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Aloha. My name is Brooke Porter, I support SB 2404 for these reasons. It will raise the inspection fee to help cover what it costs the state and the taxpayers to inspect shipments to prevent invasive species from entering Hawai'i. The bill also establishes a permanent funding source for the Invasive Species Committees on each island, which work with private landowners and government agencies to control invasive species mostly on private land. The Committees do very good work and need permanent adequate funding. The bill also authorizes inspection fees for air shipments. Currently, inspection fees are collected only on marine shipments. Please pass this bill out of committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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