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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
AND
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**
Friday, March 22, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
SCR 165 / SR 131
**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL
HOUSING TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXISTING COUNTY AND STATE LAWS,
RULES, AND PROCESSES TO PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ON-FARM
EMPLOYEE HOUSING WITHIN THE STATE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.**

Chairs Wakai and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Ruderman, and Members of the Senate Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, and Agriculture and Environment.

The Office of Planning (OP) offers **comments** on SCR 165 / SR 131, which aims to establish an agricultural housing task force within OP to review State and county laws, rules, and processes to identify barriers to the provision of farmworker housing on farms in the State Agricultural Land Use District.

OP is certainly willing to explore with State agencies, the counties, and agricultural organizations how regulations and procedures can be improved to provide safe, sanitary, and affordable on-farm employee housing for farmworkers. However, OP does not have the resources necessary to cover the cost of the participation and collaboration of Neighbor Island counties in this effort.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE &
ENVIRONMENT

Friday, March 22, 2019 — 1:15 p.m. — Room 224

Ulupono Initiative Supports SR 131, Requesting the Office of Planning to Establish an Agricultural Housing Task Force to Study Existing County and State Laws, Rules, and Processes to Plan for the Construction of On-Farm Employee Housing within the State Agricultural District

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Murray Clay, and I am Managing Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better manage waste and fresh water resources. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono supports SR 131, which establishes an agricultural housing task force within the Office of Planning, because it aligns with our goal of more locally produced food.

A lack of on-site housing for agricultural workers has helped to exacerbate Hawai'i's agricultural workforce shortage. Without a housing benefit, jobs in the agricultural field are often not as competitive compared to other sectors of the economy. Plus, being on-site will give farmers more time for operations, the ability to monitor growing challenges on the farm, and have a stronger presence to reduce agricultural theft.

We believe this task force is a good first step toward finding a solution to the complex issue of agricultural workforce housing.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become increasingly complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate these committees' efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that through collaboration, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



**Senate Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism &
Agriculture and Environment
Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: SR131**

Dear Chair Wakai, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee,

My name is Autumn Ness and I am the Co-Director of the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety. CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on supporting the increase of sustainable local food production, and increasing public transparency in food production. We have over 1 million farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 10,000 in Hawai'i.

I am writing in support of SR131, as I recognize it as an important step in providing tangible support of our farmers who are advancing the State of Hawai'i local food production goals, while also providing housing solutions.

HCFS specifically strongly supports the language about giving special consideration to modular housing as a solution. I strongly believe that modular homes are not just a small part of the solution, but should be the focus of this task force, for a few reasons.

1. It's more economically realistic for a farm to build 1-4 modular homes for \$20-60,000 each than 1 'ohana unit for \$350,000.
2. Modular homes are less attractive to luxury, gentleman estate-type investors. If small, modular homes are the only type of structure allowed on ag. land as farmworker dwellings, developers are less likely to want to turn that land into a luxury investment property.
3. When and if that farm/ag. land changes ownership, the modular homes can be easily moved off property if needed, and there is no permanent loss of that ag land.

However, it is my understanding that, existing building codes and zoning regulations do not always support the building of such modular structures. I am particularly hopeful that this problem can be addressed with language that specifies that the intent of the task force is to create a separate legal designation, as it relates to zoning, for homes with a permanent foundation and modular homes without a permanent foundation.



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HCFS also supports the proposed make-up of the task force, and I would be happy to answer an questions as to why each proposed representative is an important part of the task force's success.

Mahalo nui loa for your support of SR131.

Autumn Ness, Co-Director
Center for Food Safety, Hawai'i Program

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 3:26:03 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Seikai Darcy	Testifying for Share Your Mana	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

Please support SR131 which will assist Maui County farmers to grow and strengthen.

Many mahalo's,

Lisa Darcy, Founder

Share Your Mana

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:28:14 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

I STRONGLY support this Resolution. This study is needed to support making "on" farm housing a reality. Our young farmers need to live where they are working. It's helps farm security, reduces commuting, and provides home security so they can afford to farm and not have to give it up because it's too expensive to rent a place to live on the wage they make farming.

Mahalo for supporting this important, pressing issue.

Barbara Barry

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 11:53:40 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Chair Gabbard & Committee Members,

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Thank you for your support,

Jen Mather

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 4:25:14 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 7:30:13 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 12:22:31 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Monika Haar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 8:00:53 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Jennings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As an ex farmer, having housing for farm workers is a very important aspect for the success of a farmer. With margins razor thin, a farmer needs to offer other incentives for farm workers to offset the low pay. Hawaii needs agriculture. Please support this bill.

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 8:16:16 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Respected lawmakers,

I am the grandchild of a farming family, all of whom were born and raised on Maui, with many generations going back to before colonization. My family survived through various employment in addition to farming, hunting, and fishing.

I am a public school teacher and parent who is concerned about the welfare of our farming community here on the islands. I know that our markets are already supplied heavily by the mainland and other sources. Is it true that 95% of our food comes from off-island? The idea of not being able to sustain ourselves without said shipments is truly sad. We create more buildings on top of our rich life-giving volcanic soil, instead of farms.

Aren't we aiming to become sustainable? Isn't that the governor's/government's intention, for Hawaii to be free of fossil fuels? What about the food? I see that as part of the same question of sustainability. If our farmers are not supported, where will our food come from in the future?

Please support SC131.

Thank you.

Dezireen Austin

SR-131

Submitted on: 3/21/2019 2:55:08 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/22/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

GROW MORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD ITS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE....'

