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Over the past two years Kauai, ground zero for GMO and pesticide testing in the world, has moved to the forefront in efforts to secure the safety and well being of its people and their island home from the dangerous hazards of these activities with the passage by the County of Kauai of Bill 2491.

Building upon the successful steps of this past year We the People of Kauai are taking the “next step” of placing a Charter Amendment on the ballot for the November 4th, 2014 election.

The Next Step

“Let the People Decide”

The Charter Amendment Summary

The Charter Amendment is designed to protect the people and the land of Kauai from the hazards of, first, toxic pesticide use, and second, the hazards of the testing and use of Genetically Modified Organisms on Kauai.

It allows Commercial Agricultural Entities to continue their current operations only after submitting an application, application fee, and acceptable proof to a qualified panel of experts that their operations are not contaminating the people, air, land, water, or other organisms beyond the boundaries of the property they control.

It defines the requirements and selection process for the creation of that panel of experts charged to evaluate the proofs submitted.

The panel of experts will then submit their opinions to the Kauai

County Council who will decide whether the proof, as evaluated by the panel, merits the issuance of an ordinance permitting the uses applied for.

Should the people of Kauai disagree with the County Council's decision they will have 120 days to petition to overturn the decision in accordance with existing county laws.

It defines the creation of a second "monitoring" panel to insure that the allowed activities do not contaminate the people, air, land water, or other organisms beyond the permitted property boundaries.

It creates a County Administrator of Environmental Health to implement and enforce this Amendment and other environmental protections implemented by the County.

The costs of implementing the Amendment will be funded through application fees charged to the applicants.

The Amendment defines the penalties for violations of the conditions required by this amendment.