



Statement of Support from the Aloha ‘Āina Party Regarding HB 1343 : Prohibiting Farm Dwellings

The Aloha ‘Āina Party, as approved by the Executive Board and supported by its membership hereby shares our *opposition* to HB 1343: Prohibiting Farm Dwellings.

Whereas a farmer cannot observe or accommodate environmental factors without physically being on the farm, and

Whereas this bill violates the relationship between the USDA and farmers under federal contract, thus rendering the farmer incapacitated to observe environmental conditions prior to starting projects that are potentially threatening to endangered species, and

Whereas the State of Hawai‘i spends too much time putting more emphasis on micromanaging residents when the State of Hawai‘i is the sole beneficiary of the rewards of consistently destroying the native environment of Hawai‘i, and

Whereas the State of Hawai‘i proposes to use poverty as a means to profit from the multimillion dollar developments that local families still cannot afford because the State of Hawai‘i refuses to raise minimum wage to reflect the cost of living, and

Whereas the State of Hawai‘i has already chased our educators and medical professionals out of state, and is now coming to remove small farmers to make way for monopolizing developments over Hawaiian burials, and

Whereas the State of Hawai‘i continues to ignore the dangers of water pollution such as Red Hill, and

Whereas the State of Hawai‘i continues to ignore the fact that aquifers on Maui are being tapped at a rate that does not allow aquifers to recharge,

Let it hereby be resolved that the State of Hawai‘i shall not interfere with the livelihoods of small farmers through implications of forced impoverished conditions.

Furthermore, let it be known that the State of Hawai‘i is already oppressing farmers through the privatization and with corporate monopolized diversions that deprive farmers of the most essential resources, and



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Lastly, let it be resolved that the State of Hawai‘i shall begin to support local farmers through purchasing locally grown produce and agricultural products.

It is hereby certified by the Executive Board of the Aloha ‘Āina Party on this 16th day of March 2021 and in accordance with the Voice of the People, including but not limited to the Boards, Members, Staff, Families, as well as that of general supporting community members.

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