue and should be dealt with at that level, with the onus for labeling resting with manufacturers and suppliers, not retailers. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony

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mike mccartney	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauraine Ayers- Briel	Individual	Support	No

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RE: HB174 HD2

Dear Members of the House and AGL, CPN, HTH Committee Members,

I offer this testimony in support of HB174. I have always had the deepest respect for each member of the Hawai'i State Legislature and I appreciate your shared respect of the 'Aina.

Early Hawaiians demonstrated a model of sustainable food production with nutrition and bounty. Those principles may served as a model contemporary agriculture worldwide may benefit from. There will be no reconciling with our future generations, or our commitment to the 'aina integrity, as this pandora's box of Genetically Modified Organisms is opened upon the petri dishes of this archipelago. Let us not regret a legacy lost to mainland corporate profit interests.

I urge you to pass, support and perfect legislation that goes beyond food labeling and ultimately protects Hawaii from a regrettable infestation of GMO. This is not just about the safety of the foods we eat but our rights as citizens/consumers to chose whose business practices we support with our dollars. Mahalo for you consideration.

Yours truly,
Lauraine Ayers-Briel
Haiku, HI

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Rachel Shaak [rachelshaak@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 12:18 PM
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Hello, I am Joshua Leong. I am 8 years old. I attend Wilson Elementary School. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 174. I think we should label GMO products so people have a choice and they know what they are buying.

Joshua Leong
2602 Liliha Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Dustin Sage	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Lanoue	Individual	Oppose	No

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Becky Britton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please label my food, this is a basic request. I want the right to know!

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Matthew Alleshouse	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: "I believe in labeling GMOs for consumers' right to know and for the health of our communities. I support all efforts to regulate and control GMOs. If they [GMOs] have been creating the kinds of problems that the FDA scientists warned that they could be... then there already could have been major damage created to the health of every American and to the health of coming generations." Also I am a local Chef and I believe that there is a great need for the GMO information to be labeled not only for me personally, my family, but also the guest I serve have the right to know. Also as a Chef it is my right to know the products I am serving to my guest. I support all efforts to GMO labeling. Mahalo for your support!

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Vivan Jennings	Individual	Oppose	No

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Beverly Reiter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Craig Emberson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There are over 2000 jobs from the seed business in Hawaii that would be negatively affected if this Bill passes. Thank you.

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Chenoa Watson	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Schmitt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Wolaver	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha Representatives

I am totally in favor of having HB 174, requiring that all foods containing genetically modified organisms be labeled as such, be passed. I am a human being, a resident of Hawaii and citizen of the United States and believe that I have the right to know what I am eating in my food. I am not a corporation seeking profits above all else and I do not believe that a for profit corporation should have more rights than I do, no matter what some members of the US Supreme Court may believe. Testimony and studies created and presented by GM corporate representatives should be taken with a very large grain of salt. Independent studies are now showing that the consumption of foods that have been genetically modified or contain GM ingredients are not as safe as represented by the holders of the patented organism. The propaganda presented by the manufactures of these un-natural combinations of plant, animal, virus and bacteria would have you believe that they will end hunger, reduce the use of toxic pesticides and are safe for the environment. In actuality, GM crops have not produced any real increases in production and in most cases produce less than so called "conventional" chemical farming or Organic. GM crops have resulted in an enormous increase in pesticide use due the ability to spray herbicides directly on the crop multiple times during production and, because Mother Nature is a lot smarter than us, SUPER WEEDS are now a MAJOR problem in many areas of the US resulting from plant EVOLUTION. Of course, the corporations promoting GM say not to worry. We already have a patent on a combination of poisons, some of which should have been outlawed in the US many years ago as they were in Europe and most other smart countries around the world. Concerning environmental safety, GM crops allow the over use of toxic chemical pesticides and salt based chemical fertilizers which results in the over exposure of farm workers and those, including developing children, that live near farming operations to those poisons. The over use also worsens water, air and land pollution and adds to the dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere. EUROPE, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND, INDONESIA, BRAZIL,

VENEZUELA, TAIWAN, RUSSIA, INDIA, CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA all require labeling of foods containing *GMO's*. Could they know something that we don't? I don't think so. I think their politicians are just more concerned about the health and safety of their citizens than the profit of some company that could care less about anything but more profit. Please do the right thing. Vote to pass HB 174 and allow the citizens of Hawaii to make their own choice. Isn't that what America is all about?

Mahalo nui loa

Robert Wolaver
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Aaron Rosenstiel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want the right to know! I find it hard to shop and this is a necessity for me and my family. Please vote yes for labelling of GMOs! Mahalo!

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STEVEN PITTMANN	Individual	Oppose	No

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Earl Williams	Ca. Cotton Growera Assn	Oppose	No
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Katie Frazier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pat Lynch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leigh Okimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Judith Cucco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques • GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.) • There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern) • Please amend the bill to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO

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Keith Dexter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nickolei Bolding	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think it is a bad idea to label GMO seed when it isn't different than other seed.

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Brian Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	No

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Terry Johnston	Individual	Oppose	No

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Albert Arcinas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote no on this bill. GMO labeling serves no purpose but to provide a market for organic food industry. GMO foods are deemed safe by both the USDA and the FDA.

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Michael Henning	Individual	Support	No

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Steve Schmitz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Neil Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dennis Tanikuni	Individual	Oppose	No

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Matt Schuiteman	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am writing in support of HR 174.

If GMO's pose no danger, why not label them so we all can make our own intelligent decisions about what we and our children choose to eat and drink?

Mahalo!

In peace,

Tom DiGrazia
808-262-0730

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Robert Kirchhof	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mona Bond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would urge the body to resist this bill. While I may not be a resident of the state, I am very concerned about the ability of Iowa growers to have access to grain grown in your state. This labeling bill would be restrictive and have a significant impact on my farm. Thank you for your consideration.

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Donna Schmitt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michelle Sprague	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rex E.Larsen	Individual	Oppose	No

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C.D. Fee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Curtis Wiltse	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jim Fitzgerald	Far West Agribusiness Association	Oppose	No
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Warren E. Clausen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Myra Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: GMO foods are safe due to there are no evidence that scientist could find that GMO are harmful. Consumers already have the choice to not purchase products that does not contain GMO ingredience which there are food labeling stated "certified organic", "non GMO", and GMO-free". Which in this case if all food product have labeling of non-GMO then the action will be, labeling will cost more in food products. Other than that our Hawaii residence will pay triple the cost of food which we are already paying 40% of the cost of food without the labeling.

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janette shablow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I prefer gmo to be banned forever. J

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Melinda Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ben	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Worthan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lucy Nickel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Anjie Pham	Individual	Support	No

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SUPPORT

HB174- HD2

(GMO LABELING)

**Thursday, March 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
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Dear Senators:

This is an important health & information movement in our community regarding food safety & the public's right to know.

However, please move up the "take effect" date to July 1, 2018 rather than July 1, 2112 as currently proposed.

Mahalo nui loa,

Anjie Pham

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Donald Beebout	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a bad law with a huge economic negative impact. Most of our food is now GMO.

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Dr. Eugene F Rasmuseen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dustin Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that a consumer deserves the right to know what is used in making food. The product is safe.

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Mary Oyama	Label It Hawaii	Support	Yes

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

March 21, 2013

Re: HB174

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green and Committee Members:

On behalf of Label It Hawai'i, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony. We are in strong support of HB174. We are a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving sustainable, ethical and healthy food for Hawaii's people. The mission of Label It Hawai'i, through our educational outreach program, is to bring about awareness of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) in our food supply. Our goal is to urge elected officials to pass a bill protecting the consumers' right to know. To date we have collected over 2,000 signatures petitioning the legislature to label genetically modified organisms.

In light of the concerns from the Center for Food Safety, the Union of Concerned Scientists, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, and the FDA's own scientists regarding the safety of these products, Hawai'i consumers are stepping forward to question GMOs in our food. Due to economic, environmental and potential health risks associated with GMOs, consumers should have the power to decide whether to support such agricultural practices.

GMO crops have the capacity to cross contaminate neighboring conventional and organic fields. This results in the loss of income and livelihood for farmers and undermines the quality of their products. Farmers have been sued for patent violations when GMO pollen has contaminated their fields. The idea that the GMO, conventional and organic industry can co-exist is a myth that threatens the very biodiversity that is needed to continue a sustainable food production system. The loss of organic produce alone jeopardizes the availability of such foods and consumer choice at the supermarket.

In December of 2012, the American Academy of Pediatrics released a report recommending that children's exposure to pesticides be reduced. The report cites that exposure may lead to behavior and learning disabilities as well as neurological damage and pediatric cancer. Contrary to claims of reduced herbicide usage, a peer reviewed study in Environmental Sciences Europe by Dr. Charles Benbrook, shows that herbicide usage is, in fact, increasing. This increase has created herbicide-resistant super weeds. These super weeds bolster the amount of chemicals being sprayed on crops and give way for more powerful chemicals. Label It Hawai'i views this as a dangerous cycle. Glyphosate, a component of RoundUp, has been found to be toxic to animals and amphibians. The US Geological Study shows that glyphosate is found in all waterways within the Mississippi Basin, which means it is not biodegradable. We are being exposed to this herbicide through our food consumption and water systems.

Label It Hawai'i acknowledges the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) policy in Section 402(a)(1) which states, "the act imposes a legal duty on those who introduce food into the market place, including food derived from new crop varieties, to ensure that the food satisfies the applicable safety standard." The FDA, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) do not test these products before being introduced in the market for human consumption. There are no long term studies provided by the biotech industry citing safety of GMO foods. The policy of "substantial equivalence" cannot apply to such products if patents have been obtained claiming novel and non-obvious traits.

Genetic engineering of plants has not been occurring for thousands of years. It is not the same as cross pollination or cross breeding. GE is a relatively new technology as the biotech industry demonstrates when seeking patents. Consumers deserve full disclosure and transparency when it comes to their food.

GMOs are either banned or labeled in over 60 countries worldwide. According to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, the Rainbow papaya is already being labeled individually in our state prior to export to Japan. These same labels should be available here. Hawai'i residents and visitors alike deserve to know the nature of ALL the food they purchase and consume.

We request that HB174 be amended to include locally grown produce that is genetically modified. This is to avoid the issue of violating any commerce laws. We also request that the date be amended to 2014. We urge you to pass HB174 with the above mentioned amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Oyama
Label It Hawaii

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Terri Greiman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Comments: Please vote no!

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Testimony for AGL/CPN/HTH on Mar 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Franco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Paulette Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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From: Ken Schmitt [kenschmitt@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:56 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I support HB 174. It outrageous that we should even have to ask for this. GMO should be banned! At lease label it.

Thank you,

Kenneth Schmitt
103 Johnson Road, Kula, HI 96790

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Tim Recker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a very bad bill on useful technology

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William T Rondeau	Individual	Oppose	No

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Conrad Nonaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jean Ernst	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: To Whom it May Concern: I am writing this email to oppose the labeling of Bill HB174. I think we always talk about “our rights” and “freedom” here in America and I believe that as consumers our state/country has given us that freedom to choose what “we want” for our own (self/family). One of those is of course our consumption choice. I don’t think labeling is necessary because as advanced technology has shown/concluded that the safety of genetically modified crops shows NO risks in eating (GMO food) compared to our other choices - conventional and organic foods. I don’t think it’s about “knowing” at all. I believe that these activists just want the seed industry to be eliminated here in Hawaii. They have to realize that the seed industry provides hundreds if not thousands of work and opportunities here in Hawaii alone. Mandatory labeling will add burden to each one of us especially the taxpayers. If the activists do not want GMO then they should just buy organic – that’s their choice and they can let me choose what I want for my own self/family. We always base our morals, ethics, and laws around our Constitution then please don’t take away my “rights” especially the “freedom of choice”. Sincerely, Jean Ernst

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Sheilah Oltmans- Deardorff	Individual	Oppose	No
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Amy Echard	Individual	Oppose	No

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Albert Aquino	Monsanto	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose

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Teresa Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

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James M. Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

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john gosselin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have a huge Family that depends on me to provide food on the table. The end result of GMO food labeling will mean increased food prices to the consumer. The entire population will feel the ripple effect of the rise in food cost. There are already starving people throughout the country. This will put a huge blow to the growing number of starving human beings.

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David Hoy	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Angela Smith [angies1932@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:51 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: HB174

I encourage you to vote NO on HB174. Many seed companies, because of the long growing season, conduct their research and grow seed on Hawaii soil. The law would hurt their research and cause Hawaii to lose the business.

Angela Smith email angies1932@gmail.com 1932 Ocean Ave.
Charles City, I A 50616-9119

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John Mayer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Blomme, DVM	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tamara Nelsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: FDA already has labeling guidelines that allow for voluntary labeling of GM crops. USDA/EPA/FDA have federal guidelines for all applications to do research on or grow GM crops. No state legislative body should be thwarting the federal agencies with responsibility for these crops.

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Dona Matthiesen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Troy Wessel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard A. Pals	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tyler Flint	Individual	Oppose	No

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Al Schafbuch	Iowa Farm bureau	Oppose	No

Comments: Labeling of GMO crops is wrong. There is nothing different about genetically modified corn or soybeans. GMO crops have been use for 20 years with no differences in nutritional value of corn or soybeans. If you want to label all corn genetics, then you need to go back to the 1940's when hybrid corn was first interduced. Thanks Al

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Rebecca Bartenhagen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin H. Brown	Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation	Oppose	No
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John Keeler	Individual	Oppose	No

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al heitz	farm bureau	Oppose	No

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From: Linda Morgan [lindainhawaii65@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:49 AM
To: AGL Testimony
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Dear Representatives:

I feel very strongly about GMO labeling. I don't want to eat GMO products. As a consumer, I have the right to know if genetically modified organisms are in the food I buy. I choose to avoid GMO products, but the lack of labeling prevents me from knowing which products are GMO.

Please vote for HB 174. When GMO labeling is required, those who don't care if they eat GMO can still buy whatever they want, while those of us who choose to avoid GMO will be able to do so. This seems like a simple matter of common sense.

Mahalo,
Linda J. Morgan
P.O. Box 377406
Ocean View, HI 96737

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Timothy Hogrefe	Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Wladymeir Savaille	Individual	Support	No

Comments: IT IS OUR RIGHT TO KNOW!

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Sherrie Moore
RR 3 Box 1302
Pahoa, Hi.
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It should be clear by now that the vast majority of ordinary citizens of the State of Hawaii oppose GMO foods. It is shameful that all proposed legislation in the Senate related to GMO's was killed in committees, please do the very least that we the people are asking and pass a Bill in the House requiring labeling.

This debate has long been dominated by the biotech corporations that are using Hawaii for growing GMO crops against the will of the people, something that has been allowed to happen because of the undue influence of the all powerful USDA through PBARC (Pacific Basin Agriculture Research Center), based here on the Big Island, my home for more than thirty years.

We need a voice for our State, not to be silenced by a powerful federal government Department. It should also be clear that the more the citizens of Hawaii learn about GMO's and the biotech industry, the more opposition has arisen.

This Bill is far too little far too late, but it is at least a beginning in what should be a process of more openness and more willingness on the part of our State Government to express the will of the people, not the will of rich and powerful mainland corporations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration..

Sincerely,
Sherrie Moore

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Merlyn Mahalo [merlynmahalo@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:47 AM
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I definitely want to make informed choices to not eat GMO foods.
Most of the rest of the world already has this privilege !
I am tired of the corporate & political greed & corruption in Amerika !
Lets make Hawaii & the US GMO free !
Mahalo , James Eddy

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Brian Wieringa	Individual	Oppose	No

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David R. Trask	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We can not feed the world's starving masses without genetically modified seeds & technology & we are falling further & further behind!

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Luann Casey	Tin Roof Ranch	Support	No

Comments: We ask that GMO products be labeled, thank you for listening to the public.

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Ronald Bullerman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: no

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Oliver Kelso	Call Ollie LLC	Support	No

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Oliver Kelso
Call Ollie LLC
808-225-0917
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To Whom it May Concern,

I fully support HB174 and the labeling of GMO products. By labeling GMO products it gives my clients and the general public the ability to make more informed decisions about what they eat. it does not stop anyone from buying anything (as opponents of the bill like to claim), and is completely in line with other labeling efforts such as nutritional information and USDA organic stamps.

Failiure to vote for this bill means that whomever is voting no is saying to me, my clients, and the people of Hawaii that they support less freedom, they do not care about local business (only the big Mainland businesses who are the primary movers of GMO product), and would like us to be less informed as a people.

Thank you all for the hard work you do keeping Hawaii a beautiful place to live and raise children.

Warmest Aloha,

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Jennifer Homcy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Thank you for scheduling a hearing on HB174. I am grateful for the opportunity to express my support. I Support labeling products containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMS's) because I believe that consumers have the right to know what they are consuming. I also believe that we have the right to make informed choices about our health. The chemicals used to produce GMO's have considerable effects on health, on the soil, water, and air. If GMO's are so safe, they why do chemical corporations invest millions on preventing transparency? If their practices are so good, then why prevent people from knowing what such practices are? If chemicals are so safe, then why fight disclosure of use? I want to know how my food is produced and if living things now exist NOT as nature intended , that is it my right to choose if I want to consume it. Thank you again for accepting my testimony. Jennifer Homcy Haleiwa

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Steve Peters	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Meade	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alan Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tracy Tomascik	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adolph Helm	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Adolph Helm Testimony for HB 174, HD2 COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2013 TIME: 9:00am-11:00am PLACE: Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street HB 174, HD2 RELATING TO FOOD LABELING. Imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB174 HD2) POSITION: OPPOSE Aloha Chairman Nishihara, Baker and Green and Fellow Committee Members; Thank you for providing an opportunity to submit testimony on HB 174 HD2. I respectfully request you oppose this measure for the following reasons: • As interpreted by the AG the labeling bill is unconstitutional. • Let the FDA determine food labeling policies. • The voluntary market driven food labeling policies Whole Foods and Down to Earth utilizes should be a model Hawaii may want to consider following. • Opponents and supporters may have valid reasons regarding their position on HB 174 HD2. Because of those reasons perhaps the objective for Hawaii policy makers is to do a study first on whether a food labeling bill such as HB 174 HD2 is feasible from an economic, constitutional and practical perspective. Passing this bill even with recommendations to amend it may be premature. Having a sound plan in place that addresses the feasibility aspects for GMO labeling may be the direction the State of Hawaii may want to consider pursuing before passing a bill such as HB 174 HD2. Mahalo

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Eric Hawbaker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin K Franzmeier	Individual	Support	No

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**Before the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection &
Committee on Health**

March 21, 2013 , 9:00 A.M.

Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 174 HD2 RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green and Committee Members of Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection & Health:

I, Justin K. Franzmeier am writing in **support** of HB174 HD2 Relating to Food Labeling of Genetically Engineered Organisms. As a small local business owner dedicated to contributing to Hawai'i's sustainable food industry, the passing of this bill will mean three things for our company: 1) the support of our legislators in creating fair opportunities to sustainable local producers; 2) provide our community the ability to make informed decisions when it comes to health and consumption; and 3) avoid unknown risks that other countries around the world have acknowledged in relation to GMOs.

Being born and raised here on O'ahu as well as starting up my own business, I have found success in the core values of the triple bottom line, which takes into consideration: *people, profit and planet*. In order to ensure that these three core values are met, we need the participation of the private sector (of whom I am a part of), civil society (of whom has spoken strongly in favor of labeling of GMOs and banning of) and the public sector (you). I hope that with these three sectors working together we can ensure a sustainable future for Hawai'i not only for the future of small businesses and agricultural producers but for the future of our families as well. It is important that as consumers we are given the ability to make informed decisions on what we purchase and provide for our families.

I am passionate about helping Hawai'i move towards a healthy and sustainable food system through enabling a sustainable food system and engaging in healthy activities; I hope that you are as well and will show your support by passing this bill to require the labeling of GMOs.

Thank for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Dave Snedden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin Faber	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jerry Jellings	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Freitag	Individual	Oppose	No

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John M. Laflen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this measure. This will impede the development of agriculture in the US, and will eventually close off much economic activity related to Agriculture in the US. We have provided much more feed and fuel all over the world using GMO's-we must quit trying to fight their use which will reduce their use and make them more expensive.

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Vivian Wong	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: When GM foods were introduced without our knowledge, our right to know was taken away. Stand up and do the right thing for the people you represent, give us back our right to know.

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To Our Senators,

First, I thank you for listening to me, to us, to the people you represent.

I am asking for your support in HB174 to label genetically modified foods. I am a single mother and a full time student, I do everything I can do give my daughter the best that I can, to nurture, love and guide her so she will be the best human being she was meant to be, that includes nurturing her body with wholesome foods.

I hear the arguments against the labeling of genetically modified foods, and I see the contributions being made by biotech companies to our representatives. It is my hope that it is a lack of understanding and not greed that prevents those of you opposing this bill from supporting it. I say this because NOT a single one of these arguments make any logical sense. Labeling will not impose a new cost to the consumer, companies change their labels for various reasons all the time. Their ingredients change, new logos are used, new designs, or just promotional seasonal changes to their product packaging. In fact, these genetically modified foods that are exported to other countries are ALREADY being labeled because many of those countries require labeling of GM foods. It would in fact be easier to just label all and not just the ones being exported.

I hear there is not a single case of an individual becoming ill from eating GM foods. Well now, if the food is not labeled, there is no traceability. People fall ill every single day, most of them eat well over 50% GM foods and don't even know it! How is an individual supposed to make any correlations to their illnesses and the GM foods they eat, if they don't even know they are eating them. This is in truth is another reason why we MUST label.

The bottom line is that not only as consumers, but as people, as the individuals YOU represent, WE WANT OUR FOOD LABELED. We want to know what we are eating, what we are feeding our children. It is our right to know and it is our right to choose. Stand up for our rights, label our foods and give us our right to know, it should never have been taken away in the first place.

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Matt Bayles	Individual	Oppose	No

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Diana Bailey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Bad bill! Not good for our industry of agriculture.

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Pete Stehr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gene Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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vincen willey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I vote no

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Julian Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I run a software company here and I and all my friends, family and company support labeling. This is extremely important to us. It is ridiculous and unscientific to not label. Monsanto can't say GMO corn is different enough to patent but not different enough to not label. All GE foods should be labeled. I studied genetics in College and to me labeling is essential for scientific reasons. How can you track if there is a problem with putting pesticides or pharmaceuticals in corn unless its labeled as GMO corn? It is unscientific and against the public interest to not label. Monsanto had to spend \$46 million in Calif to defeat labeling which they did with lies and deceit and still the vote was close 51/49 about 5 million votes each. Monsanto can't keep doing this. People want labeling. Monsanto has an awful history here on the islands. Just today I see this:
<http://www.waterworld.com/news/2013/03/19/pcbs-found-in-kauai-water-tank-but-not-in-water-officials-say.html> 99% of PCB's were produced by Monsanto. Don't forget that 200 residents of Waimea are suing Pioneer/Dow over GMO's/insectices and their health problems.
http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/waimea-residents-sue-pioneer/article_82ff2c3e-2632-11e1-9ca7-001871e3ce6c.html A small taste of history is in this sad article:
<http://archives.starbulletin.com/2005/03/27/editorial/special2.html> Monsanto being the creator of Agent Orange. Another product they claimed was safe. If Monsanto, etc. say we are a different now. We represent science, we are for saving the environment and the world then it might be good to go back and read their history. Legislators are being offered an opportunity to do the right thing or take money from these companies. I strongly recommend every one of you do the right thing and support labeling. The people of Hawaii are very attentive on this issue and have long memories.

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Matthew Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Nancy and Errol Rubin [nsrubin@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:35 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: label gmo

I write today to respectfully ask that you give positive consideration to hearing and ultimately passing into law HB174, thus allowing Hawaii residents the opportunity to make informed decisions about the foods they eat.

HB174, like so many Bills now in the pipeline, is acknowledged to be imperfect and a work in progress. As we all know however, the measure could be easily amended and made whole.

A majority of people clearly want an opportunity to choose. While the debate over health aspects of GMOs will no doubt continue, the fundamental question today is not whether transgenic foods are healthy or harmful, but whether people are entitled to make an informed choice.

I think it is really important that we have choice. That is what labeling is for.

Sincerely,
Nancy

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From: Maui Rainbow Jewelry [lauriebob@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:33 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: gmo labeling

We support gmo labeling of all food. We need to know what is in our food. Are they afraid or do they think we're too dumb to make good choices.

Mahalo,

Laurie and Bob Kerr

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture/Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection/ Senate Committee on Health

To: Chair Senator Nishihara, Chair Senator Baker, Chair Senator Green and committee members

Re: H.B. 174 HD2 Relating to the Labeling of Genetically Modified Foods

HOFA (Hawaii Organic Farming Association) strongly supports (with amendments) the passage of H.B. No. 174 HD2 relating to the labeling of genetically modified (GM or GMO) foods.

HOFA, established in 1994 is an Association of Hawaii organic farmers, distributors, retailers, other organic industry members, and organic consumers. HOFA's vision is to create a sustainable future for Hawaii and our mission is to further organic and sustainable agriculture, land care, and lifestyles in Hawaii, thus giving meaning and life to our state motto: *Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono* "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness".

HOFA strongly advocates that the growing of organic foods is best for Hawaii, its' land, the environment, and for the people, as it excludes the use of genetic engineering, irradiation, the use of toxic sludge, and the use of harmful chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, etc. We believe that farming in this way helps to provide food self-sufficiency and food security for the people of Hawaii in a way that is *pono* and in everybody's best interests.

HOFA supports passage of this bill for the following reasons:

1. Without labeling consumers are unable to identify GM foods and don't know if they are consuming them or not. Consumers seek **freedom of choice**, to avoid GM foods should they so desire, and therefore have the **right to know** whether the foods they eat are produced using GM techniques, the overwhelming majority of consumers (as much as 90% in major media surveys) want to know whether the foods they consume are GM or not.

2. For a number of reasons GM foods are clearly and significantly different from non GM foods and should be labeled so consumers can identify GM foods and avoid them should they choose to do so. Some of the key differences between GM and non GM foods are as follows:

a. Food production should be moving towards more sustainable methods of agriculture, foods and farming methods that are in harmony with nature, i.e. not using harmful chemicals such as insecticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers etc. **GM foods are moving in the wrong direction and their production results in unnatural foods with increased toxic chemical use in the production of food.** For example, the two principal traits found in commercialized GM foods are:

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i. Resistance to Round-Up herbicide (containing glyphosate), which has resulted in increased use of Round-Up and consequent increased chemical residues in our food, water, soil, and air, and a host of other negatives such as "super-weeds" which are becoming resistant to the ever increasing amounts of toxins being sprayed on them.

ii. The insertion of insecticide, Bt, directly into the genes of the food we eat.

b. **GM crops are generally mono crops** (i.e. large areas of land are used for their production, and the same crop is repeatedly replanted year after year) which results in the degradation of the soil and topsoil loss with long term consequences to our ability to feed ourselves in the future. They are therefore not a sustainable method of agriculture, they do not leave the land better than we found it, and we are taking away from the food security of future generations.

c. **GM food has a different genetic makeup** than regular foods as GM foods contain genetic material from other species of life; contrary to biotech industry claims, this is not possible in the natural environment or by other plant breeding techniques. The biotech industry is patenting these foods as new inventions, so clearly they believe they are different.

d. There are **unknown human health and environmental risks** associated with GM foods:

i. Numerous independent scientific studies show causes for concern.

ii. While the biotech industry alleges that their products are safe, it should be kept in mind that some of these same companies claimed that Agent Orange and DDT were safe.

iii. The tobacco industry similarly denied any test or study results that showed concerns for human health from consuming their products.

iv. There are no human studies on the long-term health impacts of consuming GM foods. While the biotech industry claims that "so many servings of GM foods have been eaten, so they must be safe", this is not a valid argument. There has indeed been a large increase in allergies, reproductive issues, inflammation diseases, autism, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, etc. since the wide scale use of GM crops. As GM foods are not labeled, and no studies have been done to assess their role in the increase of such diseases/conditions, the biotech industry cannot rule them out as a potential cause. Many doctors and naturopaths are reporting that patients allergies and other health conditions clear up once they go on a GM free diet.

v. The standard should be to "do no harm", to release GM into the environment and into the food supply without exhaustive studies done on their long term impacts on human health and the environment is irresponsible.

3. HB 174 HD2 is a very limited in its application. As written it relates only to imported produce items, and does not cover any Hawaii produce (though, to not run afoul of the Commerce clause the bill needs to be amended to include Hawaii produce). HOFA believes that

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all foods containing GMOs should be labeled. This bill, while very limited, is a start, and a move in the right direction and thus should be supported.

Some of the biotech industry's stated objections to GMO labeling (in addition to points addressed above) and a rebuttal to them is as follows:

1. Labeling them implies they are not safe, or are unhealthy

Rebuttal: labeling of GM foods does not say whether they are safe or unsafe, healthy or unhealthy, the label will merely alert customers to the fact that the foods they are eating are GM foods. The biotech industry can embark on a consumer "education" campaign to explain why they believe GM foods are healthy and safe, and why they are beneficial. Let the market decide!

2. Labeling will increase the cost of food for consumers

Rebuttal: for this particular bill, HB174 HD2, which is extremely narrow in scope, the cost of labeling is insignificant, produce growers know whether their crop is GM, and can easily place a small label on the produce as it is packed/processed ready for sale.

3. GM labeling should be done at a federal, not the state level

Rebuttal: in an ideal world this would be the case. However, the FDA, which has the power to require GM labeling, decided over 20 years ago, based on a lack of information and on information which has since proven not to be true, to not require labeling.

The federal government's inaction on this important issue is not a reason for the State of Hawaii to not take action. Just because the federal government is not doing the right thing, does not give the State of Hawaii a free pass to also do the wrong thing.

The people of Hawaii are clearly expressing their feelings, they want GM labeling, and the legislature, as the representatives of the people, should pass a law requiring GM labeling.

HOFA further advocates that the bill should be amended to:

1. To ensure that the bill will be constitutional and not run afoul of the commerce clause, that all produce items, including produce items grown in Hawaii be labeled if they contain GMOs
2. To allow industry time to prepare for the required labeling, the implementation date should be changed to be January 1, 2015

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Please vote in favor of H.B. No. 174 HD2 with the suggested amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heather Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We rely strongly on the seed supplied to us by Hawaii. This bill would be a huge detriment to our farmers.

