

Anti-GMO non-profits try to intervene in lawsuit against Hawaii's GM crop ban

National nonprofits Earthjustice and Center for Food Safety, along with Big Island farmers Nancy Redfeather, Marilyn Howe and Rachel Laderman, have filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit that challenges Hawaii County's moratorium on growing new genetically engineered crops.

"Hawaii County, like every county, has the right to protect its farmers and native environments from genetically engineered crops," said Center for Food Safety attorney George Kimbrell in a press release. "Having GE-free zones is critical for the sustainable future of U.S. agriculture, and to protect Hawaii's unique ecosystems."

Hawaii County [passed Bill 113](#), now Ordinance 13-121, last year banning farmers from cultivating any new kinds of genetically modified crops. The ordinance was intended to prevent biotechnology firms that operate on Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Oahu from setting up shop on the Big Island. The ban exempts existing genetically modified crops such as papayas.

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