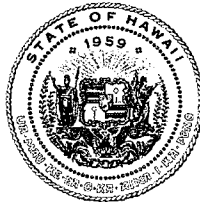


HB 1568

HD2, SD1

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, April 07, 2011
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1568, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of House Bill 1568, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 to establish adequate biosecurity and inspection facilities at major airports and harbors in the State to strengthen and support Hawaii's agricultural industry, but defers to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation to find the best solutions for funding and implementation.

Because transportation by air and sea have been identified as the risk pathways for invasive species into the State of Hawaii, appropriate inspection facilities and consistent inspection activities are crucial to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. These facilities are a "need to have", not just "nice to have" component of the program. By initiating and continuing the implementation of biosecurity facilities, House Bill 1568, House Draft 2 reduces the likelihood of and economic loss associated with additional invasive species introductions and a quarantine on Hawaii's exported goods. The Department supports the intent of House Bill 1568, House Draft 2 and urges an expeditious resolution of the issues.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

GUY H. KAULUKUKUI
FIRST DEPUTY

WILLIAM M. TAM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 3:04 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: volcanogetaway@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1568 on 4/7/2011 9:30:00 AM

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Testimony for WAM 4/7/2011 9:30:00 AM HB1568

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diane Ware
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: volcanogetaway@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/5/2011

Comments:

I urge you to support any and all measures to prevent invasive species from entering the islands and to fund their removal/control. this is a huge issue for agriculture, residents, tourists (who wants to come to Hawai'i to hear the coqui),and the hawaiian ecosystem.

Mahalo nui loa