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Aloha from SoilThrive Hawaii,
Mahalo nui loa,
Robin Leimomi Proctor

ADEPT Testimony Opposition Bill 131

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Written Testimony:
Opposition to Bill 131

Aloha Chair Johnson and Members of the Council,

My name is Robin Leimomi Proctor, I'm co-owner of SoilThrive Hawai'i. Over the past 3 years we've partnered with Maui Nui Marine Resource Council and the County of Maui to implement test plots on over 30 properties around the County, including the County's Keopuolani Park on a tee ball field.

We applied biologically rich compost teas made right here on Maui.

Adding beneficial soil microbes into the soil and on leaf surfaces resulted in success across ALL of the test plots. We recorded:

- Increase in topsoil depth
- Increase in water retention
- Decrease in soil compaction
- Increase in beneficial soil microbes
- Turf areas that had parasitic nematodes and grub infestations were healed and healthy.
- Plants that were infested with white flies became healthy and insect free.

Through these pilot programs and experience with our regular clients, we have demonstrated that this solution is extremely effective.

I want to highlight that the pilot programs lasted only 3 to 6 months, yet they showed that landscapes can recover from years of pesticide and synthetic fertilizer use. By nurturing the land naturally rather than using harmful chemicals, we can restore its health.

Today, I'm presenting a proposal for a complimentary 4-month pilot project at Waiehu Golf Course. We will provide our products, labor, and consultation at no cost.

We are committed to finding effective solutions for all land managers, including the County. We will work closely with managers to address every challenge and decision point, ensuring a smooth and easy process.

We would address every reason why you felt you needed to create Bill 131.

We will demonstrate that natural products can enhance soil and turf health while being sustainable and cost-effective.

The two issues highlighted in the newspaper were:

1. **Foul Smell** - (likely from fish hydrolysate) Our products have a fresh, earthy scent, not an unpleasant odor.
2. **Difficult Application** - Our products integrate seamlessly with your existing irrigation and boom sprayers, so no new equipment is needed.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider our offer. I am confident we can create a positive healthy solution together. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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From: County Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:39 AM
To: ADEPT Committee
Subject: FW: Keikis well being and no on herbicides and fertilizers

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cindy Ho <cindyho2018@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 7:35 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Keikis well being and no on herbicides and fertilizers

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not use herbicides and fertilizers on grass playing surfaces including baseball fields. My Keikis play there all the time and this will affect their health as well as our. Cancer causing agents have shown to kill many people. Lawsuits can also arise when people get sick such as the Roundup lawsuit. Please do not pass this amendment to include herbicides or any harmful chemicals on grass playing surfaces as it will affect everybody.

Thank you.

Cindy Ho

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From: County Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:39 AM
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Subject: FW: Support for amendment to exclude playing fields from fertilizer ban

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From: Amber DeLeon <ambercy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:21 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Support for amendment to exclude playing fields from fertilizer ban

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Aloha,

I just wanted to voice my support of the proposed amendment to exclude playing fields from the fertilizer/herbicide ban. My three boys play baseball at Luana Gardens, War Memorial and Central Regional fields and the weeds get really bad, particularly at Luana Gardens. Some of the weeds there are so sharp and prickly that they go through their socks and get stuck in their skin and I have to use a tweezer to pull them out. It got to the point where one of my sons was scared to go to practice because he didn't want to get weeds stuck in his skin. Keeping the weeds under control and off the fields would help improve everyone's enjoyment and use of the fields.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Amber DeLeon