

PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 12, 2017

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Mel Rapozo, Chair, Committee of the Whole, on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 1:33 p.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Lihu'e, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Mason K. Chock  
Honorable Ross Kagawa  
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro  
Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami  
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura  
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Recused: Honorable Arthur Brun

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

“Bill No. 2643 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, BY REPEALING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 22, RELATING TO PESTICIDES AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS,”

which was ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on December 14, 2016, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on December 22, 2016.

The following communications were received for the record:

1. Albano, Sammie, dated December 15, 2016
2. Anderson, Pamela, dated December 15, 2016
3. fishyfishy@hawaii.rr.com, dated December 15, 2016
4. macnutkauai@yahoo.com, dated December 15, 2016
5. lupkes4@aol.com, dated January 10, 2017
6. Ayudan, Wayne “Buddie”, dated January 8, 2017
7. Bonaparte, Josephine, dated December 15, 2016
8. Bowen, John, dated December 15, 2016
9. Burrell, Pamela, dated December 15, 2016
10. Hawai'i Farm Bureau, dated January 12, 2017
11. Carmen, dated December 15, 2016
12. Deets, Megan, dated December 15, 2016
13. Deggelman, Rick, dated December 15, 2016
14. Drolson, Blake, dated December 15, 2016
15. Freed, Judah, dated December 15, 2016
16. Fries, Becky and Dick, dated January 9, 2017
17. Ham Young-Giorgio, Hayley K., dated December 15, 2016
18. Harper, Renee, dated December 27, 2016
19. Harris, Sherry, dated December 15, 2016
20. Hashimoto, Wayne K., dated January 6, 2017

21. Herndon, Sandy, dated January 11, 2016
22. Ho, Laurie, Kaua'i County Farm Bureau, dated January 9, 2017
23. Holmes, Lorna, dated December 15, 2016
24. Hooker, Elizabeth, dated December 15, 2016
25. Horton, Keith, dated January 8, 2017
26. Inglis, Barbara, dated December 15, 2016
27. Iona, Stephanie, dated January 10, 2017
28. Januszewski, Davene, dated December 15, 2016
29. Kamiya, John, dated January 9, 2017
30. Kanna, Nancy, dated January 12, 2017
31. Keeler, Ann, dated December 15, 2016
32. Kent, Anne-Marie, dated December 15, 2016
33. Lodge, Tom, dated January 8, 2017
34. Ma, Chiem, dated January 11, 2017
35. Ma, Kristen, dated January 9, 2017
36. Matsuoka, Terry, dated January 9, 2017
37. Medigovich, Karin, dated December 15, 2016
38. Misalucha, Bennette, Hawai'i Crop Improvement Association, dated January 12, 2017
39. Moon, Shyla, Hunting Farming and Fishing Association, dated January 8, 2017
40. Morgan, Diane, dated December 15, 2016
41. Muzik, Katherine, dated December 15, 2016
42. Olson, Benjamin E., dated January 9, 2017
43. Petterson, Laurel, dated December 15, 2016
44. Parachini, Allan, dated January 6, 2017
45. Perriello, Mark, Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, dated January 9, 2017
46. Rosenberg, David, dated December 15, 2016
47. S, Greg, dated January 9, 2017
48. Sakamoto, Tina, dated January 11, 2017
49. Satya, Shekhinah, dated December 15, 2016
50. Stein, David, dated December 15, 2016
51. Sundheim, Petra, dated December 15, 2016
52. Sylvester, Tony, dated January 8, 2017
53. Taylor, Gabriela, dated December 15, 2016
54. Thompson, Sarah, dated January 10, 2017
55. Valenzuela, Marynel P., dated January 11, 2017
56. Warden, Carol, dated December 16, 2016
57. White-Root, Chris, dated December 15, 2016
58. Wiederoder, Theresa, dated January 8, 2017
59. Wolter, Sherilyn, dated December 15, 2016
60. Worth, Flora, dated December 15, 2016
61. Young, Michelle, dated January 8, 2017

The hearing proceeded as follows:

SCOTT K. SATO, Deputy County Clerk: We received written testimony, twenty-six (26) in support of the Bill and thirty-five (35) opposed. We have one (1) registered speaker. The first speaker is Matt Bernabe.

Council Chair Rapozo:

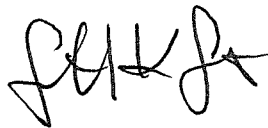
Mr. Bernabe, you may come up.

MATT BERNABE: Good afternoon. Matt Bernabe for the record. I am actually in support of doing the due process of repealing it, but with that said, I would like, as a citizen, to request you all to make a resolution or something to the State, asking them that the County wants to move and they have some disclosure laws and some protection, because although I am not polarized on either side of the issue, there are some common sense things that should take place. With that said, I understand the matrix of how it played out and at this point it is the only real thing to do, to clear the books of it. Like I said, I would like to see on the docket, on the agenda, maybe a resolution like how we did for Citizens United. I would love to see a 7:0 in support for a healthier and safer Kaua'i. That does not necessarily mean that that industry is unsafe and unhealthy, but as we see in O'ahu right now, the power plant has the dust being blown around. If the ash of that thing is a concern, dust blowing around, rather it has genetically modified pesticide seeds...or I do not even know all of the science, but I would like to see us as an unanimous body to say, "Let us get some common sense measures in here that can at least satisfy the half of the public that is concerned about it, and at the same time, meet a consensus so that we can move forward. It has divided our community that much and I think we need a healing process like that. Thank you very much.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to testify?  
Seeing none, this public hearing is now adjourned.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT K. SATO  
Deputy County Clerk

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