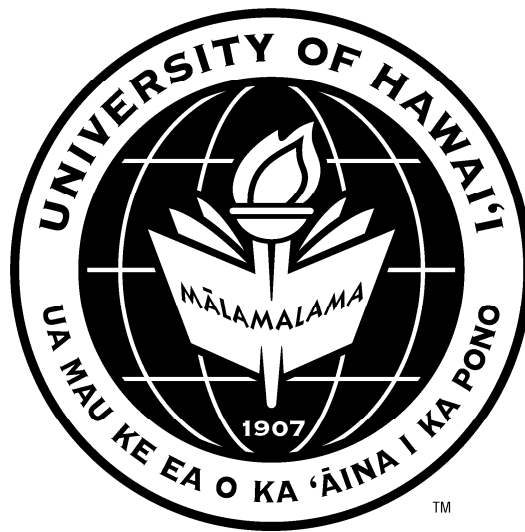


# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2010 LEGISLATURE

Report on University of Hawai‘i 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 HAWAII AT HILO AND HAWAII 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  
Rep. Lee, Luke, McKelvey, Nakasone, Nishimoto, Sonson, Souki, Takamine, 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 Hawaii-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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