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**KAUAI FARMERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST
BILL 2491 AT MARATHON HEARING**

More than 1,000 farmers, supporters gather to voice opposition to Kauai County Council measure



Lihue, Hawaii (July 31, 2013) — More than 1,000 farmers and ag supporters gathered at the Kauai Veterans Center today in Lihue to urge Kauai County Council members to vote "no" on Bill 2491, which, if passed, would cripple agriculture on Kauai.

"I am proud of the agriculture community, small business members and island residents who showed up today and testified at the Kauai County Council hearing in opposition to Bill 2491," said Kirby Kester, president-elect of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. "I believe the council now has a clear view of how this bill is not good for our community, our farmers or our economy, as well as the lack of sound scientific evidence to support it."

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a membership organization that supports the growth and development of the seed industry, agriculture and agricultural sciences in Hawaii.

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