

APT Committee

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I strongly support the passage of this proposed legislation to help define the rules and responsibilities of the newly formed Department of Agriculture. I urge the County Council to throw their support for the passage of Bill 105.

I was a member of the community input working group and we spent many hours creating a framework based on feedback from the community via surveys and the experiences of the members of the working group. I previously farmed produce in Kula as a conventional farmer for over 30+ years. I am now a retired farmer and a member of the HFUU and try to continue farming organically. But the new Department rules and requirements must be supportive of all types of farmers and ranchers. And the legislation must accommodate changes in the County Administration in the future. I believe the community impact working group has captured much of the needs of the agricultural industry and will allow an organization, such as yours, to track the activities of the new department and gauge the progress of the agricultural industry.

Again, I urge your support for passage of Bill 105.

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