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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND BUSINESS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1827

February 3, 2012

RELATING TO COFFEE

House Bill No. 1827 imposes a one cent fee on each pound of green coffee beans grown in or imported into the State to be deposited into a special fund to control and eradicate the coffee borer beetle and creates a coffee borer beetle control special fund to administer the program.

While the Department of Budget and Finance does not take any position on the policy of government charging a fee on import or production to support pest eradication efforts, the Department must point out concerns with the concept as it applies to House Bill No. 1827. As a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of special funds which do not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should:

- 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program;
- 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity;
- and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining.

In regards to House Bill No. 1827, it is difficult to determine whether the fund will be self-sustaining.

Hawaii Coffee Growers Association

2/02/12

Testimony in support of HB-1827

Hearing 2/03/12

Sen. Clift Tsugi

Chairman, House Agriculture Committee

Dear Chair and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

This testimony is submitted to support HB-1827. The Coffee Berry Borer issue has become tragic for the Kona coffee industry and threatens the other coffee growing regions of the State. The members of the Hawaii Coffee Growers Association, who represent more than half of the growing acreage in Hawaii, urge you to move this measure along in the process.

We are aware of issues that may bog this bill down, due to the complexity of the funding collection, disbursement and statutory rules that may make it unworkable for the State Department of Ag, but we support finding any language that could simplify the intent of this bill.

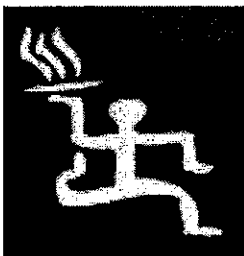
Sincerely,

James 'Kimo' Falconer

President

Hawaii Coffee Growers Association

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Hawaii Restaurant Association

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February 2, 2012

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The Hawaii Restaurant Association supports HB 1827

Hawaii is the only state in the United States where coffee is grown commercially. A measure to insure the integrity of that industry is prudent. As such, a temporary fee to address the control and eradication of the coffee borer beetle is justified.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Morey



AMERICAN ELECTRIC

February 2, 2012

RE: Support for HB 1827

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to encourage you to support HB 1827 as a prudent and effective measure to protect Hawaii's coffee industry.

Hawaii-grown coffee is one of the few industries we have that does, by definition, have a competitive advantage for our State. Keeping this industry healthy and viable helps all businesses as the coffee industry uses the goods and services that other firms, like mine, provide. Moreover, Hawaii-grown coffee is an important part of the overall "Hawaii" brand that keeps the islands in the forefront of consumer's thoughts and thereby helps promote tourism to our State.

HB 1827 makes sense and does not represent an added burden to the taxpayer. I respectfully urge your support.

Very Sincerely,

Chairman

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 10:29 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: gbiven@hicoffeeco.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for AGR 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM HB1827

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gloria Biven
Organization: Royal Kona Coffee Visitor Center Mill & Museum
E-mail: gbiven@hicoffeeco.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill.
We at the Visitor Center in Honaunau see many people from around the world enjoy our coffees from Kona as well as they also enjoy coffees from all the Islands. We, the industry must support ourselves if we want to continue supplying the world with what is special and grand from Hawaii. Kona Coffee, coffees from Hawaii!

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 11:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: rkaiwi@hicoffeeco.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for AGR 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM HB1827

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Roger Kaiwi
Organization: Kona Coffee Council
E-mail: rkaiwi@hicoffeeco.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I strongly support HB1827.

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 12:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: gjstille@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Greg Stille
Organization: MAUI COFFEE ASSOCIATION
E-mail: gjstille@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:
MAUI COFFEE ASSOCIATION

Testimony to the Hawaii Board of Agriculture in favor of reinstating quarantine around the Big Island to contain CBB to the Big Island.
The MCA strongly supports the reinstatement of quarantine around the Big Island for the purpose of containing the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) on the Big Island so as not to allow it to spread to any other island.
We are hosting the Hawaii Coffee Associations annual conference here on Maui July 19 through 21 and are most concerned about the spread of CBB.
The (CBB) has proven to be a devastating pest to coffee crops around the world for many years. It was found in Hawaii (On the Big Island) in 2010 and has continued to have a devastating effect on the Kona Coffee Crop. It is estimated to have reduced the crop by 20% in the 2011 growing season costing farmers and processors millions of dollars.
At this point the CBB has not been discovered on any other island and all efforts should be made to keep it that way. It is much less costly and more effective to fight (CBB) on one front. Additionally, if we can prevent the economic downside of CBB from crippling the other coffee growing regions of Hawaii we should do everything in our power to cause that to happen.
The 50 plus farms that are members of our association are very concerned about the impact this pest could have on our growing coffee community. 808 the Coffee State needs to be protected...
Sincerely,
Greg Stille, President of the Maui Coffee Association

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 10:16 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: veronica.kaneko@us.mcd.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Veronica Kaneko
Organization: McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, Inc.
E-mail: veronica.kaneko@us.mcd.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1827. In 2011, the Coffee Berry Borer Beetle (CBB) infestation in Kona worsened significantly. This resulted in significant crop loss and has resulted in millions of dollars of financial loss. We must take action now to control CBB. Unfortunately, limited funds have been available for this effort so farmers have been on their own. HB 1827 provides an industry self tax to provide a minimum level of funds designated to be expended exclusively to control and eradicate the coffee borer beetle in the State of Hawaii. We urge you to pass this bill. Thank you.

