

Anti-GMO organizations join lawsuit defending Kauai ban

A federal judge has agreed to allow the Center for Food Safety, Earthjustice and several other organizations to join a lawsuit to defend Kauai County's restrictions on genetically modified farming.

Syngenta and other seed corporations are suing Kauai County over Ordinance 960, formerly Bill 2491, which requires the companies to disclose certain details about their use of pesticides and genetically modified organisms, as well as adhere to pesticide buffer zones around homes, roads, parks and other areas. Judge Barry Kurren ruled Monday that the Center for Food Safety, Surfrider Foundation, Pesticide Action Network North America and Ka Makani Hoopono are allowed to join the lawsuit to defend the Kauai law, which is set to take effect in August.

The decision strengthens the county's defense, which was hindered by lack of support from the mayor and the county's budget constraints.

There's still a possibility state lawmakers may revisit those proposals during conference committee over the next couple of weeks. But House Majority Leader Scott Saiki said previously that the House wants to wait to see how the court handles the controversial new rules.

Read the full, original article: [Center for Food Safety, Earthjustice Join Case to Defend Kauai GMO Law](#)