WERE A SPECK IN THE MIDDLE OF KNOW-WHERE...

AND WE CANNOT GET OFF THIS ROCK OR SWIM TO ANOTHER ROCK...

PLEASE MAKE THIS FINALLY HAPPEN

wakai2 - Mayumi

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Lynn Azar
PO Box 779 Honaunau, HI 96726-0779

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Aloha,

I began farming in Hawaii in 2004. I've learned of many obstacles that are interfering with the development of a robust agriculture sector.

Certainly a place to live for farm workers would be a huge step in a forward direction of facilitating an Ag Sector. Agriculture is a potential source of jobs and careers. Hawaii is a huge brand boost for any food products made from Hawaiian Agriculture. For these jobs to become a real possibility, agriculture housing is a critical step.

Rules and Regulations about Ag Housing can eliminate the worry of Gentlemen Estates gaming the system.

Sincerely
Wm Greenleaf
Greenleaf Farm
Makawao

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Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, and members of the AEN/PSM Committee,

As a resident of O'ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support SCR 35, urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawai'i Department of Health to reject the approval of a single wall tank upgrade alternative option and to reject the conclusions presented in the Groundwater Protection and Evaluation Considerations for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

I'd also like to offer the following comments:

Urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawai'i Department of Health to support the secondary containment tank upgrade alternative option, or, if secondary containment is determined not to be feasible, to support the relocation of the fuel tanks away from the aquifer.

Water is life. The Red Hill fuel tanks are the greatest risk to the security of O'ahu's drinking water and therefore the health of Hawai'i's people and its environment. Just 100 feet above our primary aquifer sits as much as 225 million gallons of fuel in 75 year old tanks. These tanks should have never been built here and they were not built to last forever. Today, the tanks are too fragile to be considered safe. According to the Navy's own data, the tanks' steel liners are corroding faster than the Navy expected and are as thin as half of the original steel plates.

The Red Hill facility has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and no amount of fuel in our groundwater supply is acceptable. The facility should be immediately upgraded with state-of-the-art secondary containment technology to ensure the tanks never leak again. If they cannot be upgraded to guarantee against leaks, the tanks should be retired and the fuel relocated away from our water resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure.

Sincerely,
Javier Mendez

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PO Box 6161 Ocean View, HI 96737-6161

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47383 Velez Rd Honokaa, HI 96727

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1583 10th Ave Kealia, HI 96749

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1326 Alewa Dr Apt B Honolulu, HI 96817-1200

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3453 Pawaina St Honolulu, HI 96822-1356

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Tom Gourley
16 Kumu Niu Pl Lahaina, HI 96761-5748

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1114 Wilder Ave Honolulu, HI 96822-2776

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May I suggest that there be an exemption for experimental housing so that many minds can go to work creating better alternatives with lower carbon footprints and higher occupant safety.

Sincerely,
Megan Powers
2441 Lilikoi Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5052

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Michael Alexander
84 -6748-D MAMALAHOA Hwy Naalehu, HI 96772

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Robert Nehmad
935 Kaku PI Honolulu, HI 96825-1309

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Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:51 PM
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Donna Johnson
28 -466 Kulaimano Rd Pepekeo, HI 96783-8405

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Ken Stover
PO Box 160 Kihei, HI 96753-0160

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Bruce Fehring
4320 Wailapa Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5409

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Barbara Kuwahara
2154 Awikiwiki St Pearl City, HI 96782-1321

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1220 W Kuiaha Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5520

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5306 Kahala St Kapaa, HI 96746-2219

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1009 Alaea St Makawao, HI 96768-9307

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3971 Ahonui Pl Princeville, HI 96722-5505

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475 Kinoole St Ste Pm 102 Hilo, HI 96720-2900

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Joanna Lee
1441 Kapiolani Blvd Ste 1114 Honolulu, HI 96814-4406

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From: William Greenleaf <bgreenleaf.maui@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:59 AM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: EETestimony
Subject: SCR 165 and SRI31

Aloha,

I began farming in Hawaii in 2004. I've learned of many obstacles that are interfering with the development of a robust agriculture sector.

Certainly a place to live for farm workers would be a huge step in a forward direction of facilitating an Ag Sector. Agriculture is a potential source of jobs and careers. Hawaii is a huge brand boost for any food products made from Hawaiian Agriculture. For these jobs to become a real possibility, agriculture housing is a critical step.

Rules and Regulations about Ag Housing can eliminate the worry of Gentlemen Estates gaming the system.

Sincerely
Wm Greenleaf
Greenleaf Farm
Makawao

wakai2 - Mayumi

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To: EETestimony
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Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:52 AM
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Lisa Kaolulo
170 N Hotel St Honolulu, HI 96817-5929

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Sincerely,
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Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:27 PM
To: EETestimony
Subject: FW: Vote YES on SCR165 and SR131 to support housing to farmworkers!

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I have lived and worked on several small family farms and can attest to the difficulties and challenges posed by not having basic, simple housing structures for workers. Please support SCR165 and SR131, and convene a task force to present much-needed solutions for Hawai'i's farmworker housing demand. An especially important component of the task force is the focus on modular, low footprint, non-permanent dwelling structures. Our state and county governments have struggled with how to allow or encourage this kind of housing. The state legislature even passed a tiny house on ag land bill last session, which Governor Ige ended up vetoing. The many attempts and failures to get it right on the County and State level, despite the desperate need for farmworker housing, illustrate the need for this bill. Mahalo!

Sincerely,
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