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 9:16 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: donberquist@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Don Berquist
Organization: Rancilio Group
E-mail: donberquist@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1827. I along with many in the specialty coffee market in the US are standing in solidarity to support the Hawaii coffee industry. It is our only source of US specific coffee. Please protect this valuable national resource. We all understand it is a time for difficult decisions in allocating limited funds both public and private. Support the Hawaii coffee growers and we on the mainland will support your, make that the US's coffee market.

From: Tina Desuacido [tina500@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 2:50 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Tax Foundation Testimony
Attachments: h1827-12.pdf

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2012

House Committees on Agriculture & Economic Revitalization & Business

FROM: Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Total Pages 2

FOR: Representative Clift Tsuji, Chair
Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair

Testifier: Lowell L. Kalapa, President – Tax Foundation of Hawaii

(Mr. Kalapa will not appear in person at the hearing.)

Date of Hearing – Friday, February 3, 2012

Position: Comments

Time of Hearing – 8:00 am

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HB 1827 – Relating to Coffee (2 Pages)

See Attached Testimony

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Coffee borer beetle control fee and special fund

BILL NUMBER: HB 1827

INTRODUCED BY: Say by request

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new part to HRS chapter 150A to provide for the imposition of a fee of 1 cent on each pound of green coffee beans: (1) processed in the state provided the fee shall be paid by the person who owns the green coffee beans after the processing from Hawaii-grown coffee cherries and shall be due at the time the beans are sold or roasted; or (2) imported into the state provided that the green coffee beans are sold or roasted in the state. The fee shall be paid only once on each pound of green coffee beans provided that: (1) if the green coffee beans are grown in the state before being roasted in the state, the fee shall be paid by the person who sells the green coffee beans; or (2) if the green coffee beans are not sold in the state before being roasted in the state, the fee shall be paid by the person who roasts the green coffee beans.

Establishes a coffee borer beetle control special fund into which shall be deposited: (1) revenues from the coffee borer control fee; (2) legislative appropriations; (3) federal funds identified for deposit into the special fund; (4) donations for the control or eradication of the coffee borer beetle; (5) interest earned on moneys in the special fund; and (6) other moneys made available to the special fund or to control or eradicate the coffee borer beetle.

The special fund may be used for programs and projects to eradicate the coffee borer beetle in the state, including destruction of feral coffee plants; provided that, if the fund receives revenues in excess of \$180,000 during a fiscal year, the excess may be expended for: (1) research and development programs and projects to control or eradicate the coffee borer beetle; (2) programs to inspect and treat coffee cherries or beans for the purpose of controlling or eradicating the coffee borer beetle or preventing the spread of the coffee borer beetle within the state; and (3) other programs and projects for the control or eradication of the coffee borer beetle. Establishes provisions relating to the administration of the fund, penalty provisions, and directs the department of agriculture to adopt rules, procedures, and forms to implement the fee on October 1, 2012. The special fund shall terminate on June 30, 2018 and any remaining balances in the fund will be transferred to the general fund on July 1, 2018.

Appropriates \$90,000 out of the coffee borer control special fund for fiscal 2013 for the control or eradication of coffee borer beetles.

Adds a new chapter to the law to relating to coffee pests and diseases to establish provisions to eradicate and control pests and infections on coffee trees.

HRS sections 36-27 and 36-30 shall be reenacted in the form in which they read on September 30, 2012; provided further that the amendments made to HRS sections 36-27 and 36-30 by this act shall not be repealed when those sections are reenacted on July 1, 2015, by Act 79, SLH 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure proposes to impose a fee of 1 cent on each pound of green coffee beans grown in or imported into the state. It also establishes the coffee borer beetle control special fund and provisions that delineate the eradication, control and infection on coffee beans.

While the fee is deposited into the coffee borer beetle control special fund, it represents yet another "tax" to fund a special fund program as opposed to using general funds to fund such a program. Thus, in one sense, attacking this problem with a fee is an indication that this is not a problem of high priority so as to garner general fund financing. It is also a way for lawmakers to avoid being held accountable for growing government even larger and allowing government to grow beyond its means and the ability of the taxpayer to afford government in Hawaii. The marked propensity of the legislature to resort to user fees for programs that are of a general benefit and should be funded with general funds is an indication that this program is not of a high priority to most lawmakers.