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William Navran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Rihner	Individual	Oppose	No

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I have to know what is in my food because I have many food allergies, as many others. I believe our food should be labeled accurately for us and our children to keep healthy. I've read many stories about old people and children getting sick from eating genetically modified food (GMO). It is important to my health to know when my food has been genetically engineered, so I can avoid them and getting sick. Please support HB174. I want all GMO items labeled.

Mahalo for you time.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Malasky
808-329-8357

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Mary Walker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Drew Carls	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: dawn [dawn@lundquiststudios.com]
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Must know what I Eat!!!! There are too many friends that are gluten intolerant and other food related issues that are of great concern Dawn Lundquist

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wade eliason	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Hayes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm a principal in Coffees of Hawaii, Inc. located on the island of Moloka`i. We feature Hybrid coffee orchards. We strongly support the Right to Know GMO.

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From: Kathleen Sato [katsat@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I would like the right to know which foods are genetically modified. It would then be my decision to buy them or not. We do not have that freedom now. I believe more knowledge—not less—of the foods we eat is good for us, not bad. When an entire industry wants to keep that knowledge from us, one can only assume that it has something to hide.

Please allow Hawaii residents the freedom to know which of their foods are GMOs and which are not. An educated public is not something to be feared but to be encouraged, and HB 174 is a major step in that direction.

Kathleen Sato
4429A Sierra Dr
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Benjamin Guerrero	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO products need to be labeled

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David Kerr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ken Rahe	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Werner and Kathy Grebe [grebew001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:22 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

We are writing to give our support for labeling all GMO's. Since GMO's are banned in Europe & Japan, we feel strongly that foods should be labeled non GMO or GMO. It is important for people to have a choice. Thank you, Katherine M. Grebe

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: drgmaui@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:22 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: HB 174 Testimony - AGAINST - GMO Labeling

HB 174 is unnecessary and will only raise the cost of food for Hawaii's consumers.

GMO's or biotech plant products have never been proven to be harmful to people or the environment.

The U.S. FDA, USDA and many scientific organizations have all provided information as to the safety of GMO's.

To label a product as GMO is only a scare tactic put on by certain groups/organizations that want to scare the scientifically illiterate public into buying organic. Again, there is no scientific evidence of harm from GMO products. If there was, the FDA would have removed them from the market.

Or to say we have a right to know about GMO's then I have a right to say I want to label all products fertilized with chicken manure. It's my right to know. And more people have been harmed by chicken manure fertilized vegetables than GMO vegetables.

I urge you strongly **to not pass** such poorly written legislation that is not scientifically justified in anyway, that will **only increase the Hawaii consumers cost of food**, for no justifiable reason.

Don R. Gerbig
Retired Sugar Industry Employee
6 Tulip Place
Lahaina, HI, 96761-8322

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Jason Leue	Individual	Support	No

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Dennis CARlson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ericjohn garcia jr.	Individual	Support	No
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Kathy Klein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rasika Leue	Individual	Support	No

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Heidi Taam	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Michael Steinlage	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gerald Morgan	Individual	Oppose	No

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John R. Gordines	Individual	Oppose	No

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Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013

Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am

Place: Conference Room 229

RE: HB174

STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Senators,

Thanks you for hearing this bill. I, like many Hawaii residents have serious concerns about the health and long-term economic viability of GMOs. In order to find health effects of GMOs it is necessary that researchers follow subjects for longer than 90 days. It is after that time that tumors and other damaging effects show up.

Consumers have the right to know what we are putting in our bodies.

Also it isn't economically safe to give the power to control the nation's and world's food supply to only a few corporations. Nature has created diversity to hedge against the danger of the demise of one species or another. GMOs effectively wipe out that diversity, taint organic produce, and neutralize the fertility of plants. This is dangerous from both a biological and economic standpoint.

Please pass HB 174 and begin to bring accountability to the GMO crop industry.

Netra Halperin, MA
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Kathy Musser	Individual	Oppose	No

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Todd Kalkwarf	Individual	Oppose	No

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Heather Brunk	Individual	Support	No

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To our Senators

Support HB174

I only recently became aware of GMO's and Monsanto. I considered myself an educated person. Now that I have had my eyes opened to the lies and deceit I was living with I cannot go back to being blissfully ignorant. All those who are against labeling GMO food and getting Monsanto out of Hawaii always have the same defense; GMO have not been proven to cause health problems and are beneficial in feeding populations of poverty. I am still educating myself on this topic and have much more to learn. All I know is that since I have become aware of GMO and what companies like Monsanto are doing to my food and my land, air and water I live in fear. The trust that I had in my government and leaders is shattered. How can the people that lead my State, lead my Country care about me and my children if they are denying and hiding the poison we are being fed? How as a mother can I make the right decisions for my children in what I feed them if I don't even know what's being put into the food? If I don't know what I am feeding them? Everyone wants proof that GMO's are bad. The only proof I have is my family has only been consuming NON GMO food for the past 4 months and my sons asthma has improved greatly. My daughter is no longer sick constantly. I spent the last two years sick and in the doctor's office and since I made the decision to no longer eat any products that are GMO I have not been sick, have not stepped foot in a doctor's office and for the first time since I can remember feel healthy and have none of the illnesses I was having before. It may not be enough to prove that GMO's are bad and are poison but it is enough to prove to me that the power of knowledge and choice are priceless. Please pass this bill so that every person has the right to know what they are feeding themselves and their children. As parents and consumers we should at least have the right to choose what we eat and what we feed our children. There are labels on medicines, chemicals, cleaners, and all other products that we buy so why is it not on the food we eat? We are given the right to decline taking medications due to risks involved. If a medicine is new and has not had sufficient research we are told and can then choose to not consume them, we should be given the same choice with our food. Thousands argue that GMO's are not bad, that they do not cause health issues, but all those arguments do not change the fact that since I have stopped feeding my family and myself GMO products we are all suddenly healthier and our health issues are greatly reduced. I don't expect anyone to give credit to what I am saying, I know and that is all that matters. I will fight this as long as it takes. I am asking you to stand behind what America is founded on, Freedom to choose, the right of choice. Label GMO's so that I have that right. Lastly, if GMO's are so good and are of no risk to anyone and so much research has been done to prove they are not a threat why is it so hard to get them labeled? Why is it such a huge fight for something that is so simple. LABEL IT!

nishihara1 - Amanda

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Gary L. Hooser	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of H.B. NO. 174 HD 2, Relating to food labeling

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TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
ON

H.B. NO. 174, HD 2, RELATING TO FOOD LABELING
Senate Committee on Agriculture/Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection/Senate Committee on Health

March 21, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chairpersons Nishihara, Baker, and Green, and Members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Health:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Friends and Former Senate Colleagues:

Good policy plus good politics – that elusive holy grail each of us who serve in public office seeks every day. What can we do that will make our communities better and that the people will love? What can we do that is meaningful, that is more than just grinding through the minutiae that is the sausage factory of lawmaking?

Being first in the nation to take a bold step on the important issue of food labeling is that win-win that is so hard to find in lawmaking.

Yes, five (5) agrochemical companies will be disappointed. But, the sky will not fall, the industry will not collapse, the people will love you for it and it is the right thing to do.

I write today to respectfully ask that you give positive consideration to hearing and ultimately passing into law H.B. No. 174, HD2, thus allowing Hawai'i residents the opportunity to make informed decisions about the foods they eat.

H.B. No. 174, HD2, like so many Bills now in the pipeline, is acknowledged to be imperfect and a work in progress. As we all know, however, the measure could be easily amended and made whole.

Senate Committees on Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection, and
Health

March 21, 2013

RE: H.B. NO. 174, HD 2

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A majority of people clearly want an opportunity to choose. While the debate over health aspects of GMOs will no doubt continue, the fundamental question today is not whether transgenic foods are healthy or harmful, but whether people are entitled to make an informed choice.

The agrochemical companies are fond of saying that GMO foods are "nutritionally substantially equivalent." Horse meat may very well be "nutritionally substantially equivalent" to beef, but I still do not want to eat it.

Adding the letters GMO just ahead of MSG and Red Dye #3 will cost nothing.

Sixty-three (63) countries around the world, including all of Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand already require mandatory labeling of GMO products.

The grocery chain Whole Foods has just announced it is requiring suppliers to label all GMO products by 2018.

Hawai'i should do the same. Put the onus on the industry to label within reasonable parameters as have been done elsewhere. Set out a reasonably effective date that will allow the GMO foods now on the shelf to be eaten and replaced by those properly labeled.

Good policy and good politics; it is a rare combination.

I encourage you to go for it!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Hooser", written over a horizontal line.

GARY L. HOOSER

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Gary Turner	Washington County Utah Farm Bureau	Oppose	No
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Subject: Support HB 174

Aloha,

My name is Marguerite and I am testifying **in support** of HB 174, which will be heard on Thursday (3/21) at 9:00 a.m. As an informed consumer, and while utilizing my Bachelors of Science to discern the information about genetically modified organisms (GMO, I have become aware of the dangers and misguided steps that has allowed GMO foods to be grown and consumed in high rates.

The GMO issue impacts everyone: from everyone buying food, to farmers, and those with concern for our environment. I believe in the consumer's right to know and be educated on what they we are eating. We all depend on the nutrition facts and food labels to understand how what we are eating -- the most basic form of maintaining human health -- is effecting our body. Currently is it impossible to fully understand what goods are GMO in our grocery store; even if you are someone who is dedicated to researching and understanding the issue. Labeling would allow us to make informed choices on what we consume, without harming the GMO and seed crop industry (if GMO's do not pose a threat to human or environmental health then where is the problem in labeling your goods as such?).

Please consider the public interest, our right to know, our environment, and human health as you vote on tomorrow's bill.

Regards,
Marguerite Harden
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Mike Puncochar	Individual	Oppose	No

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napoleon p. dela cruz	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

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Years ago, the science of genetic engineering came into focus and caught the attention of the science community with the discovery of a genetically-modified tomato and a "Round Up" ready soybean. As a follow through to this event, the phrase, Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) referring to the tomato and the soybean, became popular ever since.

Today, GMO, is being abused as such that its long-term negative effect on human health, environment and agriculture are being highlighted and a clear example of which, is the mandatory labeling of all commercial products derived from GMO sources that are being sold in the state of Hawaii as expressed in House Bill 174. Anti-GMO groups have been trying to popularize in the media (radio, television and print) that any GMO is bad and when you think of GMO it is Monsanto at the forefront. This is an unfair and bad information being passed around.

As an employee working with Monsanto for almost five years, I am not comfortable with what is going on in the enactment of laws in the State Legislature particularly, House Bill 174 as promoted by politicians and supported by cause-oriented groups. Gleaning from the media, it is the Federal government and not the State that enact food labeling laws through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). I am of the opinion that House Bill 174 will not prosper as all information that support the bill are unfounded and debatable and the only thing that supports the bill is the concern that citizens have the right to know.

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Ruth Sebok	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Would like to amend that Hawaii Grown produce also be required to label if GMO.

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Ivory Kealani Pan McClintock	Individual	Support	No
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**Before the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection &
Committee on Health**

March 21, 2013 , 9:00 A.M.

Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 174 HD2 RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green and Committee Members of Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection & Health:

I, Ivory Kealani Pan McClintock am sending in testimony in **support** of HB174 HD2 Relating to Food Labeling of Genetically Engineered Organisms. Respectively, I urge each member of the Agricultural, Commerce & Consumer Protection & Health Committees to vote in favor of passing this bill for three main reasons: 1) Consumers deserve the right to know what is in their food in order to make informed decisions in issues regarding their health and well-being; 2) Hawai'i will join international leaders such as the EU and other countries close to home such as Japan in enacting such a law; and 3) provide opportunities for local farmers to create sustainable agricultural solutions that will help Hawai'i move towards food independence.

The European Union has been a leader in Agricultural Policy since its formation in 1962 with the Common Agricultural Policy. They have continued to set the precedence in encouraging rural farming and in 2003 they required the labeling of GMOs with three main objectives¹:

- 1)Protect human and animal health through stringent safety assessment of GM food and feed before it can be sold;
- 2)Ensure common procedures for risk assessment and authorization are efficient, **transparent** and do not take too long;
- 3)Ensure clear labeling that responds to the concerns of consumers (including farmers buying feed) and **enables them to make informed choices.**

Specifically, to our House Committee on Health, this bill should be of utmost important to you, in order to ensure health and safety of your consumers and constituents. While the EU is just one example of the labeling of products, even within the EU, countries such as France are tightening the regulation at a national level as more research and consumer concerns surface. Countries such as Japan, Australia, New Zealand, China, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Switzerland and Taiwan² have required labeling of genetically modified food at this point and Japan for example has banned the importation of GM food as well. With the many ties we have with these countries already, it is important for Hawai'i to set an example for the rest of the U.S. in requiring labeling and banning the importation of GMOs to our islands.

It is important that we as the consumer have a right to make an informed decision on the products we consume and provide to our family. This bill if passed will be monumental in the state of Hawai'i and being the first step in creating an informed and knowledgeable civil society that obtains the freedom to choose a path to a sustainable future or not. I humbly ask for your support and creating this opportunity for the people that you serve.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Ivory Kealani Pan McClintock
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Resident of Anahola, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

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Dr. Mark & Christine Lamore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques • GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.) • There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern) • Request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO

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Please, rule in favor of the public's right to know what they're ingesting by mandating GMOD food labels.

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Pauline Mickelson RN	Individual	Oppose	No
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Comments: I do not want to see Hawaii grown foods be exempt from the requirement. I prefer buying Local Grown but if Hawaii farmers do not document the GMO factor then I will need to buy from Mainland products/sources that do document to be sure.

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Linn Nishikawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I noticed that my online testimony confirmed showed me in support of this bill. I am NOT. HERE'S WHY: I oppose this bill, because it's unconstitutional. If no one has gotten sick from GM foods, why are would you consider passing a bill that 1) will add to the cost of our grocery bills and 2) the state will need to dedicate more of our tax payer dollars to enact this type of legislation (if that's even possible to do with no support from the FDA. I'm hoping our legislators that we put in office have the balls to stand up to bullying from anti-GM groups who don't care for our greater community. Our residents have had ENOUGH! Please do not pass this bill. Instead promote voluntary GM goods labeling - which by the way the FDA already encourages!

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ehulani hope kane	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: as a hawaiian woman, mother and grandmother i urgently ask that you legislators who represent us... hear the voices of your constituents who are demanding that the actions of corporate chemical companies be put in check. monsanto, mycogen, dow et al are putting our lands, our oceans and the health of our people at risk all for a profit to them and a detriment to our resources. it is your responsibility to do what is pono for our land and our people. labeling gmo's is a step towards allowing people their god given freedom to take care of themselves and their families as they see fit. otherwise, our futures are being dictated by for profit conglomerates who have little regard for our aina or the sanctity of human life. what do you think our kupuna past are saying? how will be accountable to the ones that have yet to be born??? please, do the right thing. mahalo... most sincerely, ehulani h. kane molokai island

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Antoinette Cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Nina Puhipau	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Personal Experiences With GMOs Listed: a. My husband ate an inordinate amount of gmo papayas in Kahuku in 1999-2000 and we believe that he now has a documented Neosporin allergy because he ate gmo papayas. A man visited our rural home with buckets of gmo papayas in the back of his truck bed and said he could not sell these at the local markets. My husband bought and ate many of these buckets filled with papayas. Many people were selling these papayas by the road side during this time for 5 for \$1. My husband went into anaphylactic shock at Kaiser Hospital when Neosporin was applied to a minor abrasion. He had not had any previous reactions to Neosporin prior to eating all those papayas. Jeffrey Smith, author of Genetic Roulette, and Dr. Lorrin Pang, State Health Officer for Maui County, have expressed their belief that my husband's newly developed Neosporin allergy is due to eating gmo papayas that have antibiotic markers in them. My son, who was conceived after my husband ate many gmo papayas, is highly allergic to all papayas. b. Our son, the one that's allergic to papayas, went swimming off of Crozier Drive in front of the Salvation Army facilities, when he was 5 years old. The water was a little cloudy so I told him not to put his head under the water. When he returned home he became ill. He was ill for 2-3 months (documented through Kaiser Hospital). Our older son, who was in high school at Kamehameha Schools at the time was canoe paddling with Manu 'o Ke Kai in Haleiwa on this same day. On the same day he came home with a staff infection on his heal so severe that his leg swelled to his knee. Our 5 year old son was already a thin child, and he lost 5 lbs. that summer. He could not stop throwing up and had diarrhea for months. We were desperate to cure him. I was worried for his life. We took numerous stool samples and saw his pediatric physician regularly. He was on antibiotics for a parasite and was finally treated homeopathically. He still suffers with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (a.k.a. Leaky Gut) which many doctors are beginning to connect with gmos (IBS is also connected to autism). I am also concerned about the connection between this child consuming (unlabeled) gmo soy formula for 5 months of his infancy and IBS. Given my families experiences, I feel that gmo related diseases correlate to the Quantity of gmos consumed. Label the corn that is being grown in Hawai'i. It is not the same as traditional corn. People have a right to know that this is new technology. c. The only reason I was making any of these health concern connections with gmos is because when my husband and I began building our home in Waialua, my father-in-law visited O`ahu to film a video called Islands At Risk. Islands At Risk documents the gmo concern in our islands. At that time Pioneer had already started testing gmos all over the Kamananui district by Schofield, through Waialua (by Hale`iwa) and down to Mokule`ia. At present date, above Hale`iwa (even over Hale`iwa

taro lo'i for Hale'iwa Poi) going all the way to Waimea Bay (mauka), Bishop Estate is leasing land to Monsanto for gmo testing. Pioneer has bought hundreds of acres in Waialua and continues to grow their gmo open field trials over many miles of land surrounding our homes. When I look out of our windows I see miles of gmo open field crop testing. d. I am deeply disappointed in the University of Hawai'i. My grandfather taught medical students there and believed it was a great school (he was a Harvard Med. graduate born and raised in HI). UHManoa, Bishop Estate, and The State of Hawai'i have SOLD our rights to our health, our clean water, and feel justified doing so due to the American suppression of information about GMOs. In the 1800's Hawai'i was a very international port. Let us reconnect with that spirit so that we may protect Hawai'i today. The world of science is very rich right now. Science and technology are in warp speed right now. It is an amazing time; a time that requires us to be extremely Responsible. Many scientists are using Hawai'i as their laboratory right now. They are very excited to be doing so and will not be easily swayed. If you follow the money trail you will see names like Bill and Melinda Gates. Our families do not have time to sit by while the politicians realize how great their responsibility is on this issue. Sadly, many of the politicians for North Shore O'ahu and Hawai'i Agriculture have not learned very much about this issue and/or have been deeply swayed by biotech. reps. I demand a world view from our leaders. Ethnocentrism and egocentrism is making people sick. I consider GMOs poison. Actually, many of the plants grow poison within their dna. We do not want ANY poison near our families, and we really don't want lots of poison in their drinking/swimming water or the soil where their food is grown. The Waialua/Hale'iwa/Mokuleia aquifer connects to Kunia and Wahiawa. Our neighbors feel that the tap water in Waialua is connected to the high levels of cancer in their families. "If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing." e. Most people I know get staff from swimming in the ocean on the North Shore now. Every beach is suspect. My husband and I have lived on the North Shore for nearly 2 decades now. The inordinate rate at which people are getting staff is very new. We are from Hawai'i. My husband is almost 50% Hawaiian. My family came here in 1849. Many of my first ancestors to come to Hawai'i left Ireland during the Potato Famine. During this Great Famine 1 million people died and 1 million more emigrated. It is interesting to note here that, along with an increasing number of nations, all of Ireland is gmo-free. They have learned to pay attention to food sovereignty. If it were up to me we would leave Hawai'i due to the lack of environmental awareness in our government. My husband, being nearly 50% Hawaiian, feels he needs to make a stand and stay. I was raised in North Kohala on the Big Island. My grandfather and mother were raised in Manoa Valley (my grandfather's grandparents grew up downtown and in Makiki). Within the past 20 years the protection and access to our natural resources has been appalling. I grew up, as many of us did, playing in waterfalls and rivers, going to the beach where the water was cleansing, and having free access to open land. Raising my children, "in the country", today is a very different picture than what we experienced as children. Isn't it a catastrophe that our children are raised today thinking that the physical disconnection from our environment is 'normal'. It seems leaders in Hawai'i are modeling a Los Angeles, California model of living. Have you been to L.A. lately? We are biological creatures. When we are reckless with our environment, we will pay the cost. Here is a quick list of some of the many resources available on the topic: Videos Available on YouTube Vandana Shiva UHM/State Capitol 2013/Ray Kroc Center Islands At Risk TedX Birke Baehr (11 yr. old student) Stop Monsanto from Poisoning Hawai'i The World According to Monsanto Kicinich Calls Out Monsanto: Americans Demand GMO Labeling Genetic Roulette Dr. Oz on GMO Foods The Future of Food A Silent Forest Genetic Engineering: The World's Greatest Scam Farmageddon Forks Over Knives The Future of Food Living Downstream Bitter Seeds Seeds of Hope The Future of Food Books: Your Right to Know: Genetic Engineering and the Secret Changes in Your Food Genetic Roulette Uncertain Peril Making Peace with the Earth: Beyond Land Wars and Food Wars Altered Genes, Twisted Truth Organizations (check out their websites) Center for Food Safety California for GE-Free Agriculture Sierra Club National Family Farm Coalition Genetic Engineering Action Network Environmental Commons Civil Eats Farmer to Farmer Campaign Farm Aid *Pesticide Action Network The Institute

for Responsible Technology The Non GMO Project The Organic Consumer's Association The True Food Network GM Watch GMO Compass Union of Concerned Scientists Facebook: gmo Free O`ahu gmo Free Maui gmo Free Big Island/ Moku `o Keawe gmo Free Kauai gmo Free Moloka`i/ Moms on a Mission 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014. With kind regards, Nina Puhipau Kekauwa St. Waialua, HI 96791 nina_kai@yahoo.com

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I support HB 174. Many progressive countries have required food containing GMO ingredients be labeled as such so the consumer is informed of their presence. I, myself, would chose non-GMO products. I do not want to be feeding myself or my family genetically modified ingredient containing foods without knowing.

I know that large corporate interests have invested hugely to defeat such measures. But, my hope is that the consumer's right to know what they are buying is ensured with HB174.

Nancy Bauer, 76-6212 Alii Dr, Kailua Kona, HI 96740.

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I support HB 174. Everyone needs to have the right to know whether the food they are purchasing is genetically modified, or not.

Thank you,
Luci Price

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Aloha,

I am writing in regards to HB 174 HD2, and am in support of GMO labeling.

You may already agree with this bill, but in the off chance you don't, I wanted to share my testimony as to why this would be beneficial. It's pretty universal that people would like to know what they are eating, that's the entire reason ingredients labels exist - so we much ask, what could possibly be the reason to hold back information from the consumer? If there were good ingredients or items that people wanted, they would be boldly emblazoned on products, not great efforts to hide them. This basic element alone speaks to the nature of what is going on, and how important it is for consumers to decide what they are ingesting. Even if they agree with genetic modification of food, that's great, they can be assured that is indeed what they are buying - but for those who are not aware or do not agree, that choice should be made available to them as a public right.

Health is another concern that is of course a complicated issue, as there are few publicly available reports that indicate the health ramifications of genetic modified food as part of a regular diet. It is of note that virtually every other country in the world is against the widespread proliferation of genetically engineered food, as it is obvious that they haven't existed long enough to know the long term health effects. From my own research it has become clear that at the very least, gmo food is contributing to a significant increase in unusual allergies, many to common foods, and notably to antibiotics. Why antibiotics? Well inherent in the genetic code used to manipulate food are antibiotic markers, which build up in the food growing and subsequently in the body. Things are never recreated in the field just as they are in the lab, so unusual combinations occur, and we eat them. Additionally many people are experiencing health issues from an inability to absorb certain vitamins and minerals, which is directly linked to an over abundance of gmo food in their diet.

We can all agree that the land, our earth, the soil that feeds us is quite important. Many farmers for centuries have endeavored to build healthy soil that can be re-used for future crops, maintaining healthy soil with abundant flora and fauna. With gmo crops, the soil is contaminated and can only be healthy for normal crops again after 100's of years, if ever. Is this really worth the gamble? Are we really trying to solve a world food crisis, or simply seeking a new way to profit? Any crop that requires a chemical as part of it's composition simply to grow is not a step in the right direction, and our future generations will pay the ultimate price for this experiment. How does this relate to food labeling? People need to know what is going on and into their bodies, and be able to have their say in the matter.

I believe genetic study has huge potential, but do not believe in experimenting on an unknowing public.

Please consider this testimony and support the labeling of food, so that all can know what they are eating. Whether they support gmo, are unaware of it, or against it, they have a right to know. In all truth, having adequate labels will surely push the issue in the direction it needs to go, as if the consumer demands more gmo food that will be evident by the sales - something that can only happen if we know what those foods are.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

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HB174 HD2 Relating to Food Labeling. Imposes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations.

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Alan Johnson: Support HB174 HD2

ALOHA SENATORIAL CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

While this HB174 HD2 needs revision and changes, we support its intent and recommend any legal amendments to ensure its passing and enforcement.

10 Reasons Why to Pass This Legislation for genetically modified food (GM).

- 1. People want transparency to choose.** We want the right to have the information to make our own choices of what goes into our bodies. Often ethics and quality are driven by market demand; otherwise producers don't focus on health. Informed People can help regulate the industry towards improving health instead of just focusing on financial gain.
- 2. People want to have a say when GM replaces natural seeds:** Consumer's choice can influence GM practices. GM merely replaces natural seeds with modified seeds thereby limiting natural selection, limiting the varieties of seeds, which may place the world's food supply at risk when new diseases mutate. People need to be informed to make good decisions. Let's start with labeling so the dialogue can continue.
- 3. People want to know if GM can resist drought, reduce fertilizer pollution or save soil:** It doesn't. People need to be involved in the solutions, which can only happen if there is transparency and information widely disseminated to the public, starting with proper labeling.
- 4. People want to know if GM crops increase pesticide use.** US government data shows that in the US, GM crops have produced an overall increase, not decrease, in pesticide use compared to conventional crops. Integrated Pest Management and other innovative low-input or organic methods of controlling pests and boosting yields have proven highly effective, particularly in the developing world.
- 5. People want to know if GM producers are gaining a monopoly – and are there better ways to feed the world.** People can choose to support a choice environment where there are healthy choices and alternatives. First, People have

- to be informed. A major UN/World Bank-sponsored report compiled by 400 scientists and endorsed by 58 countries concluded that GM crops have little to offer global agriculture and the challenges of poverty, hunger, and climate change, because better alternatives are available.
6. **People want choice to choose foods that they believe are healthy:** Genetic modification is a crude way of incorporating foreign genetic material (e.g. from viruses, bacteria) into crops, with unpredictable consequences. Labeling foods is the first step to long term monitoring, which is needed because as with foods like trans fats, it takes decades of research to determine if it has unhealthy aspects.
 7. **People will want to know about GM feeding to animals and its effect.** People want more independent, rigorous and long-term safety testing. Animal testing for GM feeding have toxic effects, including abnormal changes in organs, immune system disturbances, accelerated ageing, and changes in gene expression.
 8. **People want to know if GM crops are economically superior to competitive alternatives:** To compare pricing, People need to know which is what. A 2009 report showed that GM seed prices in America have increased dramatically, increasing at a higher rate compared to non-GM and organic seeds. GM's economic advantage is rapidly disappearing.
 9. **People need to know if GM and non-GM can co-exist.** People need to know if GM seeds are contaminating organic seeds. The issue is that if it is, then once it's made, it may not be able to be reversed.
 10. **People want more information to trust GM companies.** Many people believe that the big GM biotech companies have a terrible history of toxic contamination and public deception. People need labeling to learn more about it to determine if trust is warranted. A big case is before the U.S. Supreme Court on the exclusivity of its genetically modified seed patents. GM companies want to retain patent rights even if inadvertently showing up in a farmer's generic stocks after planting. They want rights even if the GM seeds were not sold as seeds; that GM companies have rights to litigate if their plants show up after a farmer's planting; that their rights are not "exhausted" after the farmer's initial planting of accidental contamination. But more broadly the case also raises implications regarding control of the food supply and the patenting of life.

GM companies are starting to exert a tremendous level of control over the food supply, creating monopolies that have enormous power to determine what we eat, limiting consumer's choices.

Labeling is the first step to people having a choice. That choice is how America has historically shaped what is ethical and preferable for our community. Choice is critical.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

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To whom it may concern,

I am simply a concerned citizen who wants to be able to know where my food is coming from and how it was produced. In our age of 'instant everything', we often forget or don't care about how products we consume or purchase are being produced. In this case, I would like to know if the food I am eating has gone through a process that has been enhanced in a way that is not natural. I do not support genetically modified foods or farming that uses harmful pesticides. Many of these methods not only endanger the individual consuming the actual product, but it may endanger farmers and more importantly the surrounding ecosystem of the farm. Please support the labeling of genetically modified organisms.

Thank you.

Taylor Yasui

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Mark Leggett	Miss. Poultry Association	Oppose	No

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Samantha Webb	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carmen Legacy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, As a parent, grandparent and consumer I wish to submit my request for the passage of HB 174 requiring food labeling in our State. Although big business has a right to do business as they see fit, as a consumer I do not want my right to choose the healthiest foods I consume to be overlooked; and by requiring food labeling, the power remains in my hands to buy or not to buy food I deem the best for my family. Thank you for your support in keeping the choice with me by passing HB 174. Thank you. Carmen Legacy Kalaheo, Kauai

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Ned Meister	Individual	Oppose	No

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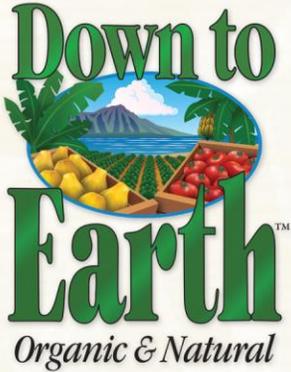
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Mark Fergusson	Down to Earth	Support	Yes

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture/Senate Committee on
Commerce and Consumer Protection/ Senate Committee on Health**

Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:00am

**To: Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green and committee members
Re: HB 174 HD2 Relating to Food Labeling**

Down to Earth Organic & Natural, a Hawaii company founded in 1977, has five (5) organic and natural foods stores throughout the state: four on Oahu and one on Maui.

Down to Earth supports HB 174 HD2 which currently requires all imported genetically engineered (GE) fresh produce sold in Hawaii to be labeled as "genetically engineered".

