

HB1524,HD2,
SD1

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Comments:

The Kailua Neighborhood Board adopted a motion to support HB1524. Please adopt this bill that will help with the serious problem of plant theft in our community and elsewhere.



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

HOUSE BILL 1524, HD2, SD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE THEFT

PRESENTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

MARCH 2012

CHAIRPERSON HEE and Members of the Committees:

STRONG SUPPORT.

My name is Loren Mochida, Director of Agricultural Operations at W. H. Shipman, Limited in Keaau on the Big Island. We are a local kamaaina-family owned land management company that is engaged in Agriculture and Commercial/Industrial development and leasing. We currently lease lands to over 130 individually growers at W.H. Shipman, Ltd.

W. H. Shipman, Ltd., and their growers provide strong support to HB 1524, HD2, SD1, Relating to Agricultural Theft. This will require those sentenced for agricultural theft to provide restitution to the victim the value of the stolen agricultural product or commodity, or the cost of replanting these products or commodities.

This Bill will also include in the offense of theft in the second degree the failure to maintain required certificates while in possession of agricultural commodities. The majority of stolen products or commodities are often sold to vendors at the local farmers markets on the islands. In order to restrain people from selling stolen agricultural products or commodities, a certificate of ownership or written proof of ownership shall be required.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1524, HD2, SD1.

HB 1524
HD2, SD1

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In support of HB 1524, HD 2, SD1 proposed SD2

Windward Oahu has been greatly concerned about the amount of plant and agriculture equipment theft from nurseries, commercial establishments and individual yards. As a resident of Kailua I have been involved for over two years in a committee working to prevent plant theft. We have been working with the Waimanalo Agriculture Association as we all have experienced these thefts.

The first community meeting in Kailua was called by the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle and held at Cinnamon's Restaurant. The owner of Cinnamon's was president of the Kailua Chamber of Commerce. Twenty seven residents attended this meeting and have continued to be involved in attempting to prevent plant theft in Windward Oahu.

To related just a few of the plant thefts that we have seem in Kailua and Kaneohe , the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Beautification Committee has been working at the U.S. Kailua Post Office planting the front area. Plants have been stolen from there three times. Stealing especially red ti plants from a federal facility is amazing to me. LKOC wants to make our area "Clean, Green and Beautiful" which is hard to do if plants continue to be stolen.

Residents have had plants pulled out of their yards. One person had just received a very special tree as a wedding anniversary present and it was dug up and stolen. Baci's Restaurant even had a very large wooded planter stolen with all new plants inside.

I live in Meridian East at 14 Aulike Street. When we contracted with a landscaper to replant our entire front entrance area, he recommended that we use only plastic sprinkler heads as the copper ones were being stolen. Also, he recommended that we fence the entire area for 6 months until the plants had their roots established. All because of plant theft. He as a landscaper was experiencing plant theft as well.

HB 1524, HD 2, SD1, proposed SD2 will certainly be a positive step toward solving this problem. The nurseries in Waimanalo have experienced so much theft it is difficult to see how they can remain in business. This amended bill will help to address their issues. We all need to support stopping these thefts whether in nurseries, commercial establishments or individual yards.

I would ask that you pass this bill.

Thank you very much.

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