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Aloha kākou, Mahalo for the opportunity to share the following thoughts on this item. As an agricultural community, Waimānalo absolutely supports and wants to continue to see elevating of farmers markets across as many communities as possible. This bill however, with good intentions does pose a problem for a very important stance that Waimānalo has taken against commercial business in our parks. If this is allowed, it may undermine the current law that supports our community position, protects our public spaces from disrespectful attention and overwhelming strain on conditions and value of life for local residents. This bill could potentially weaken the efforts of many community members who engaged in process over the span of years, did their due dilligence and crafted what is believed to be the best outcome for the community. There could be potential for this bill to serve other communities, and I encourage them to seeks these opportunities, however I do believe that other options can and do exist, where Farmers Markets may take place.

Mahalo nui, Chair Kimeona Kane

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