We strongly support this bill.

Consumers have the right to know whether the foods they eat are produced using genetic modification techniques. The overwhelming majority of consumers want to know whether the foods they consume are genetically modified or not (over 90% of consumers asked in recent surveys want labeling of GMOs).

As a food retailer with thousands of customers shopping in our stores on a daily basis, we are regularly asked by our customers whether the foods we sell contain GMOs or not.

As there is no requirement for labeling we are unable to provide accurate information to consumers in response to their questions. As a retailer, in many cases we are unable to obtain adequate information from our suppliers whether the products we buy from them contain GMOs or not. Without labeling, our suppliers don't know, we don't know, and our customers don't know; but we all want to know! Indeed, we believe that consumers should have the freedom to choose whether to consume products containing GMOs or not, and therefore have the right to know, via mandatory food labeling, whether foods contain GMOs.

The biotech industry advocates that their products are good for people and good for the world. If they are so proud of their products and believe their claims then they should be happy to label their products, making it a strong marketing claim. So why are they opposed to providing that information? Clearly they are concerned that people will choose not to eat foods containing GMOs. Rather than being a reason not to label, this is a proof point that such foods should be labeled. The biotech industries position that there is no need for labeling because the foods are "nutritionally equivalent" or "substantially equivalent" is a hollow argument that does not help suppliers, retailers, and consumers get answers to their valid questions. It is a hollow argument as the GMO foods are not the same as regular foods, they are patented as being new inventions as they are genetically modified, meaning genetic material from other species is injected into them, which has never happened before (contrary to biotech industry claims that GMO is merely an extensions of cross breeding) generally to make the crop resistant to herbicide, or to insert insecticide into the

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plants. This makes them very different from regular foods, they have a very different impact on the environment and they have potential health risks.

The biotech industry is really taking a position of telling us what consumers need to, or worse yet, are allowed to know and is putting itself in the unenviable position of arguing that consumers don't have the right to know. At some point they will surely recognize that the harm they are doing to themselves by fighting against and curtailing consumer information is greater than what the impact of labeling itself will be.

The biotech industry argument that consumers can buy organic foods if they want to avoid GMOs is similarly irrelevant, while it is true that GMOs are not an approved process under the National Organic Program (NOP), many foodstuffs that are "conventionally" grown do not contain GMOs. Many consumers want to buy those foods, especially if an organic option is not available. Without knowing whether it is GMO or not consumers are unable to make informed choices on whether to buy what may or may not be a GMO item.

With regard to the current bill before your committees, it is very limited in scope, as it covers only imported produce items. The growers of GMO produce know that it is GMO as they buy the seed from the biotech companies, therefore no testing is required. It is also easy and inexpensive to label the GMO produce as it is hand-packed into boxes for shipping.

While consumers have the right, and are asking for and even demanding labeling of all foods containing GMO foods, HD174 HD2 is a compromise bill that, while not providing full labeling, at least provides some labeling and is therefore strongly supported by Down to Earth.

There are of course many further reasons why GMOs should be labeled and why various individuals and organizations are asking for labeling. These include the adverse environmental impacts of GMOs (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.), and the unknown long-term health impacts (many independent studies showing cause for concern) of the consumption of GMO foods. Down to Earth strongly supports HB 174 HD2 and urge you to pass the bill from your committee.

Down to Earth further advocates that the bill be amended to:

1. To ensure that the bill will be constitutional and not run afoul of the commerce clause, that all produce items, including produce items grown in Hawaii be labeled if they contain GMOs
2. To allow industry time to prepare for the required labeling, the implementation date be changed to January 1, 2014

Please vote in favor of H.B. No. 174 HD2 with the suggested amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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Tom Tusha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sammie Cawthorn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I cannot believe that the legislature is considering legislation dealing with gmo's when there are so many more issues to consider. We need to feed the world and this is the only way we will continue to increase our agriculture foot print with the reduction in farm land. Please oppose HB 174.

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Aloha,

I don't have much to say other than I do want to know if I am eating GMO's or not. As far as I am concerned the jury is still out on the health aspects or detriments of GMO's. I am in support of HB 174.

Mahalo, and Breathe Easy!

Pam Princenthal

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Jessica Friedberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Recommend passage with TWO AMENDMENTS: : 1) The bill be amended to include local GMO produce as to not violate the Commerce Clause. 2) The bill be clearly defined as necessary in order to prevent consumer confusion so that Hawaii shoppers are clear about whether the produce they are purchasing is genetically engineered or not.

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Ed Kordick	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dr Robert A Zelkovsky	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Countries like China, Russia and most of Europe label GMOs. Are we a country that provides LESS information to the public than these countries? Why is that? I have been involved in health education for 43 years, mostly on Kauai, and have learned that food healthy real food is a very important aspect of maintaining health = not becoming sick. Please label GMOs in our food supply.
Robert Zelkovsky DC

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Brian Winkler	Individual	Oppose	No

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sharon willeford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: BIG ISLAND _ Label our Food!

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Aloha:

I absolute support a bill to label GMO products. The health of our people is seriously at stake and this is one of the many reasons why. It is imperative that if this type of food will not be banned or regulated, that we as free Americans have the right to decide for ourselves. That starts with proper labeling.

Please pass HB174.

Thank you.

Jacinda Elias
Waimanalo, HI

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Cherilyn Inouye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Nishihara and Members of the Agriculture Committee, I would like to testify in support of HB174. I believe that by requiring companies to label genetically-modified/engineered food, that this will bring greater awareness to the public about the food we have available to us, and empower citizens to decide whether or not they want to purchase genetically altered food. With labeling, at least we have the choice. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB174.

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Kelly Pruitt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas Colglazier	Colorado Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

Comments: Colorado Farm Bureau, on behalf of its 23,000 members ask that you oppose HB 174. Not only do we believe that this will have a negative impact on the citizens of Hawaii and that state's farmer, but also impact farmers in Colorado, as well as throughout the US, who use GMO crops. GMO crops are among the most heavily researched food items in the country and have been found safe by many organizations and entities in the United States, such as the American Medical Association, FDA, USDA and EPA, as well as by many scientific bodies in the European Union. Furthermore, if the issue of labeling should be a topic of discussion, Colorado Farm Bureau fully believes that it is a topic best reviewed at the federal level. We would appreciate your opposition to HB 174. Thank you for your consideration.

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Tania Fukuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE LABEL GMOs I believe it is our right to know what we eat and what we feed our families. It should be my choice to eat what I want. Isn't the right to know a fundamental right in the USA? Aren't we free to decide what we eat? The USA is falling behind other developed, and not so developed countries, by not adhering to the basic principles of the American Constitution. Please label GMOs

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William Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is very important to me and to every other Hawaiian. We have a right to know what's being put in the food we buy. This isn't a dictatorship yet.

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Chris Mies	Dow AgroScience	Oppose	No

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Kristin Harner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alika Napier	Individual	Oppose	No

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HB 174 as it is written is contrary to the fact that the safety of GMO foods have been proven by over 600 peer reviewed scientific studies by scientific authorities such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They have all concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food.

Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain GMO ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic," "non GMO," or "GMO-Free"

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Meleana Judd-Cox	Waihuena Farm	Support	No
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Comments: SUPPORT Aloha Chairs & members of the committees, Waihuena Farm located on the North Shore grows produce organically (uncertified) for over 30 families in our Community Supported Agriculture program, I write representing these families in support of HB174. I started working on raising awareness about risks created by genetic engineering and generating support for local organic/ecological food production in 2005. The public is starting to understand that industrial chemical based and genetically-engineered agriculture poses risks to our (personal, environmental & societal) health and wants to be able to make informed choices about the food they eat and practices they support. I hope some of you were able to hear Vandana Shiva's speech delivered in the rotunda on opening day (video and verbatim available at Hawaii Independent) where she masterfully shares the story of what is happening to food systems around the world. Please also take note of the Statewide rally that happened in march and the amount of people waking up to this issue. As our elected officials please listen to our requests, and not to those made by a few corporations! No this bill does not solve our problems of how agricultural land is being treated in our State...but it does make a step in the right direction of transparency! suggested amendments/ares of concern in hb174's current form... "1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3)We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014." MAHALO & MALAMA PONO Meleana Judd-Cox Waihuena Farm 59-414 Kamehemeha Hwy Haleiwa, 96712 meleanajudd@gmail.com 551.8132

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Ryan Tracy	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Julie Nelson [julienelson2010@gmail.com]
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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I would like to express my support of HB 174 requiring the labeling of GMO produce and food products brought into Hawaii. I have just learned about GMO labeling in the last year and I was astonished that the growth of GMO products has been going on for years without the public knowing that what they are eating has been genetically grown and the health ramifications not yet fully known. Not to mention that Hawaii has been named as the GMO capital of the world with Monsanto growing GMO corn and papayas right in our own backyard here in Hawaii. This is not something to be proud of and it's time to make a change starting with the GMO labeling. It is not right that these potentially toxic products are forced upon the public without full disclosure. Let the public choose whether to buy these products or not. 63 countries around the world require mandatory GMO labeling on their food products. Why is the U.S. still so behind with this type of mandate? The government should be protecting its citizens from toxins in food. Only in the last decade or so were companies required to put fat and calorie content and an ingredient list on food products. This is to inform the public of what they are eating. The public has a choice to purchase that food product but at least they are more educated and informed of what they are putting in their body. GMOs are more dangerous than MSG, red dye #3, partially hydrogenated oil...all of which the government has deemed these three to be harmful to one's health. But for some reason GMOs take a back seat. It could be because the government is so closely tied with Monsanto one of the largest argochemical companies, or maybe because the government and the public are not well educated as to what a GMO is. If they are educated on GMOs they will think twice about what they are putting in their mouth. This is what happened to me over the last year. After learning about what a GMO is, and that it is not something I want to be putting in my body, I would expect that my government, my Hawaii government at least, would protect it's citizens from potentially harmful products. Please pass HB 174 and give everyone a choice as to whether or not they want to buy and eat these types of food products.

Thank you so much for your time.

Julie Nelson
Lahaina, Maui Hawaii

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MICHAEL BARLOW	Individual	Oppose	No
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Comments: IF I WANT TO BUY ORGANIC ITS LABELED ALREADY ,NO NEED TO DRIVE THE COST OF FOOD UP ANYMORE.

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Jessica Stamm	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please amend the bill to include labeling of Hawaii-grown produce.

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Jonathan Cherry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this bill will add unneeded cost to 80% of the food sold in Hawaii. If people want to eat food not using GMO than they can already stick to organically labeled foods. Also the actual label proposed inaccurately says GMO is not safe.

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Judith Flanders	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We the citizens of Hawaii have a right to know what is in the food we are buying, both imported and locally grown. It is totally crazy to label imported food but not local food. Please do not make such an arbitrary (and politically motivated) distinction and as our representatives, comply with public sentiment by making GMO labeling mandatory on ALL food sold in Hawaii.

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Justin Brooks	Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Jeff Freppon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Baucum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not fall for this. We all want healthy food, but we need truth in what is safe for our families and what is not. Labeling is the first step to empowering food alarm based on emotion, not science. There is no science that support labeling of this fashion. None.

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Aloha,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that as a Native Hawaiian, and a local resident with many generations of family in Hawaii, _____

Mahalo,

Aja K. Kop

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Violetta Beretta

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From: Shellie Fielden [shelliefielden@yahoo.com]
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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: in support of HB 174

Senators

I am in support of HB 174

Thank you for listening to the very real concerns of the people you represent and deciding to hold a hearing on HB 174.

Not all science is good science. GMO products have not undergone human studies (what to speak of safety to insects and the bees) to determine their safety. The companies that are developing GMO plants are also experimenting with animals. Genetically engineered plants or animals cannot be identified by sight nor can their modified genes be controlled in the environment.

My oldest son was so sensitive to dyes, food additives and especially High Fructose Corn Sugar that I had to read every label. These sensitivities affected his mood, behavior and respiratory system. I depended on truth in food labels to keep him stable and healthy. Truth in food labeling is not new. It is our right as consumers.

We, the people of Hawaii depend on our legislators to protect us. I am asking you to support HB 174 and stand up for our right to know what ingredients we are consuming.

Thousands of acres of land here in Hawaii are planted with GMO crops. Before we knew it, these multi-billion dollar companies came in and secretly began to plant crops. These companies don't want us to know what they are planting and assume the right to spray Roundup as often as they like. Our residents are being poisoned with chemical drift and dust. Residents of Hawaii have all become a part of their experiment, an experiment that, so far, goes on with no higher authority watching over it. The concerns over these very huge and real problems have only just begun to rise to the surface in the minds of the residents of Hawaii, the US and all the world. As Hawaii legislators, you will have much bigger decisions to make in the future regarding GMO plants, animals, contamination, lawsuits, Roundup poisoning etc.

Today we are asking you to stand up for our basic rights; to have the products that come into our state labeled GMO so we can make our own informed decisions. If my son were young today and sensitive to, for example, the pesticides that are genetically engineered into corn, I would have no way to identify the source of this sensitivity or if I

did identify the source to know by reading the label which corn products I could buy with confidence. The only people who have the power and position over the power of multi-billion dollar entities are our elected officials. Please stand up for our rights. Vote "yes" to label GMO products.

Mahalo
Shellie Fielden
Resident of Honolulu
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Trisha Kehaulani Watson	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Dear Senators, The publication of Silent Spring in 1962 marked the beginning of environmentalists coming together to challenge the widespread use of DDT and other devastating pesticides in our environments. Rachel Carson and supporters were attacked by chemical companies. They claimed there was no evidence to show that these chemicals were harmful to wildlife or humans. Today, 50 years later, we all know TOO well the impacts these harmful chemicals have on us. DDT was their fight. GMOs are ours. Today we fight the SAME chemical companies making the SAME claims that these chemicals and compounds won't harm us. Again, they make the same argument that there isn't enough evidence to prove they are harmful. They say GMOs are everywhere and no one is sick. They said the same thing 50 years ago as they showed videos of DDT being sprayed in children's hair. I'm just saying that chances are you wouldn't let a chemical company spray DDT on your child today, so perhaps it's worth looking into the food these same companies are producing for your family. If nothing else, I want to know which foods are manufactured by the same company that manufactured DDT, PBCs and agent orange. We need a GMO labeling law. Please find the courage to pass this bill. Respectfully submitted, Trisha Kehaulani Watson, JD, PhD Honolulu, HI

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janet wakatsuki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE label GMO products..I WANT TO KNOW!.. i want to able to choose GMO free products...so ALLOW ME THE CHOICE..★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers.

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Randy Rupar	Sanctuary of Mana Ke`a Gardens	Support	No

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Troy Yasuda	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: As a young person who believes that the government is in favor of the people's choice, it baffles me that HB174 is even an issue. There is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON why we should question what we are putting into our bodies. If something is genetically modified we have the right to know! If there is nothing wrong with GMO then why is there such a MASSIVE resistance to hide it? Do what is right and seriously ask yourself the question of what is best for the majority of the people, NOT the special interest groups.

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Jen Rodriguez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Amanda Dewey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Mother who wishes to raise a healthy family, a large part of this goal relies on my family being able to know exactly what kind of food we are buying. We have the right to know exactly how our food was grown and processed. We do not wish to have our children ingest foods that have been modified because We know that they are harmful to their health, therefore We would like these foods to be labeled so that we can make good decisions on what our children ingest.

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Joey Rivera	Individual	Support	No

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Macario M. Hernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Health is the greatest of our blessing and must be protected at all cost! Truth is the sweetest of the sweets and Trust the best that people can posses and WE trust in you to do the best for the people of Hawaii with all of us!... LOVE YOU ALL!

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Brian Sabog	Individual	Support	No

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Rosemary Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish to thank the Senate committees on Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB174. I OPPOSE HB174. The fact is, the only thing that this bill will accomplish is to increase the already hefty price of food in Hawaii. We import between 80 and 90% of our food. Requiring special certification and labeling increases the cost of production and preparation of a product. The producer does not assume that cost; rather they pass it on to the consumer. For this reason alone this measure must be defeated. Moreover, many companies that ship food to Hawaii will not be willing to undergo the expense and procedure of such required labeling and that particular food item will become unavailable in our local markets. After all, Hawaii's population makes up less than one third of one percent of the overall food market in the United States. Besides, even the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture does not support this bill.

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Jean-Paul Gedeon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have the right to know if our food is GMO or not. It is not right to say the bill will infringe on freedom of speech if labeling is required. Food producers / suppliers need to let us know what we are eating so we can make an educated choice.

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Lee Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish to thank the Senate committees on Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB174. I emphatically OPPOSE HB174. I am an engineer/scientist and I have studied and understand the genetic processes, whether natural or manipulated in a laboratory by man. Furthermore, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) work to ensure that crops produced through genetic engineering for commercial use are properly tested and studied to make sure they pose no significant risk to consumers or the environment. In contrast, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) has not collected data, studied, identified or regulated genetically engineered organisms as invasive or threatening pursuant to chapter 194. With respect to food safety, when new traits are introduced to biotech-derived plants, they are examined by the EPA and the FDA. The proteins produced by these traits are also studied for their potential toxicity and potential to cause an allergic response. If there were a legitimate concern regarding the safety of so-called genetically engineered foods, this bill might be worthwhile. However, I am not aware of any peer-reviewed scientific data that backs the concerns behind the proposal of this bill. In fact, the only thing that this legislation will accomplish is to increase the already hefty price of food in Hawaii. We import the vast majority of our food. Requiring special certification and labeling increases the cost of production and preparation of a product. The producer does not assume that cost; rather they pass it on to the consumer. For this reason alone this measure must be defeated. Moreover, many companies that ship food to Hawaii will not be willing to undergo the expense and procedure of such required labeling and that particular food item will become unavailable in our local markets. After all, Hawaii's population makes up less than one third of one percent of the overall food market in the United States. Besides, even the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture does not support this bill.

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nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Donald Shaw [donshawaia@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:34 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: I support the intent of HB174 HD2

Dear Sirs / Madams:

Please pass the GMO labeling bill.

If GMO food is so good for us why hide it? Brag about it!

Regards,

Don Shaw AIA
808-295-7429

Janice Friend, M.D.
808-254-9594

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carey hunter	Individual	Support	No

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Judy Kapohakimohewa	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Rivera	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Rivera	Individual	Support	No

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nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Keomailani Von Gogh [keomaivg@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:25 PM
To: AGL Testimony; CPN Testimony; HTHTestimony
Subject: HB174HD2

Aloha,

My name is Keomailani Von Gogh and I would like to ask you to support this bill – HB174. It is very important that our food be labeled – so we are informed on what is or isn't in the foods we eat. I know that there are people working to keep corporations in business here in Hawaii, but don't forget you really work for the PEOPLE. I would like to go further in asking to amend this bill to include all produce grown in Hawaii that is GMO and eventually ban all GMO crops from our islands. WE cannot take a chance on very possibly doing great irreversible harm to our Aina and the organic crops that grow here. Remember, Monsanto wants to patent and own all the seeds and sell more Roundup. Senator Nishihara's comments about the hearings are inappropriate and condescending-

"I don't know how many different ways you can say it to different people and some people will never be convinced, but I think they want it to be heard so they'll have the opportunity. They'll have the chance to say what they have to say," said Senator Nishihara. I would like to hear Mr Nishihara tell us or show us all the research he has done on this subject..we don't **all** believe everthing we hear.

To summarize:

- Consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques
- GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.)
- There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern)
- Request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO

I thank you for your time, and pray you take this seriously – do not just make this hearing another “show” so you can say you let the people be heard and not listen. Please really listen to the people.

Mahalo,

Keomailani Von Gogh

PO Box 5864

Hilo, HI 96729

(808) 968-7660

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Charlene Awo	Individual	Support	No

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Heidi McKeague	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am pleading on behalf of all the citizens of Hawaii to please label all imported GMO produce as well as GMO local produce. We have a right to know what food is Natural and which food has had it's DNA changed in a lab! GMO food is unsafe! Just because Monsanto did it's own short 90 day testing does not make it safe. You do not give a child a loaded gun and say it's safe. GMOs are toxic to our health! Since GMOs were introduced, obesity, diabetes, cancer, autism, and other ill health effects have skyrocketed! Cows fed BT corn start to have catastrophic health and are slaughtered before they die from the GMO corn! Rats grow massive tumors and their offspring die within weeks of birth and are sterile! Our children are not lab rats! High fructose corn syrup is poison and should be banned! All GMOs will be banned eventually! Microorganisms in the soil are dying from the constant onslaught of chemical pesticides. Our soil is becoming a toxic wasteland. Water runoff pushes these chemicals into our water supply, our streams, rivers, and oceans affecting the endocrine systems of fish and killing 5,000 vauna off Kauai! Atrazine causes sterility and infertility! The bees and monarch butterflies, our pollinators!, are steadily declining! Extinction is forever! What will we do then?! Become depending on corporate seed! I cringe to see the day! These companies need to be held accountable! Monsanto does not have the right to patent seed, control the food supply, or impose population control through slowly poisoning us through our food system! We need to gain back control of our land, enact sustainable organic farming methods, and promote biodiversity! 61 countries have labeled GMOs, many of which have banned GMOs altogether! Obviously, they know the truth! They don't want our GMO food! Neither do we! Why is America so late in the GMO labeling process? A democracy is for the people but these giant corporations seem to be paying off the politicians who are supposed to be working for and representing the voters! Do not sell out! Money is the root of all evil and this is evil staring us hard in the face! Please do your job and protect us from bad science! Label GMOs! Get ready to ban them altogether! The people of Hawaii and future generations thank you! Mahalo!

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David McShane	Individual	Support	No

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Kimo Kauhale	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Gorman	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Subject: Support HB 174

Please show the people that you represent them and not the big money interests that want the right to own the seeds that supply our food. I want the right to know what is in the food that appears on my supermarket shelf. If the big business interests that provide GMO seed have products that are best for us, why are they ashamed to label them? Please support HB 174.

Tim Anthony 808-489-8832

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lisa yoshimura	Individual	Support	Yes
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Comments: Please amend to include all GMO products in Hawaii, imported and locally produced.
Thank you.

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To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Health Committee

Date: March 21, 2013 Re: HB 174 HD2, GMO Labelling

My name is Lisa Yoshimura and I strongly support HB174, HD2, along with an amendment that GMO labeling include all GMO food sold in Hawaii, imported as well as locally produced. I support GMO labeling primarily because GMO products pose a serious threat to our health. As a consumer I have the right to know what I am eating. The following are a few reasons why I believe GMO foods are a major health risk:

First, the GMO plant technology is destructive to life. As you know, the GMO field crops commonly include Bt- potatoes, Bt- corn and Bt-soybeans. GMO plants are genetically modified for various purposes, such as destroying insect predators. A University of Kentucky College entomologist, Ric Bessin, explains how GMO works in a GMO insect resistant plant. When a susceptible insect ingests the B+ protein portion of the GMO plant, the protein binds to the gut wall, the gut wall breaks down and normal gut bacteria invade the body cavity, causing the insect to die. Other independent studies indicate that the GMO Bt-corn, -potato or -soybean break open the stomach of not only insects, but also causes similar stomach lesions to occur throughout our entire food chain, from livestock to YOU and ME.

Second, animal studies in the United States and worldwide further indicate that GMO products cause serious health problems, such as, gastrointestinal illnesses, immune system issues, faulty insulin regulation, infertility, allergies, adverse changes in major organs, etc. A recent French study found that “rats fed a type of genetically modified corn died young and suffered a range of tumors and cancers” (Honolulu Star-Advertiser, 9/20/12). “Farmers in Europe and Asia say that cows, water buffaloes, chickens and horses died from eating Bt (GMO) corn varieties” and some 3rd generation hamsters fed GMO soy had hair growing in their mouths (Institute for Responsible Technology). Why would a wide range of independent scientists throughout the world expend precious time and resources to research the short and long term effects of GMO products, unless there was strong indication of health risks? Additionally, why would a growing number of countries throughout the world ban GMO production, unless there was strong indication that GMO products are detrimental to the health and environment?

Third, on the issue of safety, isn't it questionable that the FDA does not require the standard safety testing of GMO products, yet has approved it safe for human consumption? Do we simply believe Monsanto's claims, the company that now produces the majority of the GMO products in our country, that its GMO crops have no proven side effects? Keep in mind that Monsanto created or distributed DDT, Agent Orange, aspartame, bovine growth hormone, and the first nuclear weapons. “...many of the products Monsanto created or introduced to America are now banned because of their enormous health risks, yet every one was once declared perfectly safe by our government officials. And now, this (Monsanto) is the company in control of our food supply”. (Information from article, Toxins and Chemicals, 01/11/11, by Alicia Bayer, Mankato Green Culture Examiner). How chilling is this?

The health and welfare of the citizens of Hawaii should always be our highest priority. Consumers have the right to know whether the foods they are eating are genetically modified. While GMO labelling will not completely solve the existing problems, it is a step in the right direction. I urge you to support mandatory labeling for all GMO products in Hawaii, imported and locally produced. Thank you.

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Toni McShane	Individual	Support	No

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Timothy Rivera	Lima O Ke Kailani (non-profit foundation)	Support	No
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Michelle McShane	Lima O Ke Kailani (non- profit foundation)	Support	No
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Myra McShane	Lima O Ke Kailani (non- profit foundation)	Support	No
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Linda Bauer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Butch O'Sullivan	Lima O Ke Kailani (non- profit foundation)	Support	No
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Edmund McShane	Lima O Ke Kailani (non- profit foundation)	Support	No
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Zelda McShane	Lima O Ke Kalani (non profit foundation)	Support	No
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Edwina McShane	Lima O Ke Kailani (non- profit foundation)	Support	No
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Marlene K McShane	Individual	Support	No

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From: w. scott Hamilton [malamakai2@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:49 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Aloha Senators:I wish to write in support for HB174.Even if *GMO* is safe;there are many who would like to know what they are eating.I hope you can take the time and vote accordingly with a yes vote to give Hawai'i's citizens the knowledge as to what they are consuming.Mahalo nui loa for your yes vote.Aloha auina po Scott Hamilton

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Randy Renze	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: HB 174 for labeling of GMO foods

Aloha Committee members,

I strongly support the labeling of GMO foods for our state. As a mother raising children, living in a community with other families--it is essential to our health to be able to choose foods which are organic and not genetically modified. This labeling act will make a big difference. Thank you for supporting this labeling Act.

Sincerely,
Carrie Rautmann

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Brooks [brooksblanchard@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:00 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Please support the labeling of GMO foods thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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AGRtestimony; CPCtestimony; edbtestimony; EDNtestimony; EEPtestimony; FINTestimony;
HEDtestimony; HLTtestimony; HSGtestimony; HUStestimony; JUDtestimony; LABtestimony;
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Subject: Testimony for GMO Labeling

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Lorraine Kohn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill, mahalo for representing your constituents!

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From: Anya [anya@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My ohana and I humbly request you support HB 174 that will require the labeling of GMO produce brought into Hawai'i. We think it's unfortunate that produce within Hawai'i itself is not included in this bill since the majority of our produce comes from here. But we appreciate this is a good start and are thankful for that, and optimistic for the future.

My sons and I suffer from quite severe food allergies that have worsened over the years. Needless to say, we have to be quite careful about what we eat, and reading of food labels has become an absolute necessity. We have, to the best of our ability, stopped buying any foods that we know or suspect contain GMOs. This is often difficult because labeling is often inadequate, unclear, or even deceiving. So GMO labeling will provide a great service and great peace of mind to our family.

GMO labeling is not new and is already proven successful in other regions of the world. I originally came from New Zealand where labeling of GMO foods is mandatory, and the laws are quite simple. The problem here is that our government is beholden to the large biochemical companies, even though its only job is to serve the people. It is very sad that because of big interests, we the small people must now fight so very hard to get back our plain and simple human rights.

I urge you all again to please support HB 174. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Aloha,

The Anthony Ohana
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mandatory labeling of foods produced using biotechnology would unnecessarily result in higher food costs. GMO foods are safe. The scientific consensus on the safety of genetically modified crops is overwhelming with more than 600 peer-reviewed studies by scientific authorities such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They have all concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food. Consumers who prefer to purchase food products that don't contain GMO ingredients can choose foods labeled "certified organic," "non GMO," or "GMO-Free"

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Jennifer Tolley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ★I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Lyndee Sea	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Get rid of GMO's or at the least label food if has GMO

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Deborah Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kalyn Matsuda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Judah Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

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Edith Terwey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kahuku Farms, Inc		Oppose	No

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Kylie Matsuda- Lum	Individual	Oppose	No
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Roxanne Scott	Individual	Support	No

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Charlotte Casey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Protect us. Pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harold Keyser	Individual	Oppose	No

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Personal Testimony on HB174 HD2

Hawaii State Legislature, Senate Joint Committee Hearing, March 21, 2013

Submitted by Harold Keyser, Ph.D.

Regarding: HB174HD2 Relating to Food Labeling

Position: **Oppose**

My name is Harold Keyser, I reside in Kula, Maui, and I am pleased to provide personal testimony in opposition to HB174 HD2. I am a retired agricultural scientist with academic degrees in plant science, ecology and soil science from UC Davis, and I have 34 years professional service with the USDA in the Nitrogen Fixation and Soybean Genetics Lab and with the University of Hawaii as a researcher and Maui County Administrator for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Reasons to Oppose HB174:

- Our own attorney general has already noted in previous testimony the three likely ways this bill will be determined to be unconstitutional should it actually become law in Hawaii.
- State-based labeling policies will increase the cost of food. Mandatory labeling of foods produced using biotechnology would unnecessarily result in higher food costs for consumers – especially those least able to afford it. The state of California’s analysis of their 2012 labeling initiative that voters rejected in November estimated that food costs for an average-income family would increase by approximately \$400 per year. Hawaii’s people already pay up to 40 percent more for our food so we can expect that estimate to double!
- Mandatory labels currently used emphasize important safety and nutritional information of the product, and attempts to label based on the breeding process would detract from the current science-based criteria.
- This bill appears to be a solution in search of a problem. No justification is given for the bill and there is no evidence of harm from GM food in their 17 year history as noted by the American Medical Association, National Academy of Sciences and the US Food and Drug Administration. On scientific matters, that which is asserted without evidence can be dismissed without evidence.

It is the safety of the product, not the identification of the breeding technique that best serves everyone. Those wishing to avoid GE foods can choose organic foods; that way,

food prices will remain as low as possible, labels will continue to provide meaningful information, and all consumers can choose for themselves which foods to buy. To entertain the prospect of unjustifiably mandating higher food prices for everyone in Hawaii – this is what would happen – does not seem like a worthy goal that state government would want to pursue. This bill deserves to be defeated.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my input.

