

'All hell will break loose' for Molokai if proposed GMO ban on Maui passes

If you're looking for an entertaining way to spend your day, a trip to hear testimony given to the Maui County Council on the subject of GMOs may be just what is needed.

Recently, roughly 200 members of the community gave the council their thoughts on a Citizen's Initiative called PIA-78. This initiative would place a moratorium on the cultivation of genetically engineered organisms until a yet to be determined group of citizens could deem them 'safe'.

Those familiar with the subject of genetic engineering may be scratching their heads as they already know that scientific consensus has long upheld the safety of these crops. On the small island of Maui, apparently that news has not yet reached a very vocal minority of the population. About 33 people testified about the dangers and evils of GMOs. In past testimony we have heard how eating GMOs caused corn silk to grow from the throat of one man and another told how aliens were somehow involved in this grand conspiracy. The latest round of testimony did not disappoint.

The good news in all this crazy is that while about 33 people got up telling us how evil the biotech companies are for wanting to do business in this county, 5 times that number stood up to testify against the moratorium on farming. More than 160 residents of Maui County, many of them from Molokai stood up to talk about what this initiative would do to them, their families, and their island. Molokai would be devastated, or as one testifier put it: 'If this passes, all hell will break loose.'

Amen Molokai, Amen.

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