

Testimony Against

City Council Resolution 12-57

There is no scientific justification for this resolution even being considered. If the FDA cannot provide justification for such labeling, how can the City and County of Honolulu justify it?

There is absolutely no scientific evidence of harm from consuming genetically modified (biotech) foods on the market today. These foods contain the same ingredients as non-genetically engineered foods. If there was a difference the FDA would have required labeling.

This only appears to be a ploy to assist in the marketing of organic foods by using scare tactics. I seriously question some of the data provided in this resolution, such as, the number of GE fish under development, who cares? And mitigating unnamed adverse effects without any evidence.

Labeling products containing genetically modified organisms in Hawaii does two things. One, it adds unnecessary cost to our food products, and two, it will limit the availability of food products, because no company is going to label there food for such a small market. They just won't sell it in Hawaii.

How can the council even consider such a scientific issue without the scientific facts proving such a need. When the National Academy of Sciences, the American Medical Association, and the World Health Organization declare that biotech (GMO) crops, are as safe as those produced by conventional breeding, how can the additional cost of labeling be justified?

I recommend that you disregard this Resolution. It's not justified, but only serves to scare the public for no justified reason.

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