It should be noted that while the fee will expand the use of non-general fund financing for this program, if the legislature deems this program of great importance, the program should be funded with general funds rather than buried in the gamut of special funds out of view of the general public.

Rather than using special funds, this program should be funded by the general fund appropriation process so lawmakers can evaluate the needs of the program and give it the resources the program needs to carry out its mission and objectives, which will never happen if special fund financing is utilized such as proposed by this measure.

Digested 2/2/12

KONA COFFEE FARMERS ASSOCIATION
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TESTIMONY OF DAVID S. CASE
ON BEHALF OF KONA COFFEE FARMERS ASSOCIATION (KCFA)
ON HB 1827 (RELATING TO COFFEE)
BEFORE THE HAWAIIAN HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2012 AT 8 IS
CHAIRMAN TSUJI AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

KCFA HAS OVER 325 MEMBERS, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 200 GENERALLY SMALL FARMS IN THE HISTORIC KONA COFFEE DISTRICT OF WEST HAWAII. KCFA OPPOSES HB 1827. IT IS POORLY WRITTEN AND MANAGES TO DO BOTH TOO LITTLE AND TOO MUCH BADLY. WE HOPE YOUR COMMITTEE WILL AT LEAST DEFERR ACTION UNTIL THE FOLLOWING ISSUES CAN BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED.

A. BACKGROUND

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CBB IS A DIRE EMERGENCY, SO THE MONEY RAISED BY THE BILL SHOULD AS LEAST APPROACH WHAT IS NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. HB 1827 SIMPLY DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH TO RAISE ENOUGH REVENUE TO BEGIN TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. THE REVENUE THAT IS RAISED SHOULD ALSO BE USED TO TRULY MITIGATE THE PROBLEM ON THE BIG ISLAND WHERE IT EXISTS, RATHER THEN FUND "FUMIGATION" EFFORTS AFTER PROCESSING COFFEE TO GREEN. THE TAX SHOULD ALSO BE COLLECTED IN A MORE REALISTIC MANNER, RATHER THAN AS PROPOSED IN THE BILL. FINALLY HB 1827 (IN SECTION 7) IMPOSES A TRULY DRACONIAN "SOUTION" THAT IS NOT WELL DEFINED AND HAS THE POTENTIAL OF DRASTIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE KONA SMALL FARM COFFEE ECONOMY.

B. DISCUSSION

- (1) THE TAX SHOULD BE AT LEAST 10 CENTS PER POUND IN ORDER TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO DEAL WITH THE CBB ISSUE. ONE CENT WILL ONLY RAISE ABOUT \$150,000. TEN CENTS WOULD RAISE ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION.
- (2) COLLECTING THE TAX ON "COFFEE GROWN IN HAWAII" WILL BE CUMBERSOME AT BEST. IT SHOULD BE COLLECTED ON ALL GREEN COFFEE AT THE TIME OF HDOA INSPECTION. THE TAX SHOULD BE COLLECTED ON IMPORTED GREEN COFFEE ALSO AT THE TIME OF HDOA CERTIFICATION. THE BILL IS NOT CLEAR ON THIS POINT.
- (3) THE FUNDS RAISED FROM THE TAX SHOULD BE DEDICATED TO CBB MITIGATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FARMERS IN THE AFFECTED AREA. AS WRITTEN WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MONEY IS GOING TO BE SIPHONED OFF TO THE BIG

BLENDERS AND LARGE PRODUCERS ON OTHER ISLANDS TO FUMIGATE COFFEE RATHER THAN TO TRY TO REDUCE THE EFFECT OF CBB ON THE MOST AFFECTED SMALL FARMS ON THE BIG ISLAND.

(4) KCFA HAS GREAT CONCERNS ABOUT SECTION 7 ("COFFEE PESTS AND DISEASES"). IT GRANTS POWER TO HDOA TO INVADE AN "INFESTED" FARM, CONFISCATE COFFEE AND EVEN CUT DOWN THE COFFEE TREES THEN PUT A LIEN ON THE FARM AND FORECLOSE ON THE LIEN FOR THE COST OF HDOA'S ACTIONS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT WILL BE CONSIDERED "INFESTED" AND IT SEEMS LIKE A DRACONIAN "SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER" POLICY. AT LEAST THIS PROVISION NEEDS TO BE REVISED TO LESSEN THE POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE. AS WRITTEN IT COULD DRASTICALLY AFFECT SMALL FARMERS THE MOST-- AS WELL AS THE BISHOP ESTATE TRUST, THAT LEASES AND OVERSEES MUCH OF THE COFFEE PRODUCTION ON SMALL FARMS IN KONA.

