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3. ~~RESOLUTION 12-57~~ URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO REQUIRE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD. Urging the State of Hawaii and the United States Food and Drug Administration to require labeling of genetically engineered food.

To: The Committee on Safety, Economic Development & Gov't Affairs  
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One year ago, I went to two community meetings (Moiliili & North Shore), at which 300+ people attended on the topic of GMOs. Everyone was utterly shocked and angry to learn that Genetically Modified Organisms are mostly made by 5 large chemical companies in order to sell more pesticides.

GMO plants were first genetically altered (by man vs. nature) to withstand Roundup (Glyphosate) spraying (thus the companies sell "Roundup" and seed sets; the rest of the plants are now designed so that the Bt toxin is produced within the plant so that insects die from eating the plant. Why are these chemical companies trying to feed us corn, soy, sugar and canola that are registered as "pesticides" vs. food? Please see more info at <http://www.responsibletechnology.org/>

The photos of systemic organ tumors in rats eating GMO soy, potatoes, etc and countless examples are well known in Europe and Japan. However, many Americans do not know about the chronically sick Illinois prison inmates (organ tumors) suing the gov't for cruel and unjust punishment from eating GM soy diets (cheaper meals). The doctors are saying the inmates' symptoms are the same as those of someone being poisoned. Infertile mammals (cows fed GM corn, rats dying before the experiment is over, etc) are reasons European countries, Peru, etc. ban GMOs from their countries.

If Hawaii cannot even pass a bill to label GM organisms (usually found in processed food using corn, soy, canola & sugar) Hawaii people are no different from Germans who did not speak out about Hitler being the status quo or slave owners who did not speak out about human rights. Humans should have the right to know if they are purchasing poison disguised as food. These chemical companies are getting away with another form of "crimes against humanity."

Perhaps Ben Cayetano had the best intentions when he brought the chemical companies to Hawaii. But these systemic GMO seeds are 1000 times worse than just having "pesticides" sprayed. Now the plant itself makes the toxins. The insects die from eating these systemic GMO corn & soy, etc, but the chemical companies feed this to us humans. 95% of the corn in the US is GMO. How many Doritos and corn chips do we feed our kids without knowing how the viruses enter the flora in our digestive system. 9 out of 10 Americans want labeling.

These GMO "seeds" grown in the year-round, 4-crop season in Hawaii, I heard, are not protected by the stricter laws that limit the amount of pesticides used – are we

now the testing site of the new Agent Orange (Dioxin-based) mixed pesticides which these companies need because super weeds have developed a resistance to the original Roundup, etc. (These "seeds" are 52% of the "agriculture" in Hawaii.)

The people of Hawaii work so hard to buy food for our families. We have the right to know whether what we are buying is food or Genetically Modified Organisms that look like food, but are potentially toxic systemically to organs. Opponents of labeling will complain that it is "too difficult" to label "everything." But if Genetically Modified organisms are so safe as the chemical companies claim, why don't they just label them?

Thank you for writing this resolution, taking action, and protecting the public. I hope this passes swiftly.

Sincerely,

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