

OUR VISION FOR HAWAI`I'S FOOD SYSTEM

HCFS's goal is to connect and empower Hawai'i's diverse communities with the knowledge, tools, and opportunities they need to actively create a biodiverse, regenerative, local food system that is safe for human health and the environment. In the last three years, HCFS has built and mobilized a diverse network of organizations and activists working on the interconnected issues of agriculture, conservation, and indigenous peoples' rights. We fight for a food system that engenders food independence, biodiverse ecosystems, and environmental justice.

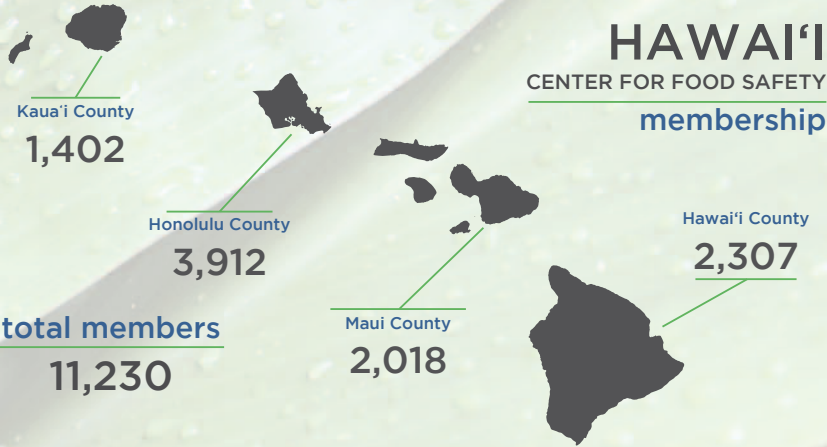
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**HAWAI`I
CENTER FOR
FOOD SAFETY**

- NOT A MEMBER YET?
JOIN TODAY TO START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS!**
- ◆ Learn new skills through our online and in-person trainings
 - ◆ Connect with like-minded people and organizations
 - ◆ Stay in-the-know about food and environmental policy and litigation
 - ◆ Receive updates about upcoming events in the community

- ALREADY A MEMBER? THANK YOU!**
- ◆ You can become a sustaining member by pledging a monthly or annual gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$125, \$250 or another amount
 - ◆ **DONATE ONLINE:** www.hawaiiCFS.org
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Hawai`i Center for Food Safety
660 Pennsylvania Ave SE, #302 , Washington, D.C. 20003



CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (CFS) is a national non-profit public interest and environmental advocacy organization working to protect human health and the environment by curbing the use of harmful food production technologies and promoting organic and other forms of sustainable agriculture. **Hawai`i Center for Food Safety (HCFS)** serves as a toolkit for the local food movement, offering legal, policy, scientific, communications, and grassroots organizing expertise for a variety of local campaigns and projects. Together, we are creating a healthier, safer, socially just food system for Hawai`i and our communities.

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OUR COMMITMENTS MOVING FORWARD

We're working hard to protect you and your community.
Our ongoing work includes:

- LEGAL**
- ◆ Strategize and conduct research for potential new litigation to protect sensitive, endangered species and build support for a regenerative, biodiverse food system
- POLICY**
- ◆ Advocate to support sustainable agriculture, food independence and stronger regulation of the pesticide seed industry
 - ◆ Help build capacity for civic engagement and demystify the policy process for those who want to engage
 - ◆ Collaborate with aligned organizations on shared legislative goals

- SCIENCE + RESEARCH**
- ◆ CO-pilot a soils testing program to measure the impacts of Holistic Management on soil health, water, and carbon storage
 - ◆ Host workshops and develop resources to educate and empower farmers and teachers about the importance of pollinators
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION + OUTREACH**
- ◆ Host and support community events, trainings, and film screenings with a diverse group of organizations and leaders
 - ◆ Recruit and build capacity for independent journalists covering issues important to their community
 - ◆ Strengthen our capacity to serve as an independent source of news and commentary on key food and agriculture issues

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HCFS empowers citizens to recognize policymaking and civic engagement as critical pathways for creating a better food future. Key accomplishments in this area include:

- ◆ Helping citizens claim their democratic power by connecting people with the skills and opportunities they need to participate in local policy. Through partnerships, social media, our network of members, and public outreach, in 2017 we mobilized nearly 3,000 individual testimonies in three months
- ◆ Tracking over 60 bills this legislative session and sharing weekly status updates with our members and partners
- ◆ Sponsoring airfare for over two dozen neighbor island residents to participate in hearings and grassroots lobby days
- ◆ Encouraging voter registration and elections engagement through events, workshops, and online campaigns

HCFS served as an independent media source to increase public awareness about pesticide issues in Hawai'i by publishing videos earning over 160,000 views, and posting engaging social media content reaching over 2 million people

LITIGATION CFS attorneys dedicate hundreds of hours of pro bono legal services to Hawai'i's food movement. Over the past three years, CFS engaged in three precedent-setting cases in Hawai'i to ban the planting of GE crops and restrict pesticide use.

REGULATORY RULEMAKING COMMENTS Our legal team monitors and submits comments on the regulations of state and federal actions that impact local food safety and biodiversity, such as the creation of animal factories, including a dairy on Kauaʻi, an egg production facility on Oʻahu, and a federal offshore aquaculture operation in Pacific Island fisheries.

STATE POLICY CONSULTING We provide critical expertise to advance HCFS's state policy initiatives. During the 2017 session, CFS's legal team drafted and vetted bill language, analyzed policy frameworks, and offered legal insight to advance the initiatives of HCFS members and partners.

HCFS continues to serve as a leader in the media on food and agriculture issues in Hawai`i, with sustained coverage of our policy work in national and local media outlets including *Associated Press*, *PBS*, *The Hill*, *ABC News*, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *Huffington Post*, *Daily Mail (UK)*, *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, *Hawai`i News Now*, *The Garden Island*, *Hawai`i Tribune Herald*, *West Hawai`i Today*, *Hawai`i Public Radio*, *Hawai`i News Now*, *Honolulu Civil Beat*, and more.



REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE + SOIL HEALTH HCFS expanded CFS's Soil Solutions program in Hawai'i by working with ranchers, farmers, and experts to research regenerative agriculture as a solution to mitigate and adapt to climate change. HCFS hosted a conference and is collaborating on the development of a soils testing pilot program to chart the impacts of Holistic Management on soil health, water, and carbon storage.

POLLINATOR HEALTH + PROTECTION Pollinator health is an educational pathway for illuminating the connection between sustainable agriculture and conservation, and helping children understand the impact of their food choices. HCFS developed a cutting-edge toolkit for school gardens programs to educate children about the role pollinators play in the food system. HCFS hosted demonstrations about pollinator habitats and distributed resources that help them engage in pollinator-friendly practices.

This program is designed to add capacity, strategic planning, and collaboration opportunities to small organizations and individuals across Hawai'i's food movement. Through co-sponsored public events, collaborative trainings, and film screenings, HCFS reached thousands in 2016.

HIGHLIGHT: HCFS ADVISORY BOARD The newly formed 14-person advisory board convenes three times a year to review and evaluate HCFS's work and help plan its strategic partnerships and projects. Members from across the islands were selected based on their long-standing work in the community on environmental and food issues.

HIGHLIGHT: HAWAI'I ANNUAL STRATEGY MEETING HCFS organized and convened our third annual strategy meeting for Hawai'i's food movement where over 40 activists and organizational leaders had the rare opportunity to learn, network, and engage in strategic planning for 2017.