UNIVERSITY OF HAWAIʻI SYSTEM
REPORT

REPORT TO THE 2010 LEGISLATURE

Report on University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo
Agriculture Programs Developed by
Kulani Correctional Facility for 2010

HCR 260 HD1 (2008)

November 2009
November 30, 2009:

RE: Comments in response to the charge of HCR 260 to wit:

“HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI’I AT HILO AND HAWAI’I
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY THE
KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THAT WOULD AID IN THE REVITALIZATION OF STATE
AGRICULTURE”

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair
Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair
Rep. Berg, Chang, Hanohano, Herkes, Manahan, Wakai, Yamane, Yamashita,
Ching, Meyer sitting.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair
Takumi, Finnegan, Pine sitting.

FROM: Dr. William Mokahi Steiner
Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management, UHH

Sirs and Lady Members of the Respective Committees:

In response to the above charge and as Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (CAFNRM) at the University of Hawai‘i-Hilo I hereby declare that we have abandoned the study called for since the subject facility, the Kulani Correctional Facility, has been closed and the inmates at hand dispersed due to budget concerns in the state. We did not see value in spending time and the Public dollars on pursuing this study given the closure of the facility. Closure rendered moot any concerns about advancing the training and education of the inmates of concern, and does not provide a solid base of operations for developing future opportunities for said inmates that might have profited from such training.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the requirements of HCR 260. Please contact me at my cell phone, 808-294-0750 or my work phone, 808-974-7393 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Steiner

William Mokahi Steiner
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