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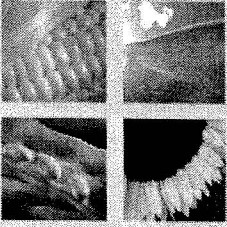
**RE: SB2236 SD2 RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Chair Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

HFBF on behalf of our member commercial farm and ranch families and organizations strongly support SB2236 SD2, addressing gaps in the inspection fee collection system.

The strength of any regulatory measure is related to its' enforceability. Imposition of fines provide the hammer needed to ensure compliance with the inspection fee collection system. During these difficult budgetary times, it is critical that the expected fees are collected so timely inspections can be carried out.

We respectfully request your support of this measure. If there are any questions, please call Luella Costales at 8482074. Thank you.



# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii*

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Testimony By: Alicia Maluafiti  
SB 2236 SD2, Relating to Invasive Species  
The House Committee on Agriculture  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010  
Room 312, 10:00 am

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**Position: Support with Amendments**

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Wooley and members of the Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. HCIA is a nonprofit trade association representing the agricultural seed industry in Hawaii. Now the state's largest agricultural commodity, the seed industry contributes to the economic health and diversity of the islands by providing high quality jobs in rural communities, keeping important agricultural lands in agricultural use, and serving as responsible stewards of Hawaii's natural resources.

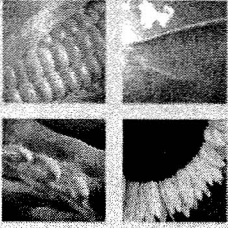
The seed industry appreciates – and has testified in support – of most legislative solutions to generate revenue and address the loss of the agricultural inspectors and other staff at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Our dialogue with the HDOA these past few months as well as our role at the state legislature demonstrates our sincere commitment to seek out solutions that are fair and balanced. We do this in recognition of the growth of the seed industry in Hawaii, our responsibility to support the regulatory authority of the HDOA, and our collective ability to absorb some of the financial burden on behalf of the agricultural industry - as best we can.

**We support SB 2236 with a proposed amendment using language from HB 2294 – section (2) (A):**

**“§150A- Failure to pay or remit the inspection quarantine, and eradication service fee; fines. (a) The following fines shall be imposed for failure to pay, bill, or remit the inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fee as provided for in section 150A-5.3:**

(1) A person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company who does not pay the fee shall be assessed a fine of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for every one thousand pounds of freight or part thereof; and

(2) A transportation company that does not:



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(A) Bill the fee to the person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company within fifteen days of the delivery of the freight;  
or

(B) Remit the fee to the department within forty-five days of collecting the fee from the person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

The seed industry has always supported payment of the inspection fees and in fact, we were only made aware that the transportation companies were derelict in payment of those fees to the HDOA when the seed industry initiated meetings in the fall to discuss the impact of the reduction in force and furloughs on the department. The fees for inspection are traditionally included in the freight charges when the transportation company invoices the seed company. Those fees are then transmitted directly to the HDOA by the transportation company.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

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March 16, 2010

**TO: Committee on Agriculture**  
**Representative Clift Tsuji, Chair**  
**Representative Jessica Wooley**

**HEARING: Wednesday, March 17; 10:00 A.M., Conference Rm. 312**

**Re: SB2236, SD2 – Relating to the Invasive Species**

**Testimony in Support**

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Wooley and members of the Committee on Agriculture. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony in support of SB2236, SD2, which establishes fines for failing to pay, bill, or remit the inspection, quarantine, and eradication fee.

The Hawai'i Audubon Society was founded in 1939, and it is Hawai'i oldest conservation organization. The primary mission of the Society is to foster community values that result in the protection and restoration of native ecosystems and conservation of natural resources through education, science and advocacy in Hawai'i and the Pacific.

The Society strongly supports measures that protect our ecosystems from invasive species. Once established, invasive are extremely difficult to control. The sad fact is that Hawai'i has the highest number of listed threatened and endangered species in the nation.

The Hawai'i Audubon Society believes that SB2236, SD2, is a good measure as it deposits the amount paid by fine into the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund. **As you know in the past, funding for eradication of invasive species has been problematic and funds were often obtained from a variety of sources and agencies. Sometimes there were gaps in funding thus eradication efforts could not be sustained.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify here today.

Sincerely,

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