Additional science-based information and resources on this topic can be found at:

<http://ucbiotech.org/>

<http://plantbiology.ucr.edu/faculty/mchughen.html>

<https://ssl3.ama-assn.org/apps/ecom/PolicyFinderForm.pl?site=www.ama-assn.org&uri=%2fresources%2fdoc%2fPolicyFinder%2fpolicyfiles%2fHnE%2fH-480.958.HTM>

http://www.aaas.org/news/releases/2012/media/AAAS_GM_statement.pdf

Thwarting Consumer Choice: The Case Against Mandatory Labeling for Genetically Modified Foods. By Gary E. Marchant, Guy A. Cardineau, and Thomas P. Redick. Washington, DC: American Enterprise institute (AEI) Press, 2010. 108 pp. ISBN; 978-0-8447-4326-4

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dana	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Una Greenaway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senators Please pass this measure. The folks of Hawaii deserve the right to know what is in their food. This is the wave of the future. Let Hawaii be one of the first states to do the pono thing. Mahalo Una Greenaway

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Calvin Rozenboom	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kristin Mack	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chai Blair- Stahn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support labeling of GMO foods. I want to know what I am eating. Products already contain a variety of labels: a list of ingredients, organic, kosher, no preservatives, etc. Whether or not a product contains GMOs is a logical label to add to this list. Please support legislation to require labeling of GMO products.

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Brian Hoffman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kimberly Killino	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Senators,

Please vote to label GMOs in Hawaii. There should be NO question if we have the right to know what is in our food. I want to know what I am feeding to my husband and 5 and 1 year old daughters. I want to know what I am feeding to our friends at our weekly potluck at the beach. I want to know what I am eating. Don't you?

So many nations have GMO food labeled (or outright banned) and it has not caused profits to plummet or the end of the earth contrary to Big Food and Monsanto's propaganda machine. I want the choice for me, for my family and for everyone that is blessed to call Hawaii home. Please vote to label GMOs. Make Hawaii a leader in the nation and grant the people the right to know.

Mahalo for your time and attention,

Kimberly Killino
PO Box 651
Captain Cook, HI 96704

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claudia Rosenbaum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the gmo labeling bill, I believe we, as community members have a right to know what kind of food we are purchasing. Thanks for all the work you do for the benefit of our beautiful state. Sincerely, Claudia Rosenbaum

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mark sheehan	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Catherina A	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB174 because I want to see labels on my food and have the choice and know if food products are Non GMO or not. I would like to see this passed and move forward. This is an important issue for myself and the people of Hawai'i.

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Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Kevin T Holder	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle K. Ching	Individual	Support	No

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Joshua Hagen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please label GMO for the health and safety of our community and children.

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Please vote Yes on HB 174. We have the right to know what is in our food.
It is a basic human right.

Kathleen Dorn
PO Box 323
Keaau, HI. 96749

Sent from my iPhone

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Cc: kelpal2003@yahoo.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheryl K. Palmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Why are GMO producers not proud to label their food? Organic growers are happy to submit that information. It is a plus to be labeled organic. Companies have for a long time had to label the sodium content, the caloric content, and everything else that goes into their product. Please pass this. If GMO companies do not want to divulge their information and make it available to the public, they should not be doing business.

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I support the bill HB174. mahalo, Joshua Hagen

nishihara1 - Amanda

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Aloha,

My name is Amanda Shaw and I would like to submit testimony in support of HB174 HD2. I am from Waimanalo, work for an international women's rights organization and will shortly begin a PhD on the sociology of Hawai'i's sustainable food and farming movement. I support the intent of this bill, as I believe that it is reasonable that citizens should have the right to know what is contained in their food and how it is produced.

My objections to GMOs are connected to the work I have done in Latin America and internationally around the effects of mono-cropping, particularly of GMO soy in Argentina where I worked with indigenous Pilaga leaders being forced from their lands. I believe that a label is a reasonable compromise, as it allows me to avoid patronizing companies that I would rather not support. Currently, I do not have this choice and for someone working on a not-for-profit salary in Hawai'i, the prices of organic foods are often too high. I believe that labelling is only once piece in a constellation of other issues linked to our food and farming future.

I would like to suggest three amendments to the bill (see attached suggested language):

- 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174.
- 2) Amend Sections 4 and 5 to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers
- 3) Amend Section 9 to have the bill take effect 1 July 2014.

The AG's office has raised three main concerns around the current wording of the HB274 HD2. For a detailed response to these concerns, please refer to the Memo by Paul Atichitoff, 17 March 2013 (attached).

While the bill is not perfect, it is an excellent starting point toward further discussion and refinement in the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amanda Shaw
(808) 429-5310
Waimanalo, HI

Constitutionality of HB174 Concerning Labeling of Genetically Engineered Produce

The following is a response to a letter dated March 12, 2013 from Wade H. Hargrove, III, on behalf of the State of Hawai'i Attorney General's office to Sen. Rosalyn Baker regarding the constitutionality of HB174, concerning labeling of genetically engineered produce ("AG Memo"). The AG Memo asserts that HB174 will likely be found unconstitutional on the basis that (1) state efforts to label genetically engineered products ("GMOs" or "GE" products) are preempted by federal law; (2) it violates First Amendment protections of commercial speech; and (3) it violates the Commerce Clause.

In summary, while there are almost always arguments that may be made in support of, or against, any legal proposition, some legal questions are closer than others. In my opinion, two of the three legal positions taken in the AG Memo are not very close questions. With respect to federal preemption and First Amendment concerns, the AG Memo's positions are very weak and indicate a lack of familiarity with the law. The argument that HB174 as currently drafted may violate the Commerce Clause is considerably stronger. However, it also is easily cured by making the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, per the original intent of HB174.

First Amendment

In support of the claim that all state measures requiring GMO food labeling likely violate the First Amendment, the AG Memo cites one case, International Dairy Foods Ass'n v. Amestoy, 92 F.3d 67 (2d Cir. 1996), involving a Vermont law requiring that milk produced by cows treated with the growth hormone rBGH be labeled as such. The AG Memo barely scratches the surface of the relevant law, and its conclusion is not well reasoned or supported. The AG Memo also claims in its conclusion that a court will apply "strict scrutiny" in reviewing the constitutionality of a GMO labeling law in the face of arguments that it violates the First Amendment. This is incorrect.

By way of background, with regard to the standard of review courts will apply to commercial speech regulation under the First Amendment, the Supreme Court has decided two cases that are particularly relevant, Cent. Hudson Gas & Elec. Corp. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n of N.Y., 447 U.S. 557 (1980), and the subsequent Zauderer v. Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio, 471 U.S. 626 (1985). Zauderer addresses *disclosure* requirements, as in the bill under consideration in Hawai'i. Central Hudson addresses *restrictions* on commercial speech, which are not created by the Hawai'i bill. Neither case imposes a strict scrutiny standard, as suggested by the AG Memo.

In Central Hudson, the Court considered whether New York State's ban on promotional advertising violated the First Amendment. The Court set out a four-part test for constitutionality of bans on commercial speech: First, a court determines whether the commercial speech is protected in the first instance. 447 U.S. at 566. To be protected, it "must concern lawful activity

and not be misleading.” *Id.* Second, the government “must assert a substantial interest to be achieved by restrictions on commercial speech.” *Id.* at 564, 566. Third, the regulation must “directly advance[] the governmental interest.” *Id.* Finally, the regulation must not be “more extensive than is necessary to serve that interest.” *Id.* In deciding whether a measure meets this four-part test, a court applies an intermediate scrutiny standard.

Zauderer concerned Ohio’s Office of Disciplinary Counsel’s disciplinary actions against an attorney who had solicited business in an advertisement. The ODC had required that the attorney disclose the nature of his contingency fee arrangements, and prohibited certain aspects of his advertising. The Supreme Court considered the ODC’s prohibitions under the Central Hudson four-part test. However, it addressed the disclosure aspects under a different and more lenient standard.

The Court noted that there were “material differences between disclosure requirements and outright prohibitions on speech,” and that—as in the Hawai‘i bill at issue—“Ohio ha[d] not attempted to prevent attorneys from conveying information to the public; it ha[d] only required them to provide somewhat more information than they might otherwise be inclined to present.” *Id.* at 650. It distinguished other cases where disclosure requirements had been subject to full First Amendment protection because the “interests at stake” were of a different order—implicating prescriptions on politics, religion, nationalism, or other matters of opinion. 471 U.S. at 650-51. In contrast, the required speech in Zauderer case, as in the Hawai‘i bill, was “factual.” *Id.* at 651. Notably, the Supreme Court observed that the attorney’s “constitutionally protected interest in *not* providing any particular factual information in his advertising is minimal.” *Id.* The Court ultimately held that the interest in ensuring the public had information clarifying the details of the attorney’s contingency fee arrangement “easily passe[d] muster.” *Id.* at 652.

The court in Amestoy—the milk case cited in the AG Memo—reviewed the Vermont law requiring disclosure under the Central Hudson test which, as just noted, does not apply to measures requiring disclosure, but to bans on commercial speech. The Amestoy court focused on the Central Hudson requirement that the State demonstrate it had a substantial interest to be advanced by the legislation, and declared itself precluded from considering any interest that the State had not put forward in the lower court. The court found that Vermont’s only claimed interest was satisfying “consumer curiosity,” and held that this was inadequate under Central Hudson.

More recent cases have pointed out that in cases like the constitutionality of the Hawai‘i bill, Zauderer, rather than Central Hudson, applies. Although Zauderer concerned the State’s interest in preventing consumer deception, subsequent cases have held that the Zauderer test applies to a broader range of interests as well, including concerns about health and the environment, and confirmed that the Central Hudson test does not apply to disclosure cases.

For example, in Nat’l Elec. Mfrs. Ass’n v. Sorrell, 272 F.3d 104 (2d Cir. 2001), the issue was the constitutionality of a Vermont requirement that some mercury-containing products bear labels to inform consumers that the products contain mercury, and that they should be disposed of as hazardous waste. 272 F.3d at 107. The court explained that the lower court had erred by applying the Central Hudson standard to a disclosure case, and that the proper test for

determining whether a disclosure requirement is valid is to determine whether a “rational connection” exists between “the purpose of a commercial disclosure requirement and the means employed to realize that purpose.” *Id.* at 115. This was reiterated more recently in N.Y. State Restaurant Ass’n v. N.Y. City Bd. of Health, 556 F.3d 114 (2d Cir. 2009), which held that the rational basis test applies to laws that compel disclosure of “factual and uncontroversial information by commercial entities” and that preventing obesity was a legitimate interest for a calorie disclosure requirement. (Note that while it may be controversial whether labeling should be required, the term “controversial” as used in these cases means that the truth of the information in the disclosure is itself debatable. There is no debate about the truth of a “GMO” label on a GMO food.)

Aside from the Amestoy court’s reliance on an overly strict legal standard that it is now clear does not properly apply, there are a host of well-supported reasons why the State of Hawai‘i has a legitimate interest in requiring labeling beyond the consumers’ right to know, let alone mere “consumer curiosity.” Amestoy was decided before almost any GE crops had been planted, and before any studies had been done on their effects. There are now many scientific studies raising legitimate concerns about food allergies and sensitivities, immune response and potential for chronic impairments. The environmental effects of growing the crops have by now been well documented, and include increased herbicide use and associated environmental and health risks; development of herbicide-resistant weeds and consequent economic harm to farmers and use of more toxic chemicals; genetic contamination of other crops causing great economic harm; and direct harm to, and degradation of habitat used by, a wide range of plants and animals, including endangered species, caused by the herbicides with which GE crops are designed to be used and in some cases, the crops themselves.

Finally, to the extent it is argued that laws requiring disclosure must address some form of deception, the Food and Drug Administration itself used this concept in its rationale for requiring labels on irradiated foods. Irradiation in Food, 51 Fed. Reg. 13,376-01, 13,388, 13,390 (April 18, 1986) (“Irradiation may not change the food visually so that in the absence of a statement that a food has been irradiated, the implied representation to consumers is that the food has not been processed. . . . Thus, the absence of a label statement on retail foods may incorrectly suggest that an irradiated food is essentially unprocessed.”). In response to comments that the “irradiation” label itself could be misleading (an argument sometimes heard from the genetic engineering industry and its proxies), the FDA stated that “any confusion created by the presence of a retail label requirement can be corrected by proper consumer education programs.” *Id.* at 13,389; see also Va. State Bd. of Pharmacy, 425 U.S. at 769-70 (rejecting State’s argument that disclosure of drug prices would somehow harm “unwitting customers” and calling approach “highly paternalistic”).

Federal Preemption

The AG Memo observes that State law may be preempted by federal law, and that this preemption may be “express” or inferred as a result of a pervasive federal legal scheme “occupying the field.” The AG Memo suggests that any state effort to require labeling of GMO foods is expressly preempted by an amendment to the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act

(FDCA) under the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (NLEA), which regulates certain aspects of food labeling in concert with the FDCA. Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, Pub. L. No. 101-535 § 2, 104 Stat. 2353 (1990). The NLEA sought to “clarify and strengthen the [FDA’s] legal authority to require nutrition labeling on foods, and to establish the circumstances under which claims may be made about nutrients in food.” N.Y. State Restaurant Ass’n v. N.Y. City Bd. of Health, 556 F.3d 114, 118 (2d Cir. 2009). The AG Memo indicates a lack of familiarity with the applicable statutes.

Express Preemption

When a federal statute contains an express preemption provision, a presumption against preemption exists, requiring courts to read the clause narrowly. See Medtronic, Inc. v. Lohr, 518 U.S. 470, 485 (1996). Additionally, “in areas of traditional state regulation, [courts] assume that a federal statute has not supplanted state law unless Congress has made such an intention clear and manifest.” Bates v. Dow Agrosciences LLC, 544 U.S. 431, 449 (2005); see also Holk v. Snapple Beverage Corp., 575 F.3d 329, 334 (3rd Cir. 2009) (“Health and safety issues have traditionally fallen within the province of state regulation. This is true of the regulation of food and beverage labeling and branding.”) (citation omitted).

The AG Memo does not analyze how the FDCA might possibly preempt HB174, but simply declares that it does, citing the “standard of identity,” “nutrition levels and health-related claims,” and “standards of quality and fill of container” express preemption provisions without showing how these might actually apply to a requirement that a GMO food carry a label disclosing that fact. They plainly do not.

The “standard of identity” provision prevents a state from promulgating a definition of a food that conflicts with a definition that has been promulgated by the FDA. For example, if the FDA issued a regulation defining what “coffee” or “milk” mean in terms of the ingredients allowed in a product marketed with those labels, a state cannot enact a nonconforming definition. The law provides that “a food does not conform to the definition and standard of identity” if: (1) it “contains an ingredient for which no provision is made in such definition and standard” (with some exceptions for additives); (2) it does not contain an ingredient included in the standard of identity, or; (3) the quantity of an ingredient does not conform. 21 C.F.R. § 130.8.

Where the FDA has not issued such a regulatory definition, the standard of identity provision does not apply. Guerrero v. Target Corp., No. 12-21115-CIV, 2012 WL 3812324, at *10 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 4, 2012) (determining that Florida’s labeling standard was not preempted by the standard of identity preemption provision because there was no federal standard of identity for honey). There exists no federal standard of identity for genetically engineered foods, so the provision does not apply to HB174. Moreover, the bill would not change the “identity” of any labeled product within the regulatory definition of a nonconforming standard of identity—a labeled soybean would still be marketed as a “soybean.”

Regarding nutrition, 21 U.S.C. § 343(q) requires food labels to contain information about serving size, number of servings, total calories per serving, and amounts of the following nutrients per serving: fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrates, sugars, fiber, and protein. Id. § 343(q)(1); see also 21 C.F.R. § 101.9(c) (also requiring information for vitamins and minerals).

According to the regulation, “[n]o nutrients or food components other than those listed . . . as either mandatory or voluntary may be included within the nutrition label.” *Id.* Disclosure that a food is genetically engineered is not nutrient information within the meaning of the law.

21 U.S.C. § 343(r)(1) covers nutrition level claims and health-related claims—specifically, express nutrient content claims, implied nutrient content claims, and health-related claims. 21 C.F.R. §§ 101.13(b), 101.14(a)(1).

An express nutrient content claim is a direct statement about the level or range of a nutrient in a food (which nutrient is required to be on the label). 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b), (b)(1). The labeling requirement at issue here makes no such claim. An implied nutrient content claim “describes the food or an ingredient therein in a manner that suggests that a nutrient is absent or present in a certain amount, 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b)(2)(i), or “suggests that the food, because of its nutrient content, may be useful in maintaining healthy dietary practices and is made in association with an explicit claim or statement about a nutrient (e.g., ‘healthy, contains 3 grams (g) of fat’).” *Id.* § 101.13(b)(2)(ii). Again, the requirement in question suggests nothing of this nature.

Health claims characterize the relationship between any of the nutrients in a food product and a disease or health-related condition, 21 C.F.R. § 101.14(a)(1), and are limited to claims about disease risk reduction; such claims need to be approved by FDA. HB174 makes no such claims.

Field Preemption

The AG Memo’s suggestion that “[r]equirments to label GMO foods may also be field preempted” because FDA regulations “cover all aspects of what a food label must and must not contain,” also is plainly incorrect. Under the NLEA, the law “shall not be construed to preempt any provision of state law, unless such provision is expressly preempted under Section 403A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.” Pub. L. No. 101-535, § 6(c)(1) (21 U.S.C. § 343-1 note). (Section 403A, as the AG Memo points out, is the legal provision containing the express preemptions described above.) Thus, Congress precluded field preemption in this arena. *See, e.g., Cipollone v. Liggett Group, Inc.*, 505 U.S. 504, 532 (1992) (“We resort to principles of implied pre-emption—that is, inquiring whether Congress has occupied a particular field with the intent to supplant state law or whether state law actually conflicts with federal law—only when Congress has been silent with respect to pre-emption.”) (Blackmun, J., concurring) (internal citation omitted). The AG Memo’s mention of the FDA’s view that a label that “expresses or implies that a food is superior (e.g., safer or of higher quality) because it is not bioengineered would be misleading” is not relevant to a requirement that a food be labeled as having been genetically engineered. HB174’s requirement makes no express or implied representation concerning a food’s superiority, but simply requires that it disclose a fact.

Commerce Clause

Finally, the AG Memo suggests that the current draft of HB174 runs afoul of the Commerce Clause’s prohibition on discriminatory import restrictions because it applies to

imported produce but not locally grown produce . The Constitution grants Congress the power “[t]o regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States.” U.S. Const. art. I, § 8, cl. 3. The Commerce Clause implicitly restricts the State’s power to enact laws that burden interstate commerce; this is known as the “dormant Commerce Clause.”

On this point, the AG Memo’s argument is on stronger ground, although a contrary position can be argued. A state may constitutionally impose a restriction solely on out-of-state actions or products where necessary to achieve an important government purpose. It might be argued that Hawai‘i has a strong interest in protecting its unique environment and supporting local food independence. Maine v. Taylor, 477 U.S. 131, 133, 152-52 (1986) (holding that a state law restricting the importation of baitfish was constitutional because there was no less discriminatory alternative for addressing the legitimate local interest of protecting native fisheries). The burden to prove discrimination “rests on the party challenging the validity of the statute.” Hughes v. Oklahoma, 441 U.S. 322, 336 (1979).

However, any concerns about the constitutionality of HB174 can easily be addressed by making the labeling requirement applicable to local as well as imported produce, as was provided in HB174 as originally introduced, as has been proposed in other, similar bills and amendments, and as is reflected in the existing Alaska law requiring that genetically engineered fish be labeled as such.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE
OF HAWAII:**

PART I

SECTION 1. Chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§328- ~~Imported genetically~~
engineered produce; labeling
requirement. (a) The sale, offering for
sale, or distribution of any imported or
locally produced—genetically engineered
produce intended for human consumption
within the State is prohibited unless the
fact of genetic engineering is disclosed
clearly and conspicuously with a label
bearing the words "genetically engineered"
directly on the produce offered for retail
sale, on the label of the produce's
packaging, or, in the case of any such

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produce that is not separately packaged or labeled, on a clear and conspicuous label appearing on the retail store shelf or bin in which the produce is displayed for sale.

(b) Suppliers shall be responsible for labeling both the ~~imported~~ produce and the container used for the packaging, holding, or transporting of the ~~imported~~ produce that is delivered directly to Hawaii retailers. The ~~imported~~ genetically engineered produce shall be subject to section 150A-5.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(1) ~~Hawaii-grown produce;~~

(2) Produce grown without the knowing and intentional use of genetically engineered seed or organisms; provided that persons who sell, offer to sell, or distribute such produce shall obtain, from the immediate source of the produce, a sworn statement that the produce has not been knowingly and intentionally genetically engineered, grown from genetically engineered seeds or organisms, or comingled with genetically engineered produce or organisms; or

(3) Produce prepared or served in restaurants or other establishments in which food is served for immediate human consumption.

(d) Produce shall be considered genetically engineered produce if the organism from which the produce is derived has been genetically engineered.

(e) As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Genetically engineered" means:

(1) Altered at the molecular or cellular level by means that are not

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possible under natural conditions or processes, including recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid and ribonucleic acid techniques, cell fusion, microencapsulation, macroencapsulation, gene deletion and doubling, introduction of a foreign gene, and changing the positions of genes, other than by a means consisting exclusively of breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro fertilization, tissue culture, or mutagenesis; or

(2) Made through sexual or asexual reproduction, or both, involving an organism described in paragraph (1).

"Produce" means fresh fruits and vegetables for human consumption.

(f) The director of health shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, including rules for the testing of produce to determine the presence of genetically engineered produce."

SECTION 2. Section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§150A-5 Conditions of importation. The importation into the State of any of the following articles, viz., nursery-stock, tree, shrub, herb, vine, cut-flower, cutting, graft, scion, bud, seed, leaf, root, or rhizome; nut, fruit, or vegetable; grain, cereal, or legume in the natural or raw state; moss, hay, straw, dry-grass, or other forage; unmanufactured log,

limb, or timber, or any other plant-growth or plant-product, unprocessed or in the raw state; soil; microorganisms; live bird, reptile, nematode, insect, or any other animal in any stage of development (that is in addition to the so-called domestic animal, the quarantine of which is provided for in chapter 142); genetically engineered produce pursuant to section 328- ; box, vehicle, baggage, or any other container in which such articles have been transported or any packing material used in connection therewith shall be made in the manner hereinafter set forth:

(1) Notification of arrival. Any person who receives for transport or brings or causes to be brought to the State as freight, air freight, baggage, or otherwise, for the purpose of debarkation or entry therein, or as ship's stores, any of the foregoing articles, shall, immediately upon the arrival thereof, notify the department, in writing, of the arrival, giving the waybill number, container number, name and address of the consignor, name and address of the consignee or the consignee's agent in the State, marks, number of packages, description of contents of each package, port at which laden, and any other information that may be necessary to locate or identify the same, and shall hold such articles at the pier, airport, or any other place where they are first received or discharged, in such a manner that they will not spread or be likely to spread any infestation or infection of insects or diseases that may be present until inspection and examination can be made by the inspector to determine whether or not any article, or any portion thereof, is infested or infected with or contains any pest. The department may adopt rules to require identification of specific articles on negotiable and non-negotiable warehouse receipts, bills of lading, or other documents of title for inspection of pests. In addition, the department shall adopt rules to designate restricted articles that

shall require:

- (A) A permit from the department in advance of importation; or
- (B) A department letter of authorization or registration in advance of importation.

The restricted articles shall include but not be limited to certain microorganisms or living insects. Failure to obtain the permit, letter of authorization, or registration in advance is a violation of this section;

(2) Individual passengers, officers, and crew.

- (A) It shall be the responsibility of the transportation company to distribute, prior to the debarkation of passengers and baggage, the State of Hawaii plant and animal declaration form to each passenger, officer, and crew member of any aircraft or vessel originating in the continental United States or its possessions or from any other area not under the jurisdiction of the appropriate federal agency in order that the passenger, officer, or crew member can comply with the directions and requirements appearing thereon. All passengers, officers, and crew members, whether or not they are

bringing or causing to be brought for entry into the State the articles listed on the form, shall complete the declaration, except that one adult member of a family may complete the declaration for other family members. Any person who defaces the declaration form required under this section, gives false information, fails to declare restricted articles in the person's possession or baggage, or fails to declare in cargo manifests is in violation of this section;

- (B) Completed forms shall be collected by the transportation company and be delivered, immediately upon arrival, to the inspector at the first airport or seaport of arrival. Failure to distribute or collect declaration forms or to immediately deliver completed forms is a violation of this section; and
- (C) It shall be the responsibility of the officers and crew of an aircraft or vessel originating in the continental United States or its possessions or from any

other area not under the jurisdiction of the appropriate federal agency to immediately report all sightings of any plants and animals to the plant quarantine branch. Failure to comply with this requirement is a violation of this section;

(3) Plant and animal declaration form. The form shall include directions for declaring domestic and other animals cited in chapter 142, in addition to the articles enumerated in this chapter;

(4) Labels. Each container in which any of the above-mentioned articles are imported into the State shall be plainly and legibly marked, in a conspicuous manner and place, with the name and address of the shipper or owner forwarding or shipping the same, the name or mark of the person to whom the same is forwarded or shipped or the person's agent, the name of the country, state, or territory and locality therein where the product was grown or produced, and a statement of the contents of the container[-]; provided that all genetically engineered produce pursuant to section 328- shall be explicitly labeled as such. Upon failure to comply with this paragraph, the importer or carrier is in violation of this section;

(5) Authority to inspect. Whenever the inspector has good cause to believe that the provisions of this chapter are being violated, the inspector may:

- (A) Enter and inspect any aircraft, vessel, or other carrier at any time after its arrival within the boundaries of the

State, whether offshore, at the pier, or at the airport, for the purpose of determining whether any of the articles or pests enumerated in this chapter or rules adopted thereto, is present;

- (B) Enter into or upon any pier, warehouse, airport, or any other place in the State where any of the above-mentioned articles are moved or stored, for the purpose of ascertaining, by inspection and examination, whether or not any of the articles is infested or infected with any pest or disease or contaminated with soil or contains prohibited plants or animals; and
- (C) Inspect any baggage or personal effects of disembarking passengers, officers, and crew members on aircraft or vessels arriving in the State to ascertain if they contain any of the articles or pests enumerated in this chapter. No baggage or other personal effects of the passengers or crew members shall be released until the baggage or effects

have been passed.

Baggage or cargo inspection shall be made at the discretion of the inspector, on the pier, vessel, or aircraft or in any quarantine or inspection area.

Whenever the inspector has good cause to believe that the provisions of this chapter are being violated, the inspector may require that any box, package, suitcase, or any other container carried as ship's stores, cargo, or otherwise by any vessel or aircraft moving between the continental United States and Hawaii or between the Hawaiian Islands, be opened for inspection to determine whether any article or pest prohibited by this chapter or by rules adopted pursuant thereto is present. It is a violation of this section if any prohibited article or any pest or any plant, fruit, or vegetable infested with plant pests is found;

(6) Request for importation and inspection. In addition to requirements of the United States customs authorities concerning invoices or other formalities incident to importations into the State, the importer shall be required to file a written statement with the department, signed by the importer or the importer's agent, setting forth the importer's desire to import certain of the above-mentioned articles into the State and:

- (A) Giving the following additional information:
 - (i) The kind (scientific name), quantity, and description;
 - (ii) The locality where same were grown or produced;
 - (iii) Certification that all animals to be imported are the progeny of captive populations or

have been held in captivity for a period of one year immediately prior to importation or have been specifically approved for importation by the board;

(iv) Certification that all genetically engineered produce intended for human consumption is properly labeled as "genetically engineered" pursuant to section 328-
_____, and that such produce is not identified as an invasive or threatening species by the invasive species council in accordance with chapter 194;

~~[(iv)]~~ (v) The port from which the same were last shipped;

~~[(v)]~~ (vi) The name of the shipper; and

~~[(vi)]~~ (vii) The name of the consignee; and

(B) Containing:

(i) A request that the department, by its duly authorized agent, examine the articles described;

- (ii) An agreement by the importer to be responsible for all costs, charges, or expenses; and
- (iii) A waiver of all claims for damages incident to the inspection or the fumigation, disinfection, quarantine, or destruction of the articles, or any of them, as hereinafter provided, if any treatment is deemed necessary.

Failure or refusal to file a statement, including the agreement and waiver, is a violation of this section and may, in the discretion of the department, be sufficient cause for refusing to permit the entry of the articles into the State;

(7) Place of inspection. If, in the judgment of the inspector, it is deemed necessary or advisable to move any of the above-mentioned articles, or any portion thereof, to a place more suitable for inspection than the pier, airport, or any other place where they are first received or discharged, the inspector is authorized to do so. All costs and expenses incident to the movement and transportation of the articles to such place shall be borne by the importer or the importer's agent. If the importer, importer's agent, or transportation company requests inspection of sealed containers of the above-mentioned articles at locations other than where the articles are first received or discharged and the department determines that inspection at such place is appropriate, the department may require payment of costs necessitated by these inspections, including overtime costs;

(8) Disinfection or quarantine. If, upon inspection, any article received or brought into the State for the purpose of debarkation or entry therein is found to be infested or infected or there is reasonable cause to presume that it is infested or infected and the infestation or infection can, in the judgment of the inspector, be eradicated, a treatment shall be given such article. The treatment shall be at the expense of the owner or the owner's agent, and the treatment shall be as prescribed by the department. The article shall be held in quarantine at the expense of the owner or the owner's agent at a satisfactory place approved by the department for a sufficient length of time to determine that eradication has been accomplished. If the infestation or infection is of such nature or extent that it cannot be effectively and completely eradicated, or if it is a potentially destructive pest or it is not widespread in the State, or after treatment it is determined that the infestation or infection is not completely eradicated, or if the owner or the owner's agent refuses to allow the article to be treated or to be responsible for the cost of treatment and quarantine, the article, or any portion thereof, together with all packing and containers, may, at the discretion of the inspector, be destroyed or sent out of the State at the expense of the owner or the owner's agent. Such destruction or exclusion shall not be made the basis of a claim against the department or the inspector for damage or loss incurred;

(9) Disposition. Upon completion of inspection, either at the time of arrival or at any time thereafter should any article be held for inspection, treatment, or quarantine, the inspector shall affix to the article or the container or to the delivery order in a conspicuous place thereon, a tag, label, or stamp to indicate that the article has been inspected and passed. This action shall constitute a permit to bring the article into the State; and

(10) Ports of entry. None of the articles mentioned in this section shall be allowed entry into the State except through the

airports and seaports in the State designated and approved by the board."

