

Overall GMO ban rejected by Hawaii County Council

The Hawaii County Council took its first bite out of legislation on genetically altered crops Friday, voting down an overall ban but deferring a more limited bill to another day during a lengthy and at times contentious discussion.

The actions, during a meeting of the Public Safety and Mass Transit Committee, took over four hours to reach, with council members stumbling frequently over matters of procedure and a series of back-and-forth discussions over how to proceed and what crops to restrict.

How to balance the needs of farmers of all types while addressing concerns over biotechnology proved to be a delicate process for council members, who largely appeared ready to take some action yet not entirely sure of where to draw the line.

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