

Bill 79: Stifle biotech and Hawaiian agriculture will suffer

Can biotechnology help Hawaiian coffee beat the coffee berry borer the way it helped Hawaiian papayas defeat the ringspot virus? Or the way it helps most of the corn grown in the United States resist the corn borer? This is a promising possibility—but Bill 79 would make it illegal to utilize this important new technology.

How silly. Around the world, farmers have planted and harvested more than 3 billion acres of GM crops. These growers include massive soybean operations in the United States and Brazil to subsistence farmers in Burkina Faso and the Philippines.

Read the full story here: [Suppressing Technology Will Not Feed Hawaii or the World](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Anti-biotech activists would let Hawaiian papaya go the way of the Dodo](#),” Genetic Literacy Project
— *Jon Entine, GLP founder, provides a thorough history of the papaya in Hawaii and how Bill 79 would undermine what has otherwise been one of the greatest genetic modification success stories.*