SECTION 3. Section 150A-6.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§150A-6.1 Plant import. (a) The board shall maintain a list of restricted plants that require a permit for entry into the State. Restricted plants or any portion thereof shall not be imported into the State without a permit issued pursuant to rules.

(b) The department shall designate, by rule, as restricted plants, specific plants that may be detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture, horticulture, the environment, or animal or public health, or that spread or may be likely to spread an infestation or infection of an insect, pest, or disease that is detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture, horticulture, the environment, or animal or public health. In addition, plant species designated by rule as noxious weeds are designated as restricted plants.

(c) The department may regulate or prohibit the sale of specific plants on the list of restricted plants by rule.

(d) Noxious weeds may be imported only for research, by permit, and shall not be offered for sale or sold in the State.

(e) No person shall import, offer for sale, or sell within the State any plant or propagative portion of *Salvinia molesta* or *Salvinia minima* and *Pistia stratiotes*.

(f) No person shall import, offer for sale, or sell within the State any plant, or the produce or any portion of a plant, that constitutes genetically modified produce in violation of section 328- ."

PART II

SECTION 4. The purpose of this part is to authorize the labeling of qualified food sold at retail as "not genetically engineered" or "does not include a genetically engineered ingredient".

The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part.

SECTION 5. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"CHAPTER

LABELING OF NON-GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

§ **-A Definitions.** For the purpose of this chapter:

"Food" has the same meaning as defined under section 328-1.

"Genetically engineered" means food or an ingredient produced from an organism in which the genetic material has been changed through the application of:

(1) In vitro nucleic acid techniques, including recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid or ribonucleic acid techniques that use vector systems; techniques involving the direct introduction into the organism of hereditary materials prepared outside the organisms, such as micro-injection, macro-injection,

chemoporation, electroporation, micro-encapsulation, and liposome fusion; and the direct injection of nucleic acid into cells or organelles; or

(2) Fusion of cells, including protoplast fusion, or hybridization techniques that overcome natural physiological, reproductive, or recombination barriers, where the donor cells/protoplasts do not fall within the same taxonomic family, in a way that does not occur by natural multiplication or natural recombination.

"Label" means the same as defined under section 328-2.

"Organism" means any biological entity capable of replication, reproduction, or transferring genetic material.

§ **-B "Not genetically engineered" or "does not include a genetically engineered ingredient" food; permitted labeling.** (a) Food offered for retail sale may have a label stating that the food is "not genetically engineered" or "does not include a genetically engineered ingredient" if the statement is true.

(b) The food label authorized by this section shall be displayed in accordance with section 328-8.

(c) Food offered for retail sale with a label falsely stating that the food is "not genetically engineered" or "does not include a genetically engineered ingredient" shall be a violation of this section.

§ **-C Injunctive relief.** (a) Any person or public agency may bring a civil action in any circuit court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive relief to

| prevent or terminate any purposeful
violation of section -B.

(b) The circuit court, in its discretion, may award, to a prevailing person or public agency, reasonable attorney's fees and costs for investigating and prosecuting the action."

PART III

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

SECTION 7. In codifying the new sections added by section 5 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

| SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect
on July 1, ~~2112~~2014.

Report Title:

Genetically Engineered Organisms; Produce; Labeling; Import

Description:

Imposes labeling requirements and import

restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce. Authorizes labeling of non-genetically engineered food and creates a private right of action to enjoin violations. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB174 HD2)

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Robin Krieger	Individual	Support	No

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:58 PM
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Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

As citizens of this great state and country, we are able to choose many things because the information is provided to us, including

- if our toothpast has flouride or not
- if our milk is homogenized and pasteurized
- how much alcohol is contained in certain beverages
- how much caffiene, calories, nutrients, saturated fats, sodium and so on is contained in foods and beverages we consume

Why then is there any question as to whether or not the public should have the right to know if the food they select is from GMO sources or is not? To say there is no need contradicts everything we've gained in the past 70 years of informing the consuming public!

Let us be reminded of recent history that safety assurances are not always accurate. Recall when we citizens were "assured" that thalidimide was safe for pregnant women; when smoking of cigarettes was tantamount to adulthood, celebrity and high fashion, and automobile seat belts that were added to cars by "overly" cautious parents (my father among them in 1960) were over-reacting to the risks of driving!

My support for the passage of HB 174 cannot be understated. Please, do the right thing and pass this bill. Knowledge is power and we each deserve the power to design our individual futures by the informed choices we make. Without information, we are bereft of knowledge to choose.

Pass HB 174.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Albers

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Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of HB174 HD2 HSCR924

To: Chair C. Nishihara, Vice Chair R. Kouchi, Chair R. Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, Chair J. Green, Vice Chair R. Baker

From: Joachim Oster, ATHENA of HAWAI'I Farm LLC

Re: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of HB174 HD2 HSCR924

Thursday, 3.21.2013 9AM-11AM Conf Room 229 State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St
As business owners and farmers we would take a huge economic risk if deciding to grow GMO foods today, while solely relying on the political process successfully blocking consumer demanded GMO labeling. It is not a question of if, but when this will backfire and endanger farming operations growing GMO foods.

In a free marketing economy companies have the possibility to inform their prospective customers via advertising, P.R., and proper labeling of what they have to offer. They are encouraged to promote the benefits of their products to create and fulfill demand. Yet GMO corporations are solely looking at short term profit by patronizing customers, lobbying politicians and sponsoring universities. This is detrimental to our capitalist society, to the trust of voters in their elected officials, and the academic freedom of science.

These corporations are burdening also the long term business perspectives of the whole supply chain of their farmers, processors, whole sellers, and grocery stores with these rather risky tactics. The labeling of GMO products will eventually take place in the USA as it does in other countries. The further in the future it is, the more problematic it will be in its consequences.

GMO foods have a long way ahead of them to re-gain the lost trust of consumers. By prolonging the faulty marketing strategy of forced omission on labels, they may never recover from their increasingly bad image in the absence of proper, easily accessible consumer education. Opportunities to fight pests, hunger, develop new food sources, etc. will then be lost. Today's labeling of GMO foods would be giving them the better chance, would lessen the risk for its agricultural producers and vendors, and offer the possibility to the consumer to make informed purchase decisions, hence stabilizing the agricultural economy.

Mahalo nui loa,

Joachim Oster

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harry von Holt	Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd	Oppose	No

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Stephanie Fitzgerald	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB174,,labeling all food containing any amount of GMO. Mahalo

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Ronald Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thankyou for providing this format for testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Bernat	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The scientific consensus on the safety of genetically modified crops is overwhelming with more than 600 peer-reviewed studies by scientific authorities such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They have all concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food.

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Jamie Schmidt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Barbara Borgnino	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I want the right to know what is in my food.

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Anya Ishida	Individual	Oppose	No

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

March 21, 2013, 9:00 A.M.
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 174, HD2

Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker, Chair Green, and members of the Committees:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with over 10,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, respectfully *supports* HB 174. This measure requires labeling of all imported genetically engineered produce brought into Hawaii.

Genetically modifying organisms—the practice of splicing DNA from bacteria, viruses and other organisms into plants to lend them certain traits, like resistance to chemical weedkillers—poses risks to our common environment. Manipulation of genetic material by inserting bacteria, plant, animal, and human genes into food products is a radical departure from traditional breeding techniques and represents an unprecedented break with natural processes.

The public is entitled to know more about these potential risks. The public is entitled to be able to make informed decisions about what products they purchase and eat. An informed public is able to make informed decisions. To adequately protect the environment and the public health, this bill should be passed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Dorothy Meisner	Individual	Oppose	No
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Valerie Willman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bob Neumann	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Please vote to support the GMO labeling bill. We deserve to know what's in our food.
Thanks

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I am writing in support of labeling GMO foods in Hawaii. Please help us protect ourselves and have the choice that we should have to control and know what food we are putting in our bodies. Please also protect our environment by making Hawaii a less GMO-friendly state by passing this law and others controlling or eliminating GMO foods in Hawaii. Thank you.

In nai'a spirit and aloha, Jeanne

"Although violence and the use of force may appear powerful and decisive, their benefits are short-lived. Violence can never bring a lasting and long term resolution to any problem, because it is unpredictable and for every problem it seems to solve, others are created. On the other hand, truth remains constant and will ultimately prevail." The Dalai Lama

"I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that" MLK, Jr.

In a culture that urges us to seek safety in ever bigger cars, houses, and opinions, we must find the courage to acknowledge our vulnerability, to admit how much we need one another's love and care if we are to forge a collective future. Rev. Bill Sinkford

"I think that people want peace so much that one of these days the government had better get out of their way and let them have it." Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Service is the rent you pay for room on this earth" U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm

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Aaron Kagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Consumers want labelling. GMO companies do not. Set the trend of labelling for the nation.

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Brian Hough	Individual	Oppose	No

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melissa ebeling	Individual	Support	No

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GMO foods and companies like Monsanto, if their products are safe or not destructive in their growing near traditional planting, should be OK with labeling. The idea is to compete, right? Not obscure truth to make more profit. Unless they do not believe in free market enterprise. Contents of foods are on all labels. Why are GMO's privileged? Let the public decide what to eat.

Mahalo and aloha,

Paul and Judy Nelson
Waialua
637-9290

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Susan Oakley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha from the Garden Isle of Kaua'i .. Please correct the year in Section 9 which reads "This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112." * * * * * I strongly support labeling of genetically engineered food. Also, as a consumer, I would like to be able to conduct a search via the barcode of GMOs to investigate what organisms are present in transgenic foods. Mahalo for your service to the people and future generations of Hawai'i.

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Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

I offer my testimony in support of HB 174.

I have the same rights as every other child I see.

The quality of life for my child does not improve overnightly modified September 20 2010

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Lee Clark	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please vote label the GMO, it is my right ,it is your right, it is everybody's right to know what is in our food!

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Roy Asao	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: There has been no documented evidence that GMO foods cause any health problem. The following is a statement quoted from "Action of the American Medical Association House of Delegates 2012 Annual Meeting: Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 Recommendations Adopted as Amended" "CONCLUSION Despite strong consumer interest in mandatory labeling of bioengineered foods, the FDA's science-based labeling policies do not support special labeling without evidence of material differences between bioengineered foods and their traditional counterparts. The Council supports this science-based approach, and believes that thorough pre-market safety assessment and the FDA's requirement that any material difference between bioengineered foods and their traditional counterparts be disclosed in labeling, are effective in ensuring the safety of bioengineered food. To better detect potential harms of bioengineered foods, the Council believes that pre-market safety assessment should shift from a voluntary notification process to a mandatory requirement. The Council understands that some consumers may wish to choose foods that do not contain bioengineered ingredients, and notes that consumers may do so by purchasing food products that are labeled USDA Organic." o The farmers who use this technology are using it to help increase their yields and lower their cost of production o There will be a needless cascading effect of increasing cost because the burden will also go on the shoulders of anyone who is involved with the production of the goods that contain the GMO · Labeling will increase the cost of goods because the extra burden of labeling will be borne by the producer, middleman, and then the consumer. this puts an unnecessary burden on the cost of producing goods · Ultimately, having this needless requirement jeopardizes our work here with seed breeding in Hawaii because if there is a dampening effect on the economy due to unnecessary burdens on the production, our work could ultimately disappear just as it did with my former employer, Del Monte Fresh Produce, which departed from the Hawaiian Islands to produce pineapple primarily in Costa Rica due to high cost of doing business and lower profitability.

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ROBERT NELSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support labeling of all products that may contain GMO's. The public has a right to know and choose what they are eating. The people and companies opposing this measure such as Monsanto who produce the seed was the same company that produced "AGENT ORANGE" used in Viet Nam to scorch the earth and is a proven deadly chemical that our service men were exposed to and are suffering with the after effects today. Do you really trust this company and others like them with your well being producing GMO seeds? Please pass the measure to have mandatory labeling of all GMO products.

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Larry Quimby	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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To the Honorable Chairs Nishihara, Baker, and Green and other esteemed members of the Senate committees on Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health.

I apologize for the lateness of my testimony in opposition to HB 174 HD2. I have been practicing pharmacy for well over 20 years, 10 of them in the great state of Hawai'i. I fully understand the genetic processes, whether natural or manipulated in a laboratory by man. Were there a legitimate concern on the safety of so-called genetically engineered foods, I would ask that you seriously consider passing this bill.

The health, happiness and safety of the people of the state of Hawai'i must always be your primary consideration in proposed legislation. Your duty lies there, with your constituents' best interest in mind. I am aware of no solid, scientific data that backs the concerns behind the proposal of this bill. It is purely the product of fear of what is not understood.

In fact, passing this legislation can only increase the price of food in Hawai'i. We import the vast majority of our food. Requiring special certification and labeling increases the cost of production and preparation of a product. The producer does not assume that cost; rather they pass it on to the consumer. The people of Hawai'i struggle with putting food on their family's table as it is. For this reason alone this measure must be defeated.

Also take into consideration that the approximately 1.3 million people living in Hawai'i does not represent a large market. Many companies that ship food to us will not be willing to undergo the expense and procedure of such required labeling and that particular food item will become unavailable in our local markets.

In closing, I wish to apologize for the lateness of my testimony. I strongly urge you to remove this monstrous legislation from further consideration within our legislature.

nishihara1 - Amanda

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jai Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill please pass it for the health of all of us and our Keiki

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From: E. [seawindprop@yahoo.com]
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I support labeling GMO products coming into Hawaii. Please make sure this gets accomplished.
Thank you,
Elaine Lockyer
Kailua

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From: Dianne [dmedi08@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 7:38 PM
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I'm writing to submit my support for HB 174 requiring the labeling of GMO foods in Hawaii. I support, along with a majority of Americans, the right to know what is in my food.

There is strong evidence pointing to GMOs as a source of serious health problems in animals and humans as well as the environment. While research into this will undoubtedly continue in the US, many countries in the developed world are already requiring labeling of these foods. Meanwhile, we in the United States are still fighting to have a choice whether or not to knowingly eat them.

Please pass this bill and safeguard the basic human right to know what's in our food.

Respectfully,

Dianne Pencille Evans

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Kent Fonoimoana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is a reasonable request to receive more information regarding what we are putting into our bodies.

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mary suzzana goodwin	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha and to whom it may concern,

I am committed to feeding myself and my family as much healthy organic food as possible. There are many things now days that make this effort difficult. None more outrageous than the Genetically Modified foods that have made there way onto our grocery store shelves without even a label to let the public know they exist. I look to my elected officials to make sure businesses on Maui and in Hawaii act in ethical and righteous ways. I look to these same officials to protect my family from foods that could be contaminated, altered in a way that can negatively affect our health and the health of the very soil that will make growing food in the future possible. I support HB174 with the inclusion of making sure all foods both processed and fresh produce are labeled to clearly tell the consumer if they are buying a genetically altered food. My family mostly eats fresh produce, so it is mainly that part I am interested in. I also want to make sure organic farmers are protected from adverse effects if they by chance have GMO seeds growing on their land beyond their knowledge. A farmer should not need to be afraid of being contaminated and then blamed for it. Thanks for reading my testimony. Please help Hawaiian citizens have the right to choose the kind of food they feed their family anything else is the worst kind of corporate greed.

Mary Suzzana Goodwin

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Kory Kaalberg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kalani Kalima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The citizens should know what they are consuming, it is time to label GMO that imitate food. No different than labeling the dangers of cigarettes, the calories, fats, etc. to places like McDonald's, Genetically Modified Organisms need to be labeled. The FDA, USDA and other Federal Agencies have failed to protect the consumers, its citizens, from the agribusiness sector. Either Label the GMO or NON GMO products so that we may make better choices for ourselves. The phrase, "What you don't know won't hurt you," does not stand here. There has been a huge increase in diseases but we cannot rule out anything because the citizens are being bombarded with GMO products. Return the power to the people and the public servants that we have voted for and put our trust in. Don't let the GMO proponents glaze over the health risks of their products. LABEL GMO!

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sarah jaeschke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: we in the USA have a right to know what we buy and eat. they do in other countries. GMO is not healthy for living beings or the planet. do not make your death wish my death wish.

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John Rasmussen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keola Keahiolalo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to stop the evil greed of GMO and not kill ourselves or our children. Decide what is morally right and stop GMO!

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Nikole Keahiolalo	Individual	Support	No

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Shayn Bowler	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Guidici	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: VOTE YES on HB 174 - all people deserve to know what it is we are eating and if it has been altered in any way such food must be labeled! GMO foods must be labeled.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Lopez	Department of Attorney General	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: David M. Louie, Attorney General, will be present at the hearing on HB174, HD2 to testify.

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**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 174, H.D. 2, RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND ON HEALTH

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Wade H. Hargrove III, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Nishihara, Baker, and Green and Members of the Committees:

The Attorney General has several serious concerns about this bill.

This measure seeks to create state-specific labeling for imported genetically engineered (GMO) produce, authorize the voluntary labeling of GMO produce, and require the Department of Health (Department) to promulgate rules to implement GMO labeling and develop a means to test for the presence of GMO in imported produce. This bill if enacted, however, would be subject to challenge and likely found unconstitutional. Several reasons support such a conclusion. First, the dormant Commerce Clause, in article I, section 8, clause 3, of the United States Constitution, authorizes the federal government to regulate commerce and exclude undue state interference, thereby precluding state laws that impermissibly burden interstate commerce. Second, pursuant to the Supremacy Clause in article VI, clause 2, of the United States Constitution, a strong argument can be made that state regulation of GMO labeling is expressly preempted by existing federal labeling laws as articulated in the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) and the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulatory position on GMO labeling. Lastly, a state law requiring specific information on food labels in similar circumstances has been struck down on the grounds that such a law violated the manufacturers' First Amendment right to free (commercial) speech.

The dormant Commerce Clause

The Commerce Clause, in its most limited sense, empowers the federal government to regulate commerce among the states. State action to restrict the importation of GMO, whether taking the form of a labeling requirement, an additional tax burden, or an outright ban, will likely

run up against the Commerce Clause's overarching goal of ensuring a national marketplace, and violate what courts refer to as the dormant Commerce Clause. See United Haulers Assoc., Inc. v. Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste, 550 U.S. 330 (2007). The Supreme Court has said:

This principle that our economic unit is the Nation, which alone has the gamut of powers necessary to control of the economy, including the vital power of erecting customs barriers against foreign competition, has as its corollary that the states are not separable economic units.

H.P. Hood & Sons, Inc. v. Du Mond, 336 U.S. 525, 537-38 (1949).

This measure will likely fail to meet the standard articulated in Hunt v. Washington State Apples Adver. Comm'n, 432 U.S. 333 (1977), because it imposes a disparate burden on out-of-state produce. In Hunt, a North Carolina statute that required all apple shipments sold in-state to be labeled with only the United States Department of Agriculture grade was declared unconstitutional because the law had "the practical effect of not only burdening interstate sales of Washington apples, but also discriminating against them." Hunt at 350. Recognizing that even where a state purports to act in the interest of consumer protection, the state's interference in commerce can quickly run afoul of the national interest as guarded by the Commerce Clause, the court said:

Moreover, as appellants correctly note, that "residuum" [of legislative authority] is particularly strong when the State acts to protect its citizenry in matters pertaining to the sale of foodstuffs. Florida Lime & Avocado Growers, Inc. v. Paul, 373 U.S. 132, 146 (1963). By the same token, however, a finding that state legislation furthers matters of legitimate local concern, even in the health and consumer protection areas, does not end the inquiry. Such a view, we have noted, "would mean that the Commerce Clause of itself imposes no limitations on state action . . . save for the rare instance where a state artlessly discloses an avowed purpose to discriminate against interstate goods." Dean Milk Co. v. Madison, 340 U.S. 349, 354 (1951). Rather, when such state legislation comes into conflict with the Commerce Clause's overriding requirement of a national "common market," we are confronted with the task of effecting an accommodation of the competing national and local interests.

Hunt at 350.

Where a statute appears to have a legitimate state interest but the "state artlessly discloses an avowed purpose to discriminate against interstate goods, [the court is] confronted with the task of effecting an accommodation of the competing national and local interests." Hunt at 350 (quoting Dean Milk Co. v. Madison, 340 U.S. 349, 354 (1951)). In any event, as the decision in

Hunt makes very clear, it is the discriminatory effect, not the purpose alone, that subjects a statute to constitutional scrutiny.

Even where a state law only burdens interstate commerce incidentally, if the “burdens they impose on interstate trade are “clearly excessive in relation to the putative local benefits” then that law will be subjected to a “more demanding scrutiny”. Maine v. Taylor, 477 U.S. 131, 138 (1986) (quoting Pike v. Bruce Church, Inc., 397 U.S. 137, 142 (1970)). In Maine v. Taylor, the Supreme Court, although ultimately upholding a state law restricting the import of live bait fish, relied heavily on the undisputed scientific evidence that a ban on baitfish would in fact (1) protect Maine’s indigenous population of wild fish uniquely threatened by three out-of-state parasites and (2) prevent the introduction of non-native species which would compete with Maine’s baitfish to the detriment of Maine’s ecosystem. Id. at 141. While this bill currently offers no rationale for its purpose, assuming that this bill is driven by a concern about the threat that GMO presents to the public health and environment, the available science does not support such a finding and the courts, pursuant to the precedent set in Maine, will examine the record carefully where there is an appearance of protectionism.

Preemption

The State’s effort to require labeling that is in conflict with federal labeling laws is problematic. Congress, in creating the FDCA, empowered the FDA to create criteria for the labeling of food, which includes fresh fruits and produce. State GMO labeling laws are likely expressly preempted by section 403A, an amendment to the FDCA under the Nutrition, Labeling and Education Act, which provides that “[n]o State or political subdivision of a State may directly or indirectly establish under any authority or continue in effect as to any food in interstate commerce [a]ny requirement for the labeling of food of the type required by [various sections related to misbranded articles] that is not identical to the requirement of such section.” See 21 U.S.C. § 343-1(a). The misbranding sections of the FDCA to which this preemption language refers include prescriptions for “definition and standard of identity,” “standards of quality and fill of container,” and “nutrition levels and health-related claims.” See 21 U.S.C. § 343(g), (h), and (r), respectively. While the FDCA does not require any nutritional labeling on produce (21 U.S.C. § 343(q)(4)), and nutritional labeling for what the FDA describes as “conventional” foods, by which it means fruits and vegetables, is voluntary, the FDA has

determined that there is no basis in fact or in the federal misbranding laws to require what would in all likelihood be perceived by the consumers as a GMO “warning” label on food. According to the information available on the FDA’s website (current and most recently updated on May 22, 2009) the FDA’s position regarding GMO labeling is as follows:

The agency is still not aware of any data or other information that would form a basis for concluding that the fact that a food or its ingredients was produced using bioengineering is a material fact that must be disclosed under sections 403(a) and 201(n) of the act. FDA is therefore reaffirming its decision to not require special labeling of all bioengineered foods.

....

Thus, the FDA has specifically determined that [T]he use or absence of use of bioengineering in the production of a food or ingredient does not, in and of itself, mean that there is a material difference in the food. Therefore, a label statement that expresses or implies that a food is superior (e.g., safer or of higher quality) because it is not bioengineered would be misleading.

Guidance for Industry: Voluntary Labeling Indicating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Developed Using Bioengineering; Draft Guidance in Docket Number 00D-1598 (Draft released for comment January 2001) (emphasis added).

The FDCA defines “misbranding” very broadly and provides:

If an article is alleged to be misbranded because the labeling or advertising is misleading, then in determining whether the labeling or advertising is misleading there shall be taken into account (among other things) not only representations made or suggested by statement, word, design, device, or any combination thereof, but also the extent to which the labeling or advertising fails to reveal facts material in the light of such representations or material with respect to consequences which may result from the use of the article to which the labeling or advertising relates under the conditions of use prescribed in the labeling or advertising thereof or under such conditions of use as are customary or usual.”

21 U.S.C. § 321(n)

In short, combining the scope of the FDCA’s misbranding sections, the preemption clause, and the definition of “misbranding,” particularly as the FDA has applied it to GMO food, a state law requiring GMO labeling on the basis that there is something about that food that is different than non-GMO food, is subject to challenge. The recent decision by the Supreme Court in National Meat Asso’n v. Harris, 132 S. Ct. 965 (2012), illustrates how the scope of a federal statute and the regulatory framework provided by that statute may preempt state law. In this case, the Court interpreted express preemption language in the Federal Meat Inspection Act

(FMIA) that provided, in part, that “[r]equirments within the scope of this [Act] with respect to premises, facilities and operations of any establishment at which inspection is provided under. . . this [Act] which are in addition to, or different than those made under this [Act] may not be imposed by any State.” The Court concluded that:

The FMIA’s preemption clause sweeps widely – and in so doing, blocks the applications of the [conflicting California law regarding non-ambulatory animals] challenged here. The clause prevents a State from imposing any additional or different – even if non-conflicting – requirements that fall within the scope of the Act and concern a slaughterhouse’s facilities or operations.

Id. at 970.

The Court in National Meat Association also observed that:

The FMIA regulates slaughterhouses’ handling and treatment of nonambulatory pigs from the moment of their delivery through the end of the meat production process. California’s [conflicting law] endeavors to regulate the same thing, at the same time, in the same place – except by imposing different requirements. The FMIA expressly preempts such a state law.

Id. at 975.

Also of concern is the possibility that this measure will be challenged on the basis that it is implicitly or “field” preempted. Where, as is the case here, the FDA has expressly considered an area of regulation (GMO food labeling) and has declared that GMO labels are inconsistent with the FDCA’s misbranding scheme, an inconsistent state law may be found implicitly preempted. While courts are generally reluctant to find field preemption where there is an express preemption clause, as in the present case, and there exists a presumption against preemption in general, where there is a conflict between the state law and the federal interpretation of its own law, preemption may still occur. See Fellner v. Tri-Union Seafoods, LLC, 539 F.3d 237, 244 (3d Cir. 2008) (“in appropriate circumstances, federal agency action taken pursuant to statutorily granted authority short of formal, notice and comment rulemaking may also have preemptive effect over state law.”). In finding that the FDCA did not field preempt a state law cause of action against a manufacturer for its use of the term “all natural,” the Third Circuit concluded that the “FDA’s policy statement regarding use of the term “natural” is not entitled to preemptive effect.” Holk v. Snapple Beverage Corp., 575 F.3d 329 (2d Cir. 2009). Significant, however, in its decision was the court’s finding that the FDA’s decision not

to define the term “natural” (leaving its proper use relatively uncertain under the federal law) lacked the “fairness and deliberation” necessary to find field preemption. Id. at 342. Therefore, although not particularly likely because of the presence of the FDCA’s express preemption clause in 21 U.S.C. § 43-1(a) and its interplay with the legislative notes attached to 21 U.S.C. §343-1(b)), it is possible a court could interpret the “field” of regulation in the case of GMO labeling in such a way that federal law is said to override contrary state law even where there is no express intent by Congress to do so.

The First Amendment

In addition to facing preemption challenges, state measures requiring GMO food labeling will likely be subject to claims that such measures violate the First Amendment. In International Dairy Foods Ass’n v. Amestoy, 92 F.3d 67 (2d Cir. 1996), the Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a challenge to Vermont’s requirement that dairy farmers label milk produced from cows treated with growth hormones. After dairy farmers argued that the state should be enjoined from violating their right to free speech and also challenged the state law on the basis of the Commerce Clause, the court struck down the law on First Amendment grounds without even addressing the implications of the Commerce Clause. Id. at 70. The court applied the 4-prong test for state restriction of commercial free speech developed in Central Hudson Gas and Elect. corp. v. Public Serv. Comm., 447 U.S. 557 (1980), whereby one must determine:

- (1) whether the expression concerns lawful activity and is not misleading;
- (2) whether the government’s interest is substantial;
- (3) whether the labeling law directly serves the asserted interest;
- and (4) whether the labeling law is no more extensive than necessary.

International Dairy at 72 (citation omitted).

The court asserted: “The State of Vermont bears the burden of justifying its labeling law. . . . [a]s the Supreme Court has made clear, [t]his burden is not satisfied by mere speculation or conjecture; rather, a governmental body seeking to sustain a restriction on commercial speech must demonstrate that the harms it recites are real and that its restriction will in fact alleviate them to a material degree.” Id. at 72-73 (quoting Edenfield v. Fane, 507 U.S. 761, 770-7 (1993)). Particularly relevant to the review of this bill, the court concluded that “Vermont has failed to establish the second prong of the Central Hudson test, namely that its interest is substantial.” Amestoy at 73. This decision demonstrates that a court, in its review of a state labeling

requirement that otherwise appears to serve a legitimate state interest, will nevertheless apply heightened scrutiny and demand that the reason given be valid and demonstrable. Amestoy suggests that any state effort (regardless of how well-intentioned) to require labeling that is inconsistent with federal law, particularly where the veracity and relevance of the information sought to be mandated remains a matter of contention at the federal level, will be met with skepticism in federal court. The decision in Amestoy also demonstrates the lengths to which a federal court will go to call into question the state's rationale in support of its labeling requirement. By way of example, the court reasoned that:

Vermont's failure to defend its constitutional intrusion on the ground that it negatively impacts public health is easily understood. After exhaustive studies, the FDA has "concluded that rBST has no appreciable effect on the composition of milk produced by treated cows, and that there are no human safety or health concerns associated with food products derived from cows treated with rBST." 898 F.3d at 248. Because bovine somatotropin (BST) appears naturally in cows, and because there are no BST receptors in a cow's mammary glands, only trace amounts of BST can be detected in milk, whether or not the cows received the supplement. Id. Moreover, it is undisputed that neither consumers nor scientists can distinguish rBST-derived milk from milk produced by an untreated cow. Id. at 248-49. Indeed, the already extensive record in this case contains no scientific evidence from which an objective observer could conclude that rBST has any impact at all on dairy products. It is thus plain that Vermont could not justify the statute on the basis of "real" harms. See Edenfield v. Fane, 507 U.S. 761, 770-71 (1993). We do not doubt that Vermont's asserted interest, the demand of its citizenry for such information, is genuine; reluctantly, however, we conclude that it is inadequate. We are aware of no case in which consumer interest alone was sufficient to justify requiring a product's manufacturers to publish the functional equivalent of a warning about a production method that has no discernable impact on a final product.

