

MINUTES of Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

Meeting date: April 24, 2013

Call to order: A General membership meeting of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party on April 24, 2013. Meeting started at 6:27 pm.

Chair, Charley Ice called the meeting to order. Subcommittee chair, Juanita Kawamoto presented the speakers. Attendees are attached.

CTAR Professor, Hector Valenzuela, PhD

2003 testified in Maui

- In 10 years concerns have increased
- Big question unintended consequences
- Late 2012 paper 54 of 86 cases traits with hidden DNA sequences inherent and viral and not studied consequences but not likely benign not reported to regulators.
- Transfer to aquatic organism of antibiotic resistance
- Classical breeding is not equivalent to biotech genetic engineering
- False: studies that show harm are invalid. Some studies do show evidence of harm
- Leg process: a minority of legislators did not promote constructive dialogue
- Anti 99-100 percent industry, professor/ researchers

Uh law students:

- GMO is Unconstitutional
- State to state must decide on GMO
- Legal issue of Severability
- Right to not be confused

Lessons learned in 2013 leg. session:

- Messaging is important you either gain momentum or u get isolated
- Media Anti-GMO Goal for future is to make it difficult for them to dismiss them
- (Anti science anti progress - you need to work on a farm). Message discipline
- Form or asymmetrical warfare. - Corporate vs. grassroots
- Education is needed- especially in city of Honolulu

Moms on a mission

Founded by Merci Riddy on Molokai,

Spent leg session meeting with all legislators and watching bills

Moms: What we love, we will protect

Constitutionally sound bill working with Label it Hawaii

GMO does not honor all living things

Label it- national coalition 35 states now

Discussion followed:

Gary Gil of Dept of Health

Caution about health claims - cause for why people are getting sick, claim of cancer clusters

Pesticides are regulated

Year 2000 master agreement by USDA and Cayatano

Minutes approved on October 16, 2013.