C. CONCLUSION

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. KCFA REQUESTS THAT THE COMMITTEE DEFER ACTION ON THIS BILL UNTIL THESE ISSUES CAN BE ADDRESSED.

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Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Don Girvan
Organization: Individual
E-mail: d.girvan@samchoyskona.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:
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As a restauranteer serving 100% Kona Coffee at Sam Choy's Kai Lanai in Kailua-Kona, and a business person, as well as a supporter of farm to table cuisine, I write in support of passing HB 1827 through your committee.

Figures from the Coffee Growers here in Kona, support the need for such legislation: In 2011 the Coffee Berry Borer Beetle (CBB) infestation in Kona worsened significantly. Over 90% of all farms had some level of CBB infestation. More than 90% of all coffee produced was infested. This resulted in significant crop loss and has resulted in millions of dollars of financial loss.

We must take action now to control (CBB). Unfortunately limited funds have been available for this effort so farmers have been on their own. HB 1827 provides an industry self tax to provide a minimum level of funds designated to be expended exclusively to control and eradicate the coffee borer beetle in the State of Hawaii.

I strongly urge you to pass this bill.

Sincerely,
Don Girvan
General Manager
Sam Choy's Kai Lanai

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 11:05 AM
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Cc: dalby@clear.net
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alfred Coscina
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dalby@clear.net
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I am a roaster and distributor in Hawaii and have a great need to protect the Kona coffee crop. I support the 1 cent fee to eradicate the insect problem.

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 10:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: jason.ito@kyo-yaco.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jason Ito
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jason.ito@kyo-yaco.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I support HB 1827 which is a self-imposed tax to collaboratively mitigate the borer beetle infestation. While it is a direct cost to us, the coffee industry is important to the economy of the State of Hawaii and is a differentiator for the Hawaii coffee industry.

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 8:38 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: jlenhart@hicoffeeco.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Lenhart
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jlenhart@hicoffeeco.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

This would be a positive move for the coffee industry and protect the long-term viability of Kona coffee.

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 2:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: loveka@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bruce W. Love
Organization: Individual
E-mail: loveka@sbcglobal.net
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

We travel annually to Hawaii, and enjoy your Kona coffee while there and upon our return to California. That coffee is distinctive and iconic, and you should do everything reasonably possible to protect that product and brand. The measure in our opinion is essential if the State of California is to protect this valuable resource, and the revenue it surely earns for you.

Bruce W. Love

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 10:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: tikehara@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Terry T. Ikehara
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tikehara@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 12:54 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: mrpili23@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: william "pili" mcgrath
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mrpili23@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

this surcharge should only apply to the big island. the beetles were imported with coffee to "blend" with kona coffee. the problem remains localized there. There should be a quarantine of big island green coffee until problem is eliminated.

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 2:27 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: bberry_522@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for AGR 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM HB1827

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bill Berry
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bberry_522@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1827 which will help the Coffee farmers in Hawaii to eliminate this destructive insect, also help the industry in Hawaii.

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 11:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: thejscrilla@live.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jesse Kaiwi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: thejscrilla@live.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:
I support HB1827.

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 11:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: sloo@naneagolfclub.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stacie Loo
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sloo@naneagolfclub.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:
I strongly support HB1827.

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Jason Hieret
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E-mail: rkaiwi1@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:
I support HB1827.

hashem1 - Julie

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 12:57 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: john.gerry@expertune.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John
Organization: Individual
E-mail: john.gerry@expertune.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

We need to protect coffee in Hawaii. I think the tax on imported green coffee should be closer to 1 dollar/pound. We need to discourage imported green coffee and the associated pests and use the funds to fight the problems we got from importing coffee in the first place...

I strongly support this bill and think we should make the tax higher.

We grow coffee in Haiku, Maui.

hashem1 - Julie

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 12:38 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: chinita808@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jennifer
Organization: Individual
E-mail: chinita808@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

hashem3 - Casey

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 3:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: kmatsuo@ucc-hawaii.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1827 on 2/3/2012 8:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 312
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: KIYOSHI MATSUO
Organization: Ueshima Coffee (UCC Hawaii) corp.
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Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1827. In 2011 the Coffee Berry Borer Beetle (CBB) infestation in Kona worsened significantly. Over 90% of all farms had some level of CBB infestation. More than 90% of all coffee produced was infested. This resulted in significant crop loss and has resulted in millions of dollars of financial loss. We must take action now to control (CBB). Unfortunately limited funds have been available for this effort so farmers have been on their own. HB 1827 provides an industry self tax to provide a minimum level of funds designated to be expended exclusively to control and eradicate the coffee borer beetle in the State of Hawaii. We urge you to pass this bill.

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