Id. at 73.

The Second Circuit has taken the opportunity to distinguish the International Dairy case in two subsequent decisions, namely, National Elec. Mfrs. Ass'n v. Sorrell, 272 F.3d 104 (2d Cir. 2001) and New York State Rest. Ass'n v. New York City Bd. of Health, 556 F.3d 114 (2009), but in both of these cases, less scrutiny was applied because in the court's view the information or "speech" that was being mandated by the state law consisted of nothing more than a "purely factual and uncontroversial disclosure requirement." New York Rest. Ass'n at 132 (citing Zauderer v. Office of Disciplinary Counsel, 471 U.S. 626, 650 (1985)). In Sorrell, where Vermont law required disclosure by manufacturers of light bulbs containing mercury that

mercury is a hazardous waste that must be disposed of properly, the court concluded that where a law “requir[es] disclosure of truthful information. . . less exacting scrutiny is required than where truthful, nonmisleading commercial speech is restricted.” Sorrell at 114. In Sorrell, the parties agreed fully that the required information was purely factual. Likewise, in New York Rest. Ass’n, where the question was the required disclosure of caloric information, there was no debate as to the accuracy of the information and the FDA itself filed an amicus brief in support of New York City’s disclosure requirement. Id. at 133-34. In other words, in both of these cases, there was no dispute as to the meaning of the disclosure, only an objection to the goal and commercial implications of the disclosure. There being no disagreement about the fact that existing federal law requires mercury to be properly discarded (Sorrell), and there being no dispute that the calorie information required was truthful or the obesity epidemic is a real threat to public health (New York Rest. Ass’n), the Zauderer rational basis test in each of these cases was easily satisfied. See New York Rest. Ass’n, at 134-35. The decision in Amestoy is instructional precisely because the content of the message required by this bill, taken in its full context, and the scientific support for a state requirement that this message be disclosed, is more akin to the hormone discussion in Amestoy than the “purely factual and uncontroversial” disclosures required by Sorrell and New York Rest. Ass’n. While it could be argued that a GMO label states just a mere fact, the FDA and others would contend that a GMO label presents the consumer with the impression that there are material differences between GMO and non-GMO produce that do not in fact exist. The controversy surrounding the information conveyed by GMO labels and the likelihood for confusion makes Amestoy and the heightened scrutiny it places on commercial free speech compelling.

For the reasons above, we are concerned that this measure unduly burdens interstate commerce contrary to the restrictions placed on the state action by the dormant Commerce Clause, may be found unconstitutional on the basis that it is preempted by federal law and impermissibly restricts commercial free speech in violation of the First Amendment.

We respectfully ask the Committee to hold this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Dvorak	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This will be very detrimental to production agriculture in the US not to mention a loss to Hawaii's economy.

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Monica Herrera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Public awareness of genetically engineered food or food ingredients should be publicly know and stated. Where is the scientific evidence of the negative health effects associated with genetically engineered foods, it does exist but why are we ignoring the facts? If other countries are banning GMO then why are we still pursuing it should be stopped your endangering the people and the natural resources.

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kurt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The state should not wage a campaign against one of the great agriculture innovations of our time. Please study and learn about the amazing benefits of GMO. According to the World Health Organization, GMO is perfectly safe. GMO improves the nutrient content of food, reduces its allergenic potential, reduces the need for pesticides and hence the impact on the environment, and improves the efficiency of food production systems. For example, Golden Rice, a GMO rice containing vitamin D, promises to prevent millions of deaths a year among the world's poor. Instead of working to thwart GMO, the state should be embracing this wonderful new technology that will help feed the planet's ever growing population.

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Mike Whitmer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank Ka'ano'i	Individual	Support	No

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HB174, HD2
Relating to Food Labeling
Dated 3-20-2013

To: Senators, Clarence Nishihara, Ronald Kouchi, Rosalyn Baker, Brickwood Galuteria, Josh Green. Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Committee on Health.

I offer my personal testimony and opinion Relating to Food Labeling. I support the passage of this bill as amended. I feel that all citizens of the State of Hawaii should have the inherent right to know if genetically modified organisms are included in all food imported into the State of Hawaii. It has been mentioned in previous testimonies that approximately 80% of all foods made or imported into the United States has GMO ingredients.

This is very troubling to me, especially that the citizens of the United States were not informed in advance by Monsanto and other manufacturers of their intention to create and sell GMO foods, plants, drugs that have Genetically Modified or Engineered ingredients.

It is my opinion that we have been used as guinea pigs in a World Wide experiment by the manufacturers or creators of these GMO's or GMI's. It is unbelievable that such disregard for the human race is being allowed to exist and continue with the backing of the FDA who has indicated time after time that there has been no known adverse effects caused by GMO or GMI ingredients. I strongly believe that a high percentage of us have been exposed to these products, and as a result we are living with various allergies, illnesses or life threatening symptoms caused or attributed to GMO and GMI products and drugs.

Did you know that there are thousands of Indian farmers that have committed suicide as a result of the promotion and testing of GMO seeds at much higher prices than non GMO seeds which has not really resulted in higher crop yields. In desperation after losing their crops and there only source of livelihood, these farmers have committed suicide as their only way out. Leaving there families to fend for themselves in poverty. Please review this very important story that reveals how Monsanto and other companies operate in other countries.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1082559/The-GM-genocide-Thousands-Indian-farmers-committing-suicide-using-genetically-modified-crops.html>

I noticed that this bill requires the labeling of non-GMO foods instead of GMO foods. I suspect this was changed to minimize the additional costs for labeling the products. This makes sense to me however the stores must realize that they will ask many questions regarding whether GMO verses Non-GMO products are safer for human consumption.

May I offer another option to reduce the costs of labeling the products especially in stores. I would recommend that each store post a comprehensive listing of all Non-GMO food products being sold and also provide a pamphlet indicating the same. The stores could stock all of these products in the same section so there is no mistaking where the Non-GMO foods are located.

I strongly recommend that you pass this bill and bring it to the floor for a final vote by the Senate and the House.

Mahalo,
Frank Ka'ano'i

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Duane Aistroke	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Koopmans	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in opposition of HB 174

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Napua Hueu	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

Roosevelt L. Freeman
Private Citizen
47-222 Hui Aeko St.
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Thursday, March 20, 2013

My name is Roosevelt Freeman and I represent only myself, a Hawaii resident since 1985. I am opposed to HB174, HD2.

I find the mandate contained in this proposed measure to be impractical and unnecessary.

Genetically modified foods are 80% of the marketplace and organic is 20%. If the legislature is going to mandate labeling, which it shouldn't, it would be more pragmatic to mandate that organic foods, which have a smaller market share, be labeled rather than the non-organic foods which are a larger share of the marketplace. If the consumer doesn't see "certified organic" on the item, they can assume that it is genetically modified and not purchase that item.

Consumers also have the choice to shop for organic foods at supermarkets where the selection is either entirely or mostly organic. One high-end chain has embarked upon its own labeling initiative, voluntarily, with no legislation required. If successful, others may follow. That is their choice.

Members, there are special interest pressure groups that take in hefty contributions from their constituency based on hysteria and hyperbole over the issue of genetically modified foods and now they are using those same tactics to get mandates like the one contained in this bill, passed into law; mandates that drive efficient production out of the marketplace, upends supply and sends food prices higher.

Higher food prices are bad news for the 99% of consumers who already wrestle with high food prices in Hawaii.

I urge this committee to table this bill.

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Paul Buccigrossi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If GMO products are as great as they are propounded to be, then food companies should be more than happy to emblazon their products with big, bold and bright letters: This product contains Genetically Modified Organisms!

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Mary Diehl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please SUPPORT House Bill 174 which would make Genetically Modified Foods be Labelled. The People have a right to know! Thank you. Sincerely, Mary Diehl

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Randy Mulder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Barry Inouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a bill that needlessly increases costs to farmers as well as to all consumers in Hawaii.

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Suzanne Wakelin, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No
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Jim Madraso	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO

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Testimony:

Members of the Senate have the responsibility to safeguard our fundamental right to know and choose what we eat. Just as we label foods with nutritional facts, we should label foods that are genetically engineered. Without the labeling of genetically engineered foods we are all guinea pigs in a giant experiment launched by the biotech industry without our knowledge or consent. The EU countries are among 61 countries requiring labeling of GMO foods.

GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts such as: increased herbicide use, superweeds, and loss of diversity. There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern). The environmental and health risks tied to genetically engineered foods are reasons enough not to give corporations the power to dictate the decisions that consumers should make on their own.

I request that the bill be amended to also include labeling of Hawaii GMO produce.

Zhelah Kayce

nishihara1 - Amanda

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AGL,
I will no longer be present in person for my testimony for Thursdays hearing. Please be sure that my name is not called to stand. Thanks for honoring my request.

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Your testimony was submitted properly so it will be seen. They will just call your name at the hearing. Don't worry, many people don't show up. If you would still like to correct it anyway, you will have to call the AGL committee directly.

Brent Lau

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To whom it may concern,

In error I check that I would be present at the meeting- I will however not be able to attend to I will not be reading or standing with this testimony- however it is still very important to me that it is seen.

HB174

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tyler meier	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I would like to oppose the HB 174 against labeling of GM foods. Currently, there are choices within the market place that give those people opposed to GM foods an alternative to consuming GM products- those are products that are labeled as organic. There is no need to add additional costs to those people who have no issues or concerns with GM foods or consuming them. In Addition, to the cost implications by this bill there could be jobs lost and livelihoods changed because of this measure. This is not something that should be taken lightly and I understand the emotional state that comes with food consumption and not feeling "sure" of a

controversial topic. However, I think it is also important to mention that there has not been one documented case of health illnesses related to GM foods and the thought of making it out to be something that it isn't and having additional cost associated with these products does not seem fair to the people. As state elected official it is your job to look at these issues and make sound judgments that are the best for the people from a safety, financial, and ethical perspective. Now do your job and oppose this bill.

TYLER R. MEIER

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Noelle Natale Madraso	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: I support Bill HB174 to require GMO labeling of foods. In addition I believe it should be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO.

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larry bortz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Zhelah Kayce	Individual	Support	No

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Barb Horan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I emphatically support GMO labeling for all genetically modified foods because I believe these products are a danger to my health and the health of our nation. I wish to avoid GMO products entirely but right now it is very difficult to do. I believe clear labeling will finally enable me to make truly informed choices when I grocery shop. Please do all that you can to enforce clear labeling for every GMO product. Thank you.

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Cade Watanabe	UNITE HERE Local 5	Support	Yes
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Joint Hearing of the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Commerce & Consumer Protection and Health

Hawaii State Legislature

State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

RE: HB 174, HD 2 relating to food labeling

Chairs Nishihara, Baker, Green and members:

UNITE HERE Local 5, a local labor organization representing nearly 10,000 hotel, health care and food service workers employed throughout the State, hereby registers our **support** for **House Bill 174, HD 2**, relating to food labeling.

Our organization's support for HB 174, HD 2 is not just about the concerns our members have regarding the kind of food we're consuming or just about our basic rights as consumers in knowing what's in our food through proper labeling – to all of us, this is common sense. So, we ask that you stand in support of food labeling.

We are, however, alarmed at the growing economic and political disparities that now exist in our community between powerful and wealthy corporate interests and that of the people that call Hawaii our *permanent* home. In fact, this struggle has been a theme throughout this legislative session and has been the strong undercurrent that has led to wide-spread support for the repeal of the Public Land Development Corporation. In that debate, acknowledgement by the Legislature that public trust must be restored was the proper and just position to take. The same is required here.

Our reality is such that our people are being pushed off our islands while so many of us can't afford homes and now to add to it all, our people are getting sick and the food we're consuming increasingly foreign to our own bodies.

Those who have stood in strongest opposition to HB 174, HD 2 represent a particular set of interests, and those that have supported this legislation the same. Yet, so many of our members and those that support this Bill do not have the luxury of being able to attend nor keep-up with the flurry of legislation that comes before the Legislature each session. We cannot rely on paid lobbyists. We have to work a second job just to get by. Yet, we want to be more engaged because we're so deeply concerned about the future of our island

communities. And that is why alongside other community leaders we launched a new movement called AiKea. AiKea is aimed at encouraging participation in our political system and encapsulates the growing need of putting power back in the hands of working people so that Hawaii can continue to be *our* home.

We ask that you support HB 174, HD 2. It's a step in the right direction.

Thank you.

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Kelly Gunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

I urge you to have GMO labeling of our food so we have free will and free choice for our bodies and our health and that of our children.

Thank you.

Mildred Anne Huff.....Pantha

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Violetta Beretta [violettaberetta@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:34 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: I support the intent of HB174 HD2

Aloha,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that as a Native Hawaiian, and a local resident with many generations of family in Hawaii, I support the intent of HB174 HD2. I am very distrustful of GMO and the way Monsanto has done business here and in other parts of the world. I feel it is important to make sure we take care of our best and most important resource here in Paradise, THE AINA.

Mahalo,

Aja K. Kop

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Andy Whittington	Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Jon Misura	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: "Let food be thy medicine and thy medicine food!" Mahalo and have a nice day!

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Ronald D. Konchi, Donovan Dela Cruz, J. Kalani English,
Laura H. Thielen, Glenn Wakai, Sam Slom**

FROM: Jon K. Misura

RE: HB 174, HD2: Relating to Food Labeling

March 20, 2013

Honorable Committee Members,

Aloha! I am writing to express my support for HB 174, HD2, which would basically require the labeling of Genetically - Modified Organisms (GMO's), among other things. As someone who, due to health reasons, began to study the importance of diet to achieve optimal health, I now try my best to adhere to a vegetarian, largely organic diet. I now read the labels of all the foods that I eat. The more that I read about the food industry, the more I became alarmed at some of the methods/additives that are allowed into the U.S. food system. In particular, the use of GMO's, their pervasiveness, and the politics involved behind the scenes (but only disclosed by objective and professional journalists, scientists, and nutritionists) has lead me to the simple conclusion that the general public has an unalienable right-to-know what it is that they are eating and drinking.

Currently, GMO labeling is required by at least 50 countries around the world, including all of Europe, Japan, India, and China. In fact, Monsanto, the largest producer of GMO's, actually came out in support of food labeling laws in the United Kingdom back in the late 1990's after the European Union required them in other European countries. Unfortunately, Monsanto and other large bio-technology, junk-food, and pesticide companies are now radically opposed to their own country having this right. Why the disparity? These companies have a proven track record of making false claims about the safety of their products and obviously fear the financial repercussions of an informed, active citizenry demanding the right to know what is that they are ingesting.

In researching this issue, I found that in poll after poll across the nation, people of diverse backgrounds overwhelmingly supported the right-to-know about food labeling - a recent ABC News poll had 93% of its respondents favoring its enactment. Why is that? Obviously, Americans value truth and freedom above all of our other liberties. We want to be free to choose what we want to eat and feed our children. The free market is supposed to

provide consumers with accurate information about products so that we can make informed decisions about our health and that of the environment, both of which GMO's impact negatively.

In conclusion, I respectfully submit that this could mark a healthy change for the better in how we function as a democracy. Do we hear the voices of the citizenry demanding their God-given right to know what it is that we are buying, eating, and drinking, i.e., expecting wholesome foods and truth from those in power? Or will it be business as usual, in which powerful companies continue to pollute our food, water, land, and air, and have our elected officials do their dirty work for them? It is my fervent hope that you will vote for passage of HB 174, SD2 and be remembered by posterity for doing the right thing.

Thank - you for your time and consideration,

Jon K. Misura

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dana	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We need to label and remove the gmo companies from poisoning our aina. Protect our lands!! Do not sell out to gmo companies.

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Tammy Meyer	Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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From: Debra Blachowiak [debra@sleepinggiant.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:32 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: HB 174 GMO

Dear Senator Kouchi and others on the Agriculture Committee,

I normally do not write letters about legislation, but this subject is of great importance to me. I would strongly favor labeling of all foods that have been prepared with ingredients that are GMO. I do not wish to eat that kind of food and would benefit from the knowledge of what is contained in the food I eat. Everyone would benefit from having this choice. In our bodies, our cells are regenerated and remade many times in our lifetime. They are made by what we ingest in the way of food and liquids. One of the reasons people are more unhealthy than healthy as a whole which adds to the cost of health care costs is what the majority eats. If we can make steps to purify our food, the health of the general population will improve.

Another, maybe more important issue for Kauai specifically, is the growing, testing (spraying with horrible chemicals) and spread of GMO plants on Kauai. There are so many reasons why this is a very bad use of our land, but mainly I feel that over time, as more of our prime ag lands are used for this purpose, they will be ruined for years as it take time to get those very toxic chemicals out of the soil. In addition, the ground water could be negatively affected and the worst thing is getting a bad reputation here as the "toxic chemical" isle rather than the garden isle. This could negatively affect my business as people will not purchase property near the fields that are being sprayed and visitors will not come. Right now this stuff is being done in Poipu! All around our resort areas. People on the west side who have had to live with this for awhile are getting sick. It is not worth it!!!! These big chemical and seed companies don't employ that many people--not enough to ruin the tourist industry here which I predict will happen over time if the spread of these test fields is not curtailed.

Thank you for your consideration. The people of Kauai need your help (and Molokai, and Oahu and wherever else these big companies are gobbling up the ag land). Let's grow food for our local people rather than poison the land into the future. Aloha, Debra Blachowiak

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Jana Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support House Bill 174 because I have researched on this topic a lot lately and am now aware that there is little known about the long-term health and environmental effects of gmo's, but also what is known about the big multi-national corporations pushing these seeds, and the experiments on lab rats with the gmo monsanto corn sounds very scary. I believe we should absolutely have the right to know if what we purchase and consume has been genetically modified. It should be as standard as the labeling of ingredients and nutritional value on packaged items and most definitely labeled on ALL produce. This will give us the ability to choose where we want to spend our money and who we want to support.. Which will, hopefully, lead to much more support to the local, sustainable, organic, small business farmers and operations! This will create a much, much better, brighter and cleaner future!

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4 Ag Hawaii		Oppose	No

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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnership

HB 174 HD2 Relating to Food Labeling

4 Ag Hawaii opposes HB 174

4 Ag Hawaii supports **all** methodologies of Hawaii Agriculture. We support the free market system and believe all labeling should be market driven. We strongly believe that all types of agriculture should present a positive message to consumers and not provide detrimental information about the others. Hawaii's Food Security is already precarious and not to WORK TOGETHER is a perilous strategy for our Island State.

We are not qualified to debate "science" or "legal issues" but firmly believe that the USDA and FDA have stringent regulations in place to protect the public and their knowledge of what they are consuming.

Hawaii still imports some 85 of our food – let us all work together to focus our efforts on decreasing that figure for the good of Hawaii.

4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501[c] [3] corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties; conducting agricultural economic; educational & media programs, and fostering statewide interest for responsible agricultural economic development of our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: barbara george [barbarageorge40@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:29 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

I am in SUPPORT of HB 174--we have a right to know what is in the food we buy. Label GMOs!

Barbara L. George
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Laura Wittig	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I spend a small fortune to make sure that I am eating healthy food (e.g., organic). As a consumer I have the right to know how the food I select to purchase is created, processed, etc... There is enough causes of illnesses in the world without adding genetically modified seeds plus any corresponding pesticides. Please don't let huge corporations like Monsanto and their money influence your decision to pass this along as unproven. Right now, I only purchased papayas from Down to Earth for they are labeled as non GMO. Also, I do not eat any foods that have listed corn as an ingredient since genetically modified corn is so prevalent This bill should apply to all sources of food supply whether coming in from the mainland or another country to right here in Hawaii. I understand Monsanto has been quite active in testing products in Hawaii. Do not delay! Let's label food as GMO or non GMO by next year at the latest.

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Samantha Newman	Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Jim Sartwelle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is awful public policy and would have significant negative implications on the whole of US agriculture. At a time where we are faced with feeding billions more people in the upcoming decades, this would be an irresponsible position for the State of Hawai'i to impose on the rest of the nation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Kerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I'm asking that you please represent the wishes of the growing population of people here in the state of Hawaii by passing GMO labeling and HB 174. We the people have the right to know what's in our food in order to make educated decisions on what we choose consume. I'm of the firm belief that if the corporations growing GMO "foods" truly believe that their products are good for the people and the planet, then they should be proud to label their products rather than hiding the facts through non-labeling. Please, let's become the first state in the nation that stands up in favor of the people and freedom of choice rather than setting precedence with the big corporate dollar. Please vote yes on HB 174. Thank you, Lisa Kerman

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:26 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

To the Hawaii State Senate:

Good policy plus good politics – that elusive holy grail each of us who serve in public office seeks every day. What can we do that will make our communities better and that the people will love? What can we do that is meaningful, that is more than just grinding through the minutiae that is the sausage factory of lawmaking?

Being first in the nation to take a bold step on the important issue of food labeling is that win-win that is so hard to find in lawmaking.

Yes, 5 agrochemical companies will be disappointed. But, the sky will not fall, the industry will not collapse, the people will love you for it and it's the right thing to do.

I write today to respectfully ask that you give positive consideration to hearing and ultimately passing into law HB174, thus allowing Hawaii residents the opportunity to make informed decisions about the foods they eat.

A majority of people clearly want an opportunity to choose. While the debate over health aspects of GMOs will no doubt continue, the fundamental question today is not whether transgenic foods are healthy or harmful, but whether people are entitled to make an informed choice.

The agrochemical companies are fond of saying that GMO foods are “nutritionally substantially equivalent”. Horse meat may very well be “nutritionally substantially equivalent” to beef, but I still don't want to eat it.

Adding the letters GMO just ahead of MSG and Red Dye #3 will cost nothing.

63 countries around the world including all of Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand already require mandatory labeling of GMO products.

The grocery chain Whole Foods has just announced it's requiring suppliers to label all GMO products by 2018.

Hawaii should do the same. Put the onus on the industry to label within reasonable parameters as have been done elsewhere. Set out a reasonably effective date that will allow the GMO foods now on the shelf to be eaten and replaced by those properly labeled.

Good policy and good politics; it's a rare combination.

I encourage you to go for it.

Mahalo,

Bill & Yvette Hackett
3695 Waha Road

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tatyana Cerullo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee: I strongly support labeling of GMOs. • The bill should be amended, however, to include labeling of HAWAII produce that is GMO also. • Consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques • GMOs pose potential adverse environmental impacts (e.g. increased herbicide use, super-weeds, loss of biodiversity, etc.) • There are unknown long-term health impacts of the consumption of GMO foods (many independent studies show cause for concern) Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. Tatyana Cerullo 60 N Beretania St 209 Honolulu HI 96817

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Kulbeck	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose HB 174. The use of GMO agricultural products in our food supply is very safe. Labeling these products will have adverse effect and is not necessary. If we are to feed the growing population of the world, GMO seeds are a necessity for modern agriculture.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: My name is kenneth Kamiya and I urge you to reject HB174. I am a small farmer from Laie, Oahu and I have been farming for over 40 years. I am also the originator of the "kamiya" line of papaya and also co-creator of the present day "laie gold" papaya hybrid which is a cross between the "rainbow" hybrid and my original "kamiya". Through these crosses we have created a hybrid that is not only resistant to the papaya ringspot virus, but also a high quality, vigorous and highly sought after product. Since its introduction and refinement from the early nineties to present we have established a loyal and growing following and have never experienced an over supply problem. Our major challenge is to produce more high quality fruit to meet this growing demand. Farming is never a boring proposition. We face at times overwhelming challenges such as thefts, invasive weeds, new pests and diseases, and high and growing costs of inputs including fuel, fertilizers, chemicals, and labor. On top of this we have to face a constant and never ending barrage of daunting regulatory requirements thrown at us, some of which are nonsensical, but often make us seriously consider thinking of giving up farming. But despite these challenges giving up and quitting is not an acceptable solution for me, the community, state or the country. We may be a minority in the collage of society, but we are a vital minority and it should be our solemn duty to do all we can to preserve and promote agriculture. Remember, we put the food on your plate. HB174, if adopted, would be just one more nonsensical requirement put in place to discourage research, technical adoption, and farming. We would be foolish to attempt to enter market competition with our hands and feet mired in the mud of ignorance and false beliefs. The adoption and deregulation of Hawaii's GMO papaya saved our industry and Hawaii from a catastrophic and perhaps complete loss of of the important and famous papaya. It is safe, thoroughly tested and approved by the USDA, EPA, and FDA and it is known worldwide to be the finest papaya. Needless to say, it is also delicious. We do not need labels to tell us it is delicious and good for us.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Choon James	Country Talk Story	Support	No

Comments: SUPPORT THE BILL with the following suggestions from Earthjustice, whom we trust will do the public right. ... that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014. The AG’s office has raised three main concerns around the current wording of the HB274 HD2. For a detailed response to these concerns, please refer to the Memo by Paul Achitoff, March 17, 2013. Mahalo! Choon James

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Recommend passage with TWO AMENDMENTS: 1) The bill be amended to include local GMO produce as to not violate the Commerce Clause. 2) The bill be clearly defined as necessary in order to prevent consumer confusion so that Hawaii shoppers are clear about whether the produce they are purchasing is genetically engineered or not.

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Sheila Campbell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please stop the spraying and all that has is going on with the GMO. It is not good for our health or for our island. I love Kauai, let's keep it beautiful and healthy. Aloha, Sheila We don't want to be known as the "poisonous" island.

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vikram khurana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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George Griswold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not see the need for more labeling requirements. The USDA has approved these products for use, if it is unsafe it should fall back on USDA or the FDA to make that judgment.

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Kathleen Langtad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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We require GMO labeling... for starters. Import produce for starters. Support a moratorium on open air experimentation and 100% labeling of GMO ingredients and animal byproducts of animals raised with GMO feed, domestic and abroad.

~Mr. <hr*\$TOPHer Kasak, Pa'ia, Maui
OWS~Maui Occupy Monsanto

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Mark Martino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There millions of people in the world starving. GMO/biotech food helps farmers around thr world produce more using less. Biotech goes through rigorous EPA reviews before approval. Additionally, people have been eating biotech for well over decade with no impact; except positive ones. Governments should be supportive of helping to support technology that provides a basic human need; food. Labeling is also not advised as it really does nothing to give a consumer any information that warranted to decide on a nutrition or health concern, but what it does do is add cost to already high food prices. Why would or government want to support raising the cost of food? I am very surprised by the shortsightedness of this Bill, and disppointed in legislature for supporting what is not good for our people.

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I support the intent of HB174 HD2

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William Deuchar	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iris McGowan	Kauai Rising	Oppose	No

Comments: While you are in meeting, I am praying that you make the right decisions and this detrimental gmo issue ... we want to know what we are eating ... since the corporations have an in with the governmental officials, we know this will be a hard battle ... but the light will always shine over the darkness ... we want gmo labeling now and we want the gmo corporations off the planet ... thank you

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Dean Norton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Your actions in Hawaii will have serious ramifications in New York state. This measure will make my ability to procure seed very difficult.

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Harry Hashimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A totally unnecessary bill that will add cost to an already expensive food supply.

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Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I disagree with the Sen. Agriculture Committee chair that GMO is not harmful. The Federal government has no real expertise in the long term effects of GMO foods. I believe that GMO foods are like playing with fireworks in an ammunition factory. Nature has worked out balances and food needs for all life on the planet. GMO seriously upsets that balance and we have no way to really assess its effects. I support HB 174 as only a first step in containing our reckless development of GMO foods, forests, and animals.

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Colette Augustiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's a waste of money. We went with out labeling for many years. WHY NOW! GMO been around for years. So I Oppose this bill!

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Christie Wiebbecke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: Kelly Perry [hunakai5@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:08 AM
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Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 174

Aloha,

I would like to testify in FAVOR of HB 174 to be heard on Thursday, March 21 at 9:00am. Citizens have the right to know what is in their food so they can make informed choices about what they are putting in their body and feeding to their family!

Mahalo,
Kelly Perry

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Morgan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the labeling of GMO food. Consumers have the right to know what's in their food, and buy the products they want accordingly.

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From: Helen Yahner [helenyahner@gmail.com]
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Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Dear Sirs:

Please accept my SUpport of HB 174 NOW not sometime in the future. Passing into law HB 174 now will be one step in protecting the people of Hawaii. We all have a right to know when our food sources are modified (and contaminated). Correctly identifying any additives to our crops and processed foods NOW is important for the health of the islands and its people. Look to Europe and other countries - they understand what is happening, not only to food sources but to the agricultural lands.

I support HU 174 now! I also support escalating supervision of the companies using the state of Hawaii for experimental food and crop modifications of any kind. We have the right to be protected from these companies. Just look to what has happened to those living and attending school in the Waimea District of Kauai. These companies do not have the right to contaminate our lands and our people.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Helen Yahner
Kauai, HI

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Eric Aasen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This poorly written and ill-conceived bill must be rejected by HI.

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Becky Schollian	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terez Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It may be too late to submit my testimony, but I wanted to do a last minute effort to beseech you, our honorable senators, to require the labeling of GMO's on our food. It is not a matter of having a consistent nutritional content as non-gmo food sources. It is out of a precautionary safety concern for mutations at the cellular level. Until more research has been done to conclusively show that pest and adverse environmental resistant strains of foods are safe for consumption, they should be labeled as a "buyer beware—consume at your own risk" products so that the producers won't be held liable should there ever be a link to detrimental affects in the human population.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shawn Lambert	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to HB 174 - proposals such as these will have devastating effects on agriculture and food prices for the citizens of Hawaii and the United States. Legislation needs to be based on sound science, not scare tactics and junk science. Sincerely Shawn Lambert

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Peter Wiederoder	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mia Langer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 174 because I believe that I, as a consumer, have a RIGHT to information with which I may make informed decisions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
david jarvis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Adding additional cost burdens to middle class will result in a decrease in overall health which will cost taxpayers even more to cover cost of medical treatments. GMO labeling works for the top 1% of income that can afford to purchase foods that have had the additional cost. Do not let labeling stop suppliers from sending food to Hawaii. 85% of local farmers use GMO products what will happen to them?

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State-based labeling policies will increase the cost of food. I do not want to pay more for food. Mandatory labeling of foods produced using biotechnology would unnecessarily result in higher food costs for. California's analysis of their 2012 labeling initiative that voters rejected in November estimated that food costs for an average-income family would increase by approximately \$400 per year. Hawaii's people already pay up to 40 percent more for our food so we can expect that estimate to double!

GMO foods are safe.

The scientific consensus on the safety of genetically modified crops is overwhelming with more than 600 peer-reviewed studies by scientific authorities such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They have all concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food.

I already have a choice

If I prefer to purchase food products that don't contain GMO ingredients I can choose foods labeled "certified organic," "non GMO," or "GMO-Free". Remember Organic is not always better or safer. Of all the recent outbreaks of deadly bacteria on fresh vegetables have all been from "Organic" farms.

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Richard Frankel [frankelr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:05 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Dear Senators:

I am writing in support of HB 174 regarding labelling of GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) foods. Consumers should have the right to know that they are eating and drinking.

Mahalo and aloha.

Richard Frankel

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From: Michael A. Ceurvorst [majchk@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:03 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

As a father and consumer I write _____

Michael

Michael A. Ceurvorst
P.O. Box 404, Lawai, HI 96765
majchk@gmail.com
808-652-0791 or 332-6120

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From: Yoni Silberman [yonibeme@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:03 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Please support with these amendments:

We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways.

1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174.

2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state “The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part” in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers.

3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect [1 July 2014](#).

From: Yoni Silberman, POB 1023, Kihei, HI 96753

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John F. Metzler	Mahukona Ranch	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Madams and Sirs, We are asking you to vote against this bill because it marks yet another pointless intrusion of government regulation into our businesses and daily lives. If the consumers of this state are concerned about GMO food labels, they are certainly free to purchase foods labeled "Non-GMO" or similarly identified to suit their tastes. To change a whole industry, for the worse in my opinion, because of unproven allegations of unsafe consumption, is imprudent and destructive. Thank You.

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Mary Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jason clilverd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe it is the foremost of fundamental rights, to be informed of what one ingests

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charles	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Karen Jennings [kjenning@maui.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:00 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Aloha

I live on Maui where Monsanto does much of it's GMO testing, the idea being that if something goes wrong, the unforeseen disaster will not affect the mainland.
Thanks, Monsanto!

Already Monsanto's "terminator seed" has proven it will run amok, and infect neighboring crops which will then not produce viable seed either (and after ruining the neighbor farmers crops, then sues that same farmer for stealing Monsanto's technology! Don't get me started on that!).

Monsanto's pest resistant crops work by making the crop indigestible to insects. Noticed how many indigestion cures and treatment ads are now on TV? All evidence points to these crops also being indigestible to humans as well. So many folks have suddenly developed what they believe to be gluten sensitivity. I believe the wheat is simply indigestible...stopping up your intestinal tract.

And "Roundup Ready" crops? So they can saturate our food with Roundup? Not a good thing to be consuming.

I believe GMO is progressing toward starving the world with sterile, indigestible, poison soaked food. I certainly feel it is my right to know what is GMO if I don't want to consume this type of food. The GMO folks don't want us to know, because they think rightly that most people would choose NOT to eat GMO'd crops. Kudos to Whole Foods for taking a stand on GMO labeling on their own.

Pleas give us the right to know what we are putting in our bodies!!!

Thank you and aloha,
Karen Jennings
Haiku, Maui

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From: Ben Hunter [riesling22@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:00 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and testify in support of HB 174. I am a horticulturist living in Honolulu and I understand the scope of the impact of genetically modified organisms on our environment. I would prefer to know which products contain GMOs so that I can choose whether or not to include them in my diet or in my purchasing decisions.

Thank you,
Benjamin Hunter
2772 Laniloa Rd
Honolulu, Hi 96813

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing the bill. We the people would like to make a choice on foods we consume.

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From: Kelly Bowman [maui_zone@yahoo.com]
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To whom it may concern at the State Senate:

[\[Redacted\]](#)

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From: Wayne Luzon [doubleu.luzon@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:59 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Hello,

I would like to briefly express my opinion regarding GMO labeling.

Our family is very concerned about the health and environmental risks. Preliminary testing and studies show that there are links to diseases and environmental risks. And yet the products containing GMOs are released for public consumption and into the environment.

Myself and my family are always conscious of making healthy food choices. By reading the ingredients that foods contain we are able to make better health decisions. Simply put, our family chooses to not ingest GMOs. But this is nearly impossible because the lack of information on the labels of the foods we eat. Please just put it on the label! That way for those that do care what they eat, avoiding GMOs will be possible by just reading the label.

I can see no reason why there is opposition to labeling other than that the industries involve know that the majority of the people prefer to avoid the risk of consuming GMOs. And that would mean less money in their pockets...and perhaps less campaign donations.

But please do the right thing...don't take away our right to choose!

Thank you for considering my views.

Wayne Luzon and family

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Raikes Sugar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is essential that consumers know what they are consuming as food. This would seem to be a "no-brainer" but in the society in which we live, more and more, ordinary people are given no voice and when they raise their voice, it is not heard. The cost of medical care is exorbitant, the cost to society resulting from obesity and other major health issues is even higher, yet the most simple and obvious measures, like food labeling to give consumers the right to say NO to GMO-potentially lethal food concoctions, is withheld. Please do the right thing. Insist with the people of Hawaii that we have a right to know and then insist that companies like Monsanto vacate the islands.

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Pamela Williams	Individual	Support	No

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:57 AM
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Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

Aloha,

I am testifying in support of HB 174. I believe people have the right to know what is in the foods they are eating. If it's too scary to put on a label, then it's probably too scary to put in our bodies.

Mahalo!

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Alex Dennis

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Justin Avery	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Thank you for supporting this bill, Aloha, Justin Avery

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Debra Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recommend passage with THREE AMENDMENTS: : I suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) I am also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. I suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) I also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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Sharon Goodwin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pass the food labeling bill!

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Brian Ottis	RiceTec, Inc.	Oppose	No

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David Stimpson	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Kayser	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daren Coppock	Agricultural Retailers Association	Oppose	No

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March 20, 2013

Committee on Agriculture
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Committee on Health
State of Hawaii Senate

RE: Testimony for March 21 hearing on HB 174

Thank you for the opportunity to submit remote testimony for your hearing on HB 174. The Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA) is a nationwide association of crop input dealers, supplying products like fertilizer, crop protection, seed, consulting services and equipment to America's farmers. Our members operate in most US states, including the state of Hawaii, and are comprised of all shapes and sizes, from small family companies to large cooperatives and national companies.

Our organization is strongly opposed to HB 174, and specifically, opposed to its provisions to require mandatory labeling and to create private rights of action for enforcement.

Labeling

The science-based and time-honored policy of the federal Food and Drug Administration is to require product labeling when there is a significant change in the product, such as the potential creation of an allergen that would not otherwise be present. If there is no significant difference – i.e. the products are *substantially equivalent* to the original– then labeling is not required. This policy is sensible, as it prevents labels from being cluttered with information that doesn't represent a significant risk from a scientific point of view. Consumers need clear, concise labels that provide essential science-based information.

Biotechnology traits are subjected to a comprehensive review by three federal agencies before being approved for commercial use. The Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Food & Drug Administration all examine these traits before they are approved in the United States. The review process is more rigorous (and expensive) than the reviews required for conventional plant breeding varieties or for organic certifications, and include actual product tests. By contrast, organic certifications check only for process compliance and there are few if any actual tests of the product.

Biotechnology products have been approved and used widely since 1996, not only in the United States but around the world¹. In those 15 years, there has not been one single documented case of an adverse human health or environmental impact. Not a single one. Therefore, there is no demonstrated need for labeling from a human health or environmental perspective. Rather, the case for labeling is more frequently made on a "right to know" basis - in other words, consumer preference rather than health or safety concerns.

Consumer preferences are best addressed through market mechanisms rather than government regulation. Food companies and grocery retailers are extremely responsive to customer preferences and are very good at designing systems to meet those perceived needs. That has

¹ See www.isaaa.org for details on global adoption of biotechnology crops.

also happened in the case of biotechnology: because organic certifications specifically exclude products derived from biotechnology, consumers who wish to avoid biotech can achieve their goal by purchasing exclusively organic food. There is no additional need for labels to provide this information and this choice to consumers.

Private Right of Action

The inclusion of a private right of action allows for activist groups to bring suit against individuals, companies or government agencies for alleged failure to comply with the law. While we support the right of citizens to have their views considered as part of an approval decision process, a private right of action would inject significant uncertainty, risk, delay and cost into what should be a science-based approval decision. The end result will be higher prices for consumers, as the production system must recover those costs, and less innovation as uncertainty turns away investment. Both food producers and consumers are better served by a regulatory system that is appropriately rigorous yet based on science and predictable.

ARA's Interest

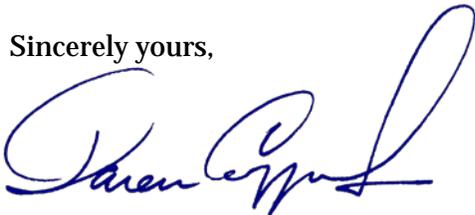
The ARA has a multi-level interest in HB 174. As described above, we believe that mandatory labeling on food products absent a compelling food safety or environmental reason is wasteful, costly, and confusing to consumers. But beyond this proposal being poor public policy, the prospect of implementing it in Hawaii would have consequences that reach far beyond the shores of Hawaii.

A considerable amount of the winter (off-season) seed production and research work that provides seed to mainland US agriculture is carried out in Hawaii. To the extent that any of this work involves biotechnology-derived varieties, the law could very well interfere with a much broader segment of US agriculture than just that operating in the State. The net effect would be to impose a misguided policy on other states, which would very likely require the State to defend the law in federal court against a Commerce Clause challenge. Attached is some additional background information on agricultural biotechnology for your review and consideration.

Conclusion

Consumers certainly have a right to make their own choices in the marketplace, and those who wish to avoid biotechnology products already have a system in place for meeting that need. Mandatory labeling of food products that are substantially equivalent to their conventional counterparts, completely absent any food safety or environmental justification for doing so, would be a very detrimental policy decision. It would have negative impacts for the State of Hawaii and its consumers and businesses and for American agriculture in general. We strongly encourage the Senate to reject this bill.

Sincerely yours,



W. Daren Coppock
President & CEO

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What is Agricultural Biotechnology? Why is this tool used?

- Biotechnology is not new. We have always used technology and breeding methods to improve seeds and plants. Over the last century, scientific advances have allowed for those improvements to occur more quickly and precisely. Modern biotechnology, or genetic engineering, is the most precise of all of the improvement methods.
- Better seeds give farmers new choices to cope with new challenges, such as difficult weather conditions and plant diseases, and to increase productivity to help feed, clothe, and provide energy to a rapidly growing global population in an environmentally sustainable way.
- By improving crops and farm productivity, modern biotechnology delivers significant economic, environmental, health, and consumer benefits.

The United States: A Leader in Agricultural Technology and Research

- When Congress created the U.S. Department of Agriculture 150 years ago, it recognized in law the value of improving seeds and plants for the benefit of American farmers. The 1862 law that established the department served as a key foundation for generations of improved agricultural innovation and productivity in the United States.
- Our nation is the international leader in agricultural productivity because of a commitment to research, science, and technology that was forged 150 years ago. This commitment continues today in our colleges and universities, but also in companies that produce seeds using both conventional breeding techniques and modern biotechnology.
- American agriculture is successful because farmers serve many diverse markets by growing different kinds of crops and embracing different kinds of farming practices, such as organic, conventional, and biotech. This diversity serves a critical role in U.S. leadership in the global agricultural marketplace.

Farmers Embrace Technology

- Seeds improved through modern biotechnology have been overwhelmingly embraced by American farmers. Roughly 90 percent of corn, cotton, and soybeans grown in the U.S. have been improved through modern biotechnology and farmers are choosing biotechnology to grow other crops such as alfalfa, papaya, sugarbeets and canola.
- The farmers who adopt these seeds do so because they allow them to produce more using less land and fewer chemicals, while conserving soil, water, and on-farm energy.

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Record of Safe Use

- Modern biotechnology has a record of safe use. The U.S. government, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association, and the National Academy of Sciences are among the bodies that have determined food made with improved seed technologies, like modern biotechnology, are as safe as, and in some cases safer than, food that has not been made with such ingredients.
- Seeds improved through modern biotechnology undergo comprehensive food safety testing and government scrutiny before farmers are allowed to plant them and before they can be used as food ingredients.

Environmental Benefits

- Herbicide tolerant crops produced through biotechnology allow the widespread use of no-till agriculture, which decreases soil erosion in the U.S. by at least one billion tons/year. This, in turn, improves water quality by decreasing sedimentation and runoff of nitrogen and phosphorous.
- No-till and reduced-till practices improve soil quality, biodiversity and carbon storage; cuts on-farm fuel use in the U.S. from five gallons/acre to one gallon/acre; and reduces agriculture's greenhouse gas footprint.
- In 2010, environmental improvements associated with the global use of modern biotechnology in agriculture were equivalent to removing 8.6 million cars from the road for one year.

Farmer and Consumer Benefits

- Globally, farmers choosing to use biotech seeds have seen net economic benefits at the farm level amounting to \$14 billion in 2010 and \$78.4 billion between 1996 and 2010. Of the total farm income benefit, 60 percent has been due to yield gains, with the balance arising from reductions in production costs, such as money saved on fuel and crop protection.
- If farmers no longer have access to modern biotechnology, statistics show that world prices of corn would rise by 5.8 percent, soybeans would rise 9.6 percent, and canola would rise 3.8 percent, on average.
- USDA estimates that the adoption of herbicide tolerant seeds is associated with an increase in off-farm household income as more efficient production practices allow those farm families to pursue other sources of income.

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Other Economic Impact

- According to USDA, agriculture is responsible for one out of every 12 jobs in America. Ag exports reached record sales in 2011 of \$137.4 billion, resulting in a \$42 billion trade surplus.
- In 2010, revenues from genetically modified plants and microbes, a single economic indicator of the U.S. bioeconomy, were estimated to account for approximately \$300 billion in U.S. revenues, equivalent to more than 2 percent of the GDP.
- According to USDA, U.S. revenues from genetically modified crops were roughly \$76 billion in 2010. (*National Bioeconomy Blueprint, 2012*)

Humanitarian Benefits

- Agricultural biotechnology is also critical to feeding the world. U.S. consumers must be assured of an adequate, wholesome, and affordable food supply. The same goes for our global neighbors.
- Currently, nearly two billion people on our planet are malnourished, and the need to sustain a rapidly growing global population, which the United Nations says will reach over 9 billion in 2050, places an imperative on finding ways to meet daily life needs in an environmentally sustainable way.
- According to many experts, including those within the U.S. State Department who are most closely tied to food security issues, it will be necessary to produce as much food in the next 50 years as was produced in all recorded history.
- Science and innovation in agriculture will be required to produce this amount of food, feed, and fiber in an environmentally sustainable way.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What crops are currently improved using modern biotechnology? How prevalent is its use in agriculture?

The primary biotech crops are corn, soybeans, and cotton, but other crops, such as canola, sugarbeets, alfalfa, papaya, squash, and sweet corn have also been improved using modern biotechnology.

In the U.S., roughly 90 percent of all the corn, soybeans, and cotton are grown using biotechnology.

Over 15 million farmers in 29 countries are using agricultural biotechnology. Ninety percent of these are resource-poor farmers in developing countries.

2. Is biotechnology less safe than other plant breeding techniques?

No. Biotechnology is as safe as other plant breeding techniques. It is a refinement of breeding techniques that have been used to improve plants for thousands of years. Biotechnology is simply a more precise science, so scientists are able to isolate a specific gene to make exact changes to a crop (for example, to make a corn plant resistant to the corn borer insect.)

Scientists around the world agree that the risks associated with crop plants developed using biotechnology are the same as those for similar varieties developed using traditional breeding methods.

3. Are foods derived from biotechnology as safe to eat as foods produced using conventional crops?

Yes. Federal regulatory agencies ensure the safety of biotechnology foods, and biotech plants and foods are among the most tested in history.

The ultimate scientific authorities recognized in this country, such as the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science, the American Dietetic Association, the American Medical Association, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization, have concluded that foods with biotech-derived ingredients pose no more risk to people than any other foods.

Biotech crops have been cultivated for nearly 20 years, and foods derived from agricultural biotechnology have been eaten by billions of people without a single documented health problem associated with biotechnology. This is a remarkable food safety record, but not surprising, given the pre-market scrutiny and testing of biotech crops and foods.

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Frequently Asked Questions

4. Are crops developed using biotechnology safe for the environment?

Yes. Extensive scientific evaluation worldwide has not found any examples of ecological damage from biotechnology crops. In fact, the National Research Council has documented that, in addition to their safety, biotech crops contribute positively to farm sustainability in the United States, due to their environmental benefits and economic benefits to farmers.

Current crops designed to resist pests and tolerate herbicides have already cut chemical usage on farms significantly. Herbicide-tolerance promotes practices like no-tillage farming that reduce soil erosion, prevent water loss, and even limit release of greenhouse gases.

To ensure that a new plant is safe for the environment, extensive field-testing is conducted under USDA and EPA oversight.

5. Are the products of agricultural biotechnology regulated?

Yes. Agricultural biotechnology products in the United States are regulated according to the 1986 Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology. Under the Coordinated Framework, agricultural biotechnology products are regulated by three agencies:

- The **U.S. Department of Agriculture** oversees the interstate movement and field-testing of biotechnology-derived plants “regulated articles” to ensure that the environment is protected. A petition for “nonregulated status” must be granted by the USDA prior to commercial growth and sale of any bioengineered crop.
- The **Environmental Protection Agency** is responsible for ensuring that pest-resistant biotech varieties are safe to grow and consume. It regulates environmental exposure to these crops to ensure there are no adverse effects to the environment or any beneficial, non-targeted insects and other organisms.
- The **Food and Drug Administration** imposes on foods developed through biotechnology the same regulatory requirements used to safeguard all foods in the marketplace. The FDA has both pre-market and post-market authority to regulate the safety and labeling of all foods and animal feed.

6. Do farmers use more pesticides when they grow biotech crops?

No. In fact, biotech crops have helped reduce pesticide spraying, and as a result, decreased the environmental impact associated with herbicide and insecticide use on the area planted of biotech crops.

In addition, herbicide tolerant biotech crops have led to the adoption of no/reduced tillage production systems. This has reduced soil erosion and improved soil moisture levels.

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Frequently Asked Questions

7. Do foods produced using biotechnology require special labeling?

No. The FDA's evaluation of a biotechnology food focuses on its characteristics, not the method used to develop it. A new biotechnology food that is “substantially equivalent” (meaning it has the same chemical composition and nutritional value as conventional varieties) does not require a special label.

FDA regulations state that requiring the labeling of foods that are indistinguishable from foods produced through traditional methods would mislead consumers by falsely implying differences where none exist.

According to the 2012 Consumer Survey by the International Food Information Council (IFIC), U.S. consumers overwhelmingly support current federal rules for labeling foods. Of the small percentage of consumers who want more detail on their labels, only three percent (or one percent of the total sample) cited biotechnology as an information need on the label.

8. Do biotech foods cause allergies?

No allergic reactions have been attributed to any food product of biotechnology.

Every crop produced through biotechnology is screened in advance for its potential to cause allergic reactions, and none have demonstrated any potential to be allergenic.

In fact, advanced techniques are being used to remove allergens from certain foods.

Hypoallergenic rice and soybeans have already been developed, and researchers are at work to do the same for wheat. The removal of allergens from foods will open up a broader range of products for those with food allergies to enjoy.

9. Do biotech crops “contaminate” other crops?

No. Nature has used pollen to carry genes between plants for hundreds of millions of years.

Not one organically certified farm has lost its USDA certification due to the presence of unintended plant DNA (from either conventional or biotech varieties) since the beginning of the Federal National Organic Program, which allows for material of biotech or conventional origin to be present in organic harvests as long as the organic grower did not knowingly plant biotech derived seed.

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From: Edith Don [done001@hawaii.rr.com]
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I have a right to know what I am eating & the long term consequences with regards to health.
So products should be labeled if they are GMO.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie Suite	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of HB 174 (GMO Labeling bill). Given that the people in our beautiful state have shown united support for this effort; given that well over 50 countries around the globe require GMO's to be labeled; given that Hawaii agrees that Japanese citizens have the right to know through labeling that Hawaii's exported papaya is GMO; and given that the population of Hawaii has the Right To Know what we are feeding our families and friends; given that there have been no independent studies showing lack of risk regarding GMO consumption; given there are a multitude of independent scientific studies linking GMO's to cancer, organ failure, sterility, allergenic reactions and more, the only choice for you as committee members is to agree with the 90% of American citizens who want GMO labeling and subsequently pass HB174 to the Senate Floor for a full vote. It is understood that the biotech industry has contributed to the campaigns of many members of the Hawaii State Legislature. When considering your vote today, please put your constituents before these corporations.

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Denise Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this!

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Jeremiah Namiki- Mendoza	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: If GMO's have been creating the kinds of problems that the FDA scientists warned that they could be... then there already could have been major damage created to the health of every American and to the health of coming generations. I believe in labeling GMOs for consumer's right to know and for hte health of our communities. I support all efforts to regulate and control GMOs.

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Subject: HB 174
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 19:40:03 +0000

I fully support HB 174. As a consumer I have the right to know what I am eating and I want to know whether the foods I am buying is GMO or not.

Berrie Straatman
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Roxane Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly believe the consumer has the right to know if they food they purchase was genetically modified. I take my health very seriously and very careful as to the types of food I purchase. I do not purchase any food items made in China. I eat grass fed beef, wild fish and free range chicken, to avoid additives that ARE HARMFUL to my body. Most of my fruits and vegetable purchase are mostly local, and NO GMO products. I recently discovered that the papayas grown on the Big Island are GMO, and since have stopped purchasing them. It is MY RIGHT to know what I am putting into my body, by choosing what i buy from vendors and the companies responsibility to inform the public what they are doing to our food production.

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please support this bill to keep us informed about what we are feeding our children and ourselves. mahalo.

Jane Fyrberg, Hawaii

Sent from my iPad

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Tina Arapkiles [tinaarapkiles@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:47 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I respectfully ask you to support HB 174. The debate about whether GMO's are safe to consume will continue. The debate about how GMO's affect genetic biodiversity will continue. I think it is important for citizens to have the knowledge we are consuming GMO's in the mean time.

63 countries around the world including all of Europe, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Russia have mandatory labeling of GMO products. And Whole Foods and Trader Joe's have just announced they are requiring suppliers to label all GMO products.

Please support HB 174.

Sincerely,

Tina Arapkiles
68-3929 Mulei Place
Waikolo, HI 96738

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From: Kiera Horgan [khorgan@mindspring.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:47 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

I am writing in support of HB 174. Food should be labeled so that each person can make an informed and educated choice about what they eat. We're counting on you to stand up for the people of Hawaii, not corporate interests.

With aloha,
Kiera Horgan
Kailua Kona

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From: SEAN LESTER [seanlester@usa.net]
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To: AGL Testimony
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Testimony in favor of HB174, to be heard at 9am on Thursday, 3-21-2013.
Please make however many copies necessary and give to committee.
Thanks.

My name is Sean Lester. I live at 154 Puanani Avenue, Kula, Hawaii 96708.

I am writing in favor of HB 174. As a consumer, I must have the right to know what I am purchasing.

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you.

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From: Terry Travis [ttravis@hawaiiantel.net]
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I want to know what I am eating. If the manufacturers of GMO food think it is so good and not harmful, then they would be proud to LABEL IT. But they are spending lots of money to NOT LABEL the GMO foods, so they must know that it is harmful.

This is a flashback to the days when the TOBACCO COMPANIES told us that tobacco was NOT Harmful, and even gave away free cigarettes to service members just to get them hooked on nicotine. Then came the Lung Cancer.

GMO plants have known side effects of weeds becoming resistant to pesticides so that even more toxic chemicals will be required to be made. This becomes a vicious cycle.

Just ban GMO's from Hawaii and then we will be safe.

Thanks.

Terence Travis
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Brad Bordessa	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:43 AM
To: AGL Testimony; CPN Testimony; HTHTestimony
Subject: HB174

Im in favor of gmo labeling.

If GMOs are good as Monsanto as Monsanto says, then labeling them will be a win-win situation. Monsanto will make more money and our politicians will get more kickbacks!

Ed Stevens
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Honolulu, Hi 96826

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Anjolie Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB174 because there is very little information from studies of GMO consumption available to us as consumers. I find it a source of concern that the corporations selling these GMO products are not inclined to admit it to the public, leading me to believe that consuming them is not in my best interest. Regardless of whether it is safe or not, we as consumers should have the right to know what we are purchasing and how it is being produced, just as we do with certified organic food or grass-fed animal products. Labeling is the right thing to do now. Give the public the opportunity to make informed decisions about their consumption so that you may all rest easy with a clear conscience that you supported the people of Hawai'i.

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Ms. Anjolie Larson
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Aloha Honorable Senators of the Agriculture, Consumer Protection, and Health Committees:

My name is Anjolie Larson and I am a resident of Ka'u on the Big Island. I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB174, HD2. I would also like to suggest the following amendments be made to the bill:

1. The inclusion of local GMO produce as to not violate the Commerce Clause.
2. The clear definition of this bill as 'necessary' in order to prevent consumer confusion so that Hawaii shoppers can be certain as to whether the food they are purchasing is genetically engineered or not.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ms. Anjolie Larson

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Ashley Morrow [ashley2morrow@yahoo.com]
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Aloha,

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Danielle Apilado	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We label papayas and companies already label GMO to many other countries, it wouldn't be that difficult to add Hawaii.

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David Gerow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the labeling of all foods that contain GMO products. I am concerned that these foods are not the same as traditional food products and that they may make us sick and cause other environmental problems. Please vote yes to require labeling of all products containing GMOs so that we, the consumer, can decide for ourselves whether we want to buy and consume them. Thank you for your consideration.

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Karen Watts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will be detrimental to agriculture in Hawaii.

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michelle glasco	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Peay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support GMO labeling. It took years to get labeling for cigarette packaging, but it happened because of the passage of laws like this one. It is important for the public to know what is in their food. PLEASE PASS THIS!

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Lela M. Hubbard	Na Koa Ikaika	Support	Yes

Comments: HB 174 is about the Right to Know what we are putting in our stomachs. This is the critical thrust of the bill. Unfortunately in appearing to listen to the voices of the people what the current amendments have done is set it up for the kill. Return the bill to it's original state to remove the questions of constitutionality and legal consequences which the amendments create. Hawaii is a very food oriented community and we need knowledge not ignorance about what we consume. Pass the right to know - GMO.

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Timothy Conner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is not a single good reason to label Genetically engineered food, except that some people want to know. But there is already a choice; it is called organic, and of course there is always voluntary labeling if the markets drive this. It will add more confusion, and costs. Genetically Engineered foods are the most well tested and validated to be safe foods known to mankind (statements from the FDA, EFSA, AMA, WHO, ADA, and 17 years of market presence). Because safety is not the issue, let the market drive this through voluntary labeling (minimize the costs to those that want to support organic more). Agriculture has performed admirably, and genetic engineered foods need to be encouraged for mankind's food production needs and environmental sustainability. But if food is on the mind and we want to make food safer and inform our citizens about risks - shouldn't Hawaii and its citizens be more concerned with food borne diseases - a definite area that effects people daily? Why only produce? And why excluded from being grown in Hawaii? We have labeling - organic. Don't let Hawaii become the poster state for very specific legislation that only benefits a special interest or the unintelligent on this issue; and don't go down the luxury path as food costs are important, and this will no doubt be an attempt to spread to all GE foods (except papaya)next. The reality is that genetically engineered (biotech) foods are affirmed to be safe through testing, and regulatory review, and are sustainable, reducing Agricultural inputs. Even though genetically engineered produce comes down to 3 traits (papaya, some squash, and some sweet corn), and papaya in Hawaii is not included, this makes no sense. As being for the people, focus on what will make a difference to improve quality of life for people - this measure is not one of the them.

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Rose Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would prefer to have the option of knowing whether the products I purchase are, or are not, genetically modified. As a consumer, I should have a choice. Ingredients are listed on the label, so GMO should also be noted. Mahalo for your consideration and please support GMO labeling.

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Makaala Kaaumoana	Hui Ho'omalua i ka 'Aina	Support	No

Comments: Hui Hoomalu i ka Aina strongly supports HB 174 and asks the legislature to fix what needs to be fixed in this bill and do the government's job, protecting the people. Everyone has the right to know what they are eating.

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Armance Flores	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly agree that all GMO foods should be labeled not just imported ones. GMO food grown in Hawaii should be labeled as well.

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Trisha Cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We suggest that the committee(s) amend HB174 HD2 in three ways. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.1)

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tanya hughes	Individual	Support	No

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As a vegan, which I have been for the past 35 years, I do not like the fact that a salmon gene is being injected into tomatoes. The intention is to give the tomatoes a brighter color and longer shelf life. To me that's poison and totally unacceptable.

I've no idea what other foods have be modified by GMO's and certainly want to know. Please pass HB 174, for the protection of everyone.

Mahalo,
Barbara Dinoff

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Adam Kusek	Monsanto	Oppose	No

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Yes to label GMO food.

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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	Yes

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TO: HI State Senate Committee on Agriculture
HI State Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
HI State Senate Committee on Health

RE: HB174 HD2

Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and members:

Since the Human Genome Project in 2003, there have been two studies, transformational to the science, that have stood it on its head. First, Epigenetic Transgenerational Inheritance (1) by Dr. Crews of the University of Texas, which is as its name implies: that ancestral exposure, to a fungicide for example, can have epigenetic effects (literally: above genetics) that are physiological, metabolic, and behavioral, for a number of generations, even without direct exposure subsequent to the ancestral one; that the resulting changes are more or less irreversible, and Dr. Crews has also said there's evidence that as endocrine disruptors (as yet unscreened by the EPA {2}), these compounds may have negative and transgenerational health effects. Now let me just point out that, since the inception of commercial genetically engineered crops, herbicide use in the US has increased by 527 million pounds (3). And so the question becomes, are we altering the human species with chemical compounds?

Now the second study, Encyclopedia of DNA Elements, or ENCODE (4), while perhaps not sending biologists back to square one, at least has them rethinking Biology 101. This study highlights not the 22,000 genes discovered in the Human Genome Project (and certain plants and animals may be even more complex in this regard), but about 40 million on and off switches generated by human RNA. So that what was once dismissed as junk DNA, it turns out, is what likely is in control.

Now what these two studies have in common is, that it's not just the gene, but it's about how that gene is expressed that is considered important in understanding human genetics. Keep in mind that scientific focus like in biology, or cancer research for example, was on the gene itself until quite recently, but they were barking up the wrong tree. And so there's a whole new world yet to be learned about functioning human genetics..

Now when discussing food labeling, the biotech industry is fond of claiming that the technology is thoroughly tested. Recently however, a part of the cauliflower mosaic virus, Gene VI, which biotech had claimed was only a promoter switch, was discovered by European regulators in well over half (54 of 86) of commercialized GMO crops (5), and had been there all along. Now enough of the actual virus was found so that the regulators could not rule out that it was a serious health risk, and the authors of the citation recommend total recall of those GMOs. There is also evidence that the gene sequence could in fact transfer to human gut bacteria (6), but of course, they didn't know it was Gene VI when they discovered that. But the function of the proteins produced by the virus is to disable immunities. And Gene VI also has a capability to turn on whatever gene is downstream of it. And when it is inserted via genetic modification, it is not necessarily a precise science as to where it ends up. So who knows what, besides the viral protein, may get activated?

Now I don't know if the biotechnology industry knows any more about plant or animal genetics than the world's scientists just learned about human genetics. I seriously doubt it. But the *application* of a 20 year old technology, that has proven faulty, to the science of human genetics, which was just revolutionized by two studies within the last year, is definitely not in step with the times.

So how long will we allow this to continue? Lawmakers, laymen, lobbyists or lawyers, we are not

necessarily scientists. But I urge you to look at these developments for yourselves, if only because my elemental understanding might need peer review. But all the time we hear biotech saying we can label organic, and label non-gmo voluntarily, and they will label nothing, and that gives us a choice - all the time they are advancing that argument, they are contaminating land and agriculture, not only with pesticides, exposure to which may alter human genetics forever, but also cross-contaminating with their risky GMOs, I've been eating organic for several decades already. But only relatively recently have we had to worry about GMO cross-contamination in organic. But in 2013, we have to find a product with both USDA organic certification and Non-GMO Project Verification (or something similar) for a level of *assurance* of no more than 0.9% GMO. Maybe its not all contaminated to that level, yet. The President of Clarkson Grain said in an online webinar (7) that when his company rejects organic corn, its by a more stringent criteria than that. And he didn't say what, but they're rejecting 10-11%. But if you're eating conventional non-GMO, you might as well get used to 0.9%, and thats if we act *now* (8). The longer GMO labeling goes unaddressed, the more non-market driven cross-contamination we face. And that equates to being force fed. 100% GMO free for all intents and purposes doesn't exist anymore in US commodity crops. And certified organic, without testing, is losing its credibility under the stewardship of USDA. And they are going to tell me, with a straight face, just label it organic? I don't think so. They are contaminating the food I eat with seeds and technology that they are developing here in the State of Hawaii; the food, by the way, that nutrigenomically can positively influence human health through gene expression (9).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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David Albert Young	Individual	Oppose	No

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Doris Maran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Honorable Senators of the Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Health Committees. We, the people need this. Hear us. Please make our rights to know what we consume matter. Thank you.

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Mark Kijima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am testifying in opposition of HB 174 HD2. My name is Mark Kijima. I own a small farm on Maui. I have served as the chairman of the Kula Agricultural Park Committee, an advisory committee to the County of Maui and also as vice-chairman of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation's Environmental Stewardship Committee. I have also served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The HB 174 HD2 labeling requirement is an expensive, unnecessary burden to ALL consumers in Hawaii. 1) It is unnecessary. GMO foods are safe. They are evaluated for safety more closely than conventional or organic foods. They are evaluated for safety more closely than food supplements such as vitamins or herbal remedies. 2) Mandatory labeling will result with higher food costs. We already have amongst the highest food costs in the nation due to our geographic isolation. This bill will just add more to the cost of food. 3) This bill is an example of why Hawaii is viewed as such an anti-business state. The supporters of this bill have shamelessly demonstrated that their intent is to damage the biotech seed industry in Hawaii. These seed companies have contributed more than \$250,000,000 to Hawaii's economy and employ more than 2,000 workers. This does not include all of the businesses that provide support for the seed industry in the form of goods and services. 4) If it a matter of choice, those who choose to avoid GMO foods already have many options. They can choose organic foods since the organic food industry has chosen to exclude GMO crops as part of their standard. Or they can choose foods labeled as GMO Free. Most importantly, it is a matter of poor public policy for a government to allow a hysterical, fanatical, uncompromising, poorly informed minority who use threats and intimidation to shape laws that affect the general population. Government can respond if there is a likely demonstrated risk but should not if analysis suggests that the benefits outweigh the costs. Unfortunately, there are those in our society who cannot grasp the concept of acceptable risk. Please do not allow their anti-science agenda dictate public policy. Please do not allow HB 174 HD2 to pass. Thank you for your consideration.

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Kevin Kelly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Nishihara, Baker and Green and members of the joint committees of Agriculture, Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Health, Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to HB174 HD2. I will not rehash the issues presented in much of the testimony you have received, but would like to point out that since the first anti-genetic engineering (GE) bills were first introduced in 2005 our state has based its legislative decisions on the best available information, factual information backed up with solid scientific research and testing and expert testimony. The same people who advocated for the first anti-GE bills have now expanded their fear mongering tactics to somehow conclude that GMO's are now responsible a laundry list of social concerns ranging from 'contamination' of our land, to a threat to food security, to globalization of the agriculture industry and more. Back in 2005 this anti-science legislation started as a ban on genetic engineering in Hawaii. When that didn't pass, it was prohibition of papaya farming and labeling of GE fish. Those failed, so these same anti-GMO activists made genetics a cultural issue by restricting GE work with Hawaiian taro. The point is, it's the same people, with the same belief system somehow continuing to have the same bills heard over and over again in the legislature. Oddly enough, the application of genetic engineering to provide solutions to everyday problems is rapidly changing how our society deals with food, pollution, water, energy and more. The science continues to get better and the imagined hazards associated with the production and consumption of GMO foods have not materialized in the 15+ years these foods have been available. Unless the state is prepared to require labeling of all applications of genetic engineering in our world (production of insulin and vaccines comes immediately to mind), please do not pass this bill.

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I strongly believe that consumers should know if the food they purchase is GMO or is not.

Mary Sue Matthews, Kihei, HI

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Mahalo for hearing this bill. Please pass it out of committee.
STRONG SUPPORT HB174

Thank you, Joel

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Melanie Ichihara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neal K Olivas	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Licht	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paulo Mendes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Honorable Senators of the Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Health Committees. I firmly believe that the people of Hawai'i have the right to have their food properly labelled for GMO. If any Senator votes against this or if the Chairs Nishihara and Baker move to amend it from it's labeling form into a labeling study, if they defer the bill and kill it, if they do not add in local produce, if they do not pass this labeling bill favorably, we, the people of Hawai'i will work on a deeply dedicated level against their re-elections.

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Dan Wertish	Individual	Oppose	No

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Please keep up with the problems. We all deserve better.
Mahalo,

Nancy Molitor

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Holli Seger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gordon Pekelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GMO is the future.

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Evelyn McDermott	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: nancy molitor [hilonancy@yahoo.com]
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Good for Hawaii! And congratulations.

Nancy Molitor

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Heather Seger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Danette Llanos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It has been concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food.

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Theron Roundy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a farmer/producer of food for the US and the world, I am opposed to HB174. It will greatly impede our efforts to provide food for an ever increasing world population which is free of insect damage and mold/mycotoxin contamination without using significant quantities of chemicals for protection.

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Juanita Brown Kawamoto	Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hi	Support	Yes
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Comments: Please see attached

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March 20, 2013

Testimony in Strong Support of House Bill 174 HD2

**Aloha mai kakou Chairs Clarence Nishihara, Rosalyn Baker and Josh Green , Vice
Chairs and committee members of the House Committees on Agriculture,
Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health,**

**My name is Mrs. Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Subcommittee Chair of Food and
Farm Sustainability of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of
Hawaii, Executive Board member at Large and a Native Hawaiian citizen advocate.**

HB 174 HD2 – RELATING TO FOOD LABELING AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

**The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii is submitting testimony in
STRONG SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS of HB 174 HD2 which involves GMO
FOOD LABELING AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW.**

**The RIGHT TO KNOW what is in the food I eat should be the most fundamental
and wholesome decision I am allowed to make for myself and my family as a citizen
of the planet! The power is with the people of Hawaii to decide for themselves
whether they want to eat a certain food, whole or processed, local or imported,
GMO or Organic. Consumers are confused if they are deprived of the RIGHT TO
KNOW and all kinds of negative issues arise from this lack of information. People
need to be able to discuss and decide for themselves. The people of Hawaii, through
this legislative process, are currently enacting our RIGHT TO KNOW and allows
all people to live in a state of enlightenment instead of fear, ignorance or confusion.**

**Labeling of agricultural products is a better business indicator for farmers, it tells
the farmer how much people care about what kinds of food crops farmers are
growing and will encourage farmers to be diligent in their efforts to produce healthy
crops as well as provide a good livelihood for the farmer and his family.**

**The RIGHT TO KNOW is completely about Consumer Protection. Labeling allows
us to avoid liability – Is this food safe to consume, Am I allergic to these products
because of these ingredients, Can the effects of this type of product now be tracked
to allow us to know how beneficial or detrimental this food is for me and my family.**

Health is of great concern and what foods we consume determine what condition our bodies exist in. How much labeled food can we consume before a negative accumulative effect occurs? Hawaii doctors tell us it is important to know what kinds of foods we are consuming because of its interaction with medications and other treatments and some of our community can seriously be impacted by the fact that we do not know what is in the foods we are eating. The RIGHT TO KNOW and labeling of GMO foods could eliminate the liability linked to the creation of degenerative diseases and can create a positive impact on the many lives of the community.

The Right to know and the labeling of GMO products is of global concern, but it all starts with the people and in this case, the people are the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Mrs. Juanita Brown Kawamoto
Subcommittee Chair
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii**

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Erway Marjorie [merway@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:22 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 174, please

Aloha Senators!

I urge you to completely support this GMO labeling bill - requiring all GMO produce brought into Hawai'i to be labeled as such.

We, citizens of Hawaii, need to be able to make an informed choice and then decide what we want to eat. Please ensure that that will occur.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Marjorie Erway
PO Box 2807
Kailua Kona, HI 96745
324-4624

nishihara1 - Amanda

From: Elizabeth Dunne [emkdunne@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:22 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in SUpport of HB 174

I am in strong support of HB 174. People have the right to know whether the food they consume contains GMO. Thank you for your vote in support of this measure.

Elizabeth M. Dunne
Palolo, Hawaii

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Mark Seger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Evelyn McDermott	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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From: Lauren Elizabeth [laureenelizabeth1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:21 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Aloha! I support HB174 because I want to know what foods contain GMOs, so I can avoid them! Please give consumers a choice to make that decision!!

Aloha, Lauren Elizabeth

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trisha Cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Honorable Senators of the Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Health Committees. I stand firm in my demand to have gmo foods properly labeled in the state of hawaii! If any Senator votes against this or if the Chairs Nishihara and Baker move to amend it from it's labeling form into a labeling study, if they defer the bill and kill it, if they do not add in local produce, if they do not pass this labeling bill favorably, we , citizens of Maui, will work on a deeply dedicated level against your re-elections.

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C Mellor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am requesting GMO labeling HB174 HD2 be passed through all committees, amended to include local produce as to not violate the Commerce Clause for interstate business, and made effective as soon as possible not 2112. The purpose of this bill is to prevent consumer confusion over whether produce purchased is GMO or not. According to a recent news poll, at least 80% of your constituents want GMO's to be labeled which is well above majority. We need to know regardless of where the produce comes from be it Hawaii or elsewhere. Only labeling incoming produce would create more confusion at the point of purchase for consumers. Additionally, we do not want our local conventional farmers to be unfairly avoided due to a lack of GMO labeling on local produce. Companies change labels all the time for marketing and to better inform consumers so I do not see this as a problem. Many independent studies show cause for concern regarding the safety of GMO foods which have been linked to thousands of toxic and allergenic reactions, thousands of sick, sterile, and dead livestock, and damage to virtually every organ and system studied in lab animals. The evidence is overwhelming which has led to outright GMO bans and GMO labeling laws in over 60 countries. I want Hawaii to be included on this list.

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Danielle Nowotny	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bob Getschman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tania Seger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charlene Levering	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote against this bill that is not in the public interest!

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From: maya ross [maya@mayarosscreative.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:17 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 174

Aloha,

I am writing in support of HB174. The People have the right to know what is in our food. It is our right to choose whether or not we want GMO foods feeding our families. I strongly believe that GMO should not even be allowed in Hawaii and in our soil. But labeling is a start.

Thank you for doing what is right.

Aloha,

mayaross
maya@mayarosscreative.com

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Joseph L. Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bailey Clay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose HB174 as there is no scientific evidence that gmo foods harm consumers.

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Jessica Radovich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: GMO foods are safe. There is no scientific evidence that they make people sick. Over 600 peer-reviewed studies by scientific authorities deem GMO foods safe. A labeling law will only incite ignorance and fear and drive up the cost of already high prices we pay for food in Hawaii.

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stephanie clifton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please....GMO products MUST be labeled. ...or banned!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Go Hayakawa	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Go Hayakawa. I am 10 years old and I support labeling of GMOs, even though I think they should be banned. Some health studies have shown that GMOs are dangerous. Results have shown GMOs cause cancer, infertility, brain damage, obesity, and much more illnesses. I think GMOs are causing degenerative problems in some adults. Why did the FDA let something in the food supply that aren't proven safe? It seems like making money is more important than our health.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Hill	Iowa Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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I am Craig Hill, an Iowa Farmer, and I urge you to vote no on HB 174. Iowa farmers produce millions of acres of wholesome GMO feed grains and soybeans every year. These advancements in production technologies help us keep food costs down for consumers, make every acre more productive, and allow us to better protect our environment as we grow our crops. Our farm families depend on these modern production tools to help us sustain our farms for future generations. We have embraced these new seed improvement methods as safe, dependable, and essential as we do our part to feed a hungry world.

The scientific consensus on the safety of genetically modified crops is overwhelming with more than 600 peer-reviewed studies by scientific authorities such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They have all concluded that there is no more risk in eating GMO food than eating conventionally or organically farmed food.

Mandatory labeling of foods produced using biotechnology would result in higher food costs for consumers – especially those least able to afford it. The state of California's analysis of their 2012 labeling initiative that voters rejected in November estimated that food costs for an average-income family would increase by approximately \$400 per year. Hawaii's people already pay up to 40 percent more for their food, something nobody should support.

Consumers have many choices today in the market place. In fact, both Down to Earth and Whole Foods markets have announced that they are committed to making labeled products available to their consumers. Voluntary market driven policies such as these are already used successfully for consumers with other philosophical, religious or lifestyle convictions like choosing to eat foods labeled "Kosher" or "Free Range. However, requiring labeling with information that confuses or promotes false health claims should not be accepted.

Again, thank you for providing an open forum to express my thoughts on this important food policy issue. Market based solutions for consumers and food producers will continue to provide the safe, affordable, abundant choices our families expect in the grocery stores across Hawaii, America, and the world. Please consider my comments and oppose HB 174.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Partridge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I consider that labeling GMO foods is a people friendly act and consistent with lawmakers attempts to preserve and maintain the health and well being of the people they represent, giving them information and a choice about what they eat.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melinda Caroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and Thank you for reading my testimony. My name is Melinda Caroll, professional Singer and Songwriter. I have been a resident of Hawai'i for 34 years and currently live in Kula, Maui. My daughter was born in Kapiolani Hospital in Honolulu 28 years ago. Because I love Hawai'i and care about the future of our children, I wanted to share a few facts I've learned about GMOs for those who haven't had the time, and share what mainstream media plays down for the most part. I've been gathering information and educating myself regarding the companies who promote these unlabelled foods that have been quietly infused into our everyday meals and food products for animals and people, over the past 2 years. Following the news threads on the internet when I can, it's a fact that GMOs are slowing being banned in every major country around the world and for good reason as you'll see below. And yet, they permeate our island's water, food and ocean systems here. The March in March GMO Protest, has been traveling to each of the Hawaiian Islands this month. Maybe you've seen or heard this on the news. It began in Haleiwa in Oahu, then Kauai, then last weekend in Hilo and Kona on the Big Island. The turn-out has been in the thousands in each location, all peaceful and determined to make our politicians take note. I will be marching alongside Maui farmers, mothers, fathers, children and a wide spectrum of our Maui community members on March 23rd, folks who feel as I, that these companies are poisoning our people, our land and destroying our quality of life and they must be Stopped. At the very least, they must label their products to give folks a choice to use them or not. A GMO is a genetically modified organism or genetically engineered organism (GEO) whose genetic material has been altered. GMOs are bad for your body, bad for the community, bad for farmers and bad for the environment. Here are just a few reasons why: The health consequences of eating genetically modified organisms are largely unknown. Food items that contain GMOs are unlabeled in America. Why so sneaky? The European Union has banned GMOs, as have Australia, Japan, the UK, Germany, France, Mexico, China, Russia and two dozen other countries that recognize that a lack of long term studies and testing may be hiding disastrous health defects. Genetic engineering reduces genetic diversity. When genes are more diverse, they are more robust; this is why a pure bred dog tends to have greater health problems than the dear old mutt. Once the mutant genes have been used, the organisms in them contaminate existing seeds with their altered material, passing on modified traits to non-target species. GMOs are not the answer for global food security. Genetically engineered crops have shown no increase in yield and no decrease in pesticide use. Genetically engineered foods have not been proven to be safe, but the few studies conducted are frightening. The organs of rats who ate genetically modified potatoes showed signs of chronic

wasting, and female rates fed a diet of herbicide-resistant soybeans gave birth to stunted and sterile pups. Big biotech firms have very sketchy track records – these are the same companies that brought us Agent Orange, napalm and heptachlor. GMOs require massive amounts of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. These things are poisons, and should not be eaten or allowed to run off into our water supply, but they do. Hawaii land and water systems throughout the islands are still recovering from the effects of long-term chemical use from sugar cane and pineapple. We cannot continue this kind of abuse, especially when there are proven alternative, economically sound, and healthy ways to better utilize our local farmlands. For the sake of the health of our people and our Islands, I urge you to make labeling of these products mandatory. Sincerely, With Warmest Aloha, Melinda Carol

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Asako Elzea	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Worry about health issue.

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Russell Yokote	Individual	Oppose	No

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I want tl know if he food I eat is a GMO food.
There is alarming evidence that such foods are not good for humans, as many will elaborate in your hearing. Is it not in the public interest to notify those who are concerned? I am. I urge you to require such identification. I am watching, I vote, and I am alarmed this is not already law. Please make it so.

Sincerely,
Jeff Gere
4103 Pakilu Place
Honolulu Hi 96816

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Kimo Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 174, GMO....Labeling, to have the right to know and choose what is healthy for myself and family.

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Dean Browning	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amber Hanson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: FW: GMO TESTIMONY

From: kaji [<mailto:kaji@mauigateway.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:20 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: GMO TESTIMONY

Dear Sirs,

Stop the madness, our food is the most important thing for our survival as a species. You can't take it and manipulate it for profit and expect us not to have major repercussions. This is unbelievable and it is the responsibility of our AG lawmakers, to protect the people. These GMO corporations have changed and manipulated our food and then put it out for sale on the market, without ever testing it. How can this be? What about peoples health and well being? I AM a 40 year resident of Maui and I AM disgusted that the people we elect to protect and serve us, have abandon the people. In this day and age, people are coming together and we will fire or fail to reelect people who do not serve the well being of our health and communities. These corporations have endless money to pay off our elected officials so they look the other way. I have heard in the media, some local folks saying, wheres the proof that it makes people sick? Well, the results may not be seen for many years, but already there are hundreds of thousands of people with IBS (irritable bowel syndrome) which is the irritation of the bowels, that did not exist in the huge numbers that there are today. I guarantee you this is true. Let's send a message to these Frankenfood, unconcious people, that the wonderful people of Hawaii, do care about these islands, their people and the future generations as well as our ocean who will be sickened and and then the only people that will profit, besides the GMO people are the Big Pharma People, who will try to fix the diseases they have perpetrated on mankind and already rule the world. Please stand up for all of us, for yourself, your children and their families. Thank you sirs. I am sending you a link to Peru who resisted these evil companies. <http://www.occupymonsanto360.org/2012/03/10/peru-passes-monumental-ten-year-ban-on-genetically-engineered-foods/> Please care about the people, it is in your hands and there is no turning back. No amount of money, will ever take the place of being Pono and looking at the future. There are ethical ways of growing food organically, that keep bugs away and make people healthy, not manipulating everyones food for profit. Make Hawaii a GMO free place. Mahalo!!

Regards,

Jackie Cummings

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From: Laurie Carlson [lvc@honoluluweekly.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:10 AM
To: AGL Testimony
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This testimony is to support the right of Hawaii's people to know what foods are GMO. This form of agriculture is very chemical intensive and Hawaii is ground zero for GMO production.

It is bad for our environment, from mauka to makai.

We should have the right to know about whether GMOs are in the food we eat or not.

This is a very small step in the the larger issue of GMO production problems.

Please move forward on this important bill --this will get us much closer to having a food system that is both ono and pono.

Laurie V. Carlson

Slow Food Oahu, chapter Leader

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brady	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Honorable Senators of the Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Health Committees. We are asking that you protect us from the unknown. leet us make the decission if we want to consume GMO. by labelling you give US the power to make our own decissions about what we consume. PLEASE, do this for the people. if not, it appears you represent corporations , not the people. it is time for companies like monsanto(poison maker) to stop destroying biodiversity!

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David Miller	IBIO IL Biotechnology Industry Organization	Oppose	No
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Comments: Bill is anti science and against judgement of USDA USDOA AMA and American Association for Advancement of Science

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Jenny Lynn Yagodich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY support HB 174. As a parent I deserve the right to know what is in the food I provide for my family. Please support HB 174.

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Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Support	Yes

Comments: We support the proposed amendments advocated by GMO Free Maui. 1) To make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce, local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174. 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their crops or for relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers. 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect 1 July 2014.

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David Van Loh	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Mentzel
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Honorable Senators of the Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Health Committees:

I am very concerned with the growing influence of GMO throughout Hawaii and it's potential to reduce our food exports, as has been seen in the case of Papayas. HB174 is a step in the right direction.

I recommend passage with TWO AMENDMENTS: :

- 1) The bill be amended to include local GMO produce as to not violate the Commerce Clause.
- 2) The bill be clearly defined as necessary in order to prevent consumer confusion so that Hawaii shoppers are clear about whether the produce they are purchasing is genetically engineered or not.

Mahalo,

Chris Mentzel

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Michele Bowman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dean Browning	Washington North Idaho Seed Association	Oppose	No
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Jack Sagucio	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rick Leitz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: GMOs do not need to be labeled because they are already proven to be safe and the labeling would only confuse consumers and add costs to packaging.

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Aloha

I am writing in support of HB 174. Most Americans (53%); and most residents of Hawaii, say they would avoid GMOs if they were labeled. Let's give these folks the opportunity to make an informed choice and decide what they want to eat.

A hui hou, Ana

BeachHouseHawaii.com

808-224-6213

866-625-6946 (toll free)

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Sheila Harty	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Wetter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Theresa Quel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I request that the bill be amended to include labeling of Hawaii produce that is GMO. And we, the consumers have a right to know whether the food they are eating is produced using genetic modification techniques

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Micah Olores	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryson Toyofuku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hi, I am a local resident born and raised on the island of Kauai and just wanted to say that I oppose this bill. I currently work with biotechnology and currently there is no proof to deem it unsafe for consumption. The opposition against biotechnology is misinformend about these crops. I do believe that having to produce these labels will have a cost effect on imported goods and costs of items will go up. Please take the time to really look at the problem at hand and help educate the people of Hawaii.

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Jerry Kanahele	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rachel	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I Mua HB174

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Aloha,

My name is Rachel, and I am speaking on behalf of my family who believe that we have the right to know when a plant from nature, that is to be grown according to nature, has been genetically modified. We poses the right as a consumer to know what is in our food, that is why we are asking as an 'Ohana that HB174 be heard, reviewed, passed, and implemented to protect our rights as citizens of this nation.

Mahalo for your time,

Rachel

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Cynthia McCutcheon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Margaret Guiler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, please support the right of the people you serve to know what is in their food. It is hard enough now to guess what might be hidden in the food we eat, we deserve to know if something contains GMO. We elected you folks to hear us, so please listen! Yes, to mandatory labeling of GMO. Let Hawaii lead in this humanitarian action.

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dewain senk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Anti- GMO activists have tried to generate hysteria in the public with scare tactics based on pseudo- science. Real science unequivocally proves that GMO food is safe. GMO seed producers take a lot of care to assure their products are safe and follow government regulations. Labeling is not only an unnecessary expense to producers and the public, but also elevates pseudo- science to a position equivalent to real science. Given the enormous effort that goes into real science, that's not fair – or logical.

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Clayton Withers	Individual	Oppose	No

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

HOUSE BILL 174, HD2

RELATING TO FOOD LABELING

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Chair Nishihara, Chair Baker and Chair Green and Members of the Committees:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center and our research and support staff.

HARC strongly opposes House Bill 174, HD2 Relating to Food Labeling.

The reports in the media suggested that this is not an anti-GMO proposal; does anyone really believe that? **It is a do nothing bill** since there are few and most likely no fresh fruits and vegetables genetically engineered in Hawaii's imported produce. Then this bill allows Hawaii growers to use genetically modified crops and not have to label them in the marketplace? Somehow that seems contradictory to the right-to-know claim or any other pure labeling reason for this bill. However, it sends another anti-business statement to the rest of the world about how tough it is to be involved in business with new technologies in the state of Hawaii.

For those of you unfamiliar with **agriculture in this state it has always been on the leading edge of agricultural technology in the field and in processing.** How else could it have successfully competed thousands of miles from other markets? Why is it so difficult to get other industries developed in this isolation even today with all the communication advances available? Just as an aside, it was because there was viable agriculture in the state occupying a lot of land that prevented the type of development that is going on now.

This technology has proven itself and been examined by the leading national and international research institutions over the last 3 decades. **Repeatedly they have concluded that this technology and the foods produced and in the marketplace are safe.** Why is it that our **public representatives continue to respond to the results of fear mongering by activists with agendas?** Yes, they are good at social networking and stirring up fear with studies and/or just

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opinions that are long discredited or without confirmation. You need to be aware of the danger of the stress caused by this type of activity and not join in or add to it.

A popular and reasonably successful strategy for individuals with causes is to speculate about possible effects where some study somewhere showed a possible association. Where science remains a difficult subject for many, peddling fear works. After the European mess in the 1990's where faith in the regulatory agencies was lost by the public over the handling of the mad cow disease and a couple other environmental incidents, another strategy was developed and that is to discredit the regulatory bodies. The anti-GMO activists were not able to create the same hysteria that they did in Europe in the US in the 90s because in the US we still believe in our institutions. While not perfect they certainly take their roles seriously. If, however, the activists can create a loss of faith in the US regulatory institutions, then any activity they do not like can be attacked successfully by spreading fear, selective information, or outright misinformation.

This is not a labeling bill; that is the role of the federal government whom these folks are saying is not doing its job. What is its job? To be sure the food in the US is safe. Where is the credible evidence that foods developed through technology is not safe? Why isn't mutagenesis breeding also being attacked? Scientifically it is more risky than genetic engineering and most of the produce in the marketplace has been bred using this technology without the same testing that GE crops undergo. How hypocritical is that?

This is an anti-business bill; anti-corporate America; that is the issue and it should not be hidden behind a right-to-know claim or any other pretense.

We strongly urge you **not to pass out House Bill 174, HD2** and thank you for the opportunity to testify. Do not use this bill for other political motives.

Please

Support HB 1724
and GMO labeling
in Hawaii!

Timory McDonald
Kauai Voter
96746

DEAR SENATOR,

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 174 FOR GMO LABELLING.

THE FDA SHOULD BE PROTECTING US, BUT THEY ARE NOT, AND HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE? WE NEED THIS BILL FIRST.

LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BANNED GMO PRODUCTS ENTIRELY, AND THE REST THAT REQUIRE LABELLING. ARE THEY ALL WRONG?

IT IS ONLY THE U.S. COMPANIES THAT BENEFIT, USING LOBBYIST AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE US BEHIND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

REQUIRE RESEARCH TO PROVE SAFE OR NOT.

REQUIRE GMO LABELLING IMMEDIATELY.

PROTECT OUR WATERS FROM THE PESTICIDES WHICH ARE USED IN PRODUCING GMO CROPS.

P.S. ATRAZINE IS ILLEGAL IN THE COUNTRY WHICH PRODUCES IT. THE U.S. BUYS IT ALL. THERE ARE AT LEAST 74 OTHER PESTICIDES AFFECTING US.

THANK YOU FROM 3 KAUAI REGISTERED VOTERS:

LORRAINE OSTERER, KOLOA, HAWAII

ELEANOR OLIN, KOLOA, HAWAII

BETTY BELL, KOLOA, HAWAII

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RE: HB174 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO FOOD LABELING.

Report Title: Genetically Engineered Organisms; Produce; Labeling; Import

Current Referral: AGL/CPN/HTH, WAM

My name is Barbara Tom and I am a retired Public Health Nurse and citizen of this state. I am writing testimony as a wife, mother, and grandmother who would like to see that my family and my community continue to be healthy and safe. My participation in the community on prevention has included development of coalitions like the Waipahu Community Coalition, Nations of Micronesia, Micronesian Community Network and Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition. These organizations are also focused on creating a healthier community through preventative activities. A healthier community then impacts all of us. Through all of these activities, families must make their own choices on how they will live their lives but in order to make these choices they must be informed. My interest in the GMO labeling is a way to give families the opportunity to make choices for themselves. That being said, I am asking the Committees to write the following amendments to HB174:

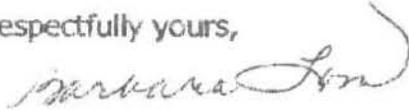
- 1) to make the labeling requirement applicable to all produce local and imported, as per the original intent of HB174.
- 2) We are also concerned that Sections 4 and 5 may be utilized to penalize organic farmers whose crops have been contaminated by GMOs without their knowledge by giving the right to seek injunctions against those farmers. We suggest that the section be amended to state "The legislature intends that any interested person or public agency have the authority to seek an injunction to prevent or terminate a purposeful violation of this part" in order to underscore that those acting in good faith will not be penalized for the unintentional contamination of their

crops or fro relying on inaccurate information given to them by their suppliers.

- 3) We also recommend that Section 9 be amended to take effect July1, 2014.

Thank you to the committees for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB174.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Tom".

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