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Comments:

Aloha!

HB 1943 HD2 SD1 is a positive direction toward an invasive species program that needs to be actively supported by the people of Hawaii.

The effects of a Dog Detector Program would not only have positive results in the agricultural community, but also impact native species and the lifestyle of residents of Hawaii. Implementation of such a program prior to 2030 should be seriously considered, with the current movement and re-location of military personnel within the Pacific theater to Hawaii. Prevention rather than control is the key factor, which I support, in the passage of this measure. Mahalo!

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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB1943, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Room 211
9:35 AM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am Mae Nakahata, representing the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.



HFBF is in strong support of HB1943, HD2, SD, appropriating funds for dog detector positions in HDOA.

Several years ago, Maui was fortunate to have a detector dog. The dog supplemented inspectors. The detector dog teams monitored 546 flights with 122,745 passengers and intercepted 1,747 agricultural commodities, 71% of which were not declared by passengers. In one case persimmons infested with mealybugs not known to Hawaii were detected by the dog. As many of you know Maui is known for persimmons in the fall so this could have had major impacts on the industry. During the time, passengers were comfortable with the detector dog and supportive of the use of the dog by the State to keep alien pests out of the State.

Flights from Guam pose significant threats our island environment. Recently there have been many reports of snakes. Their presence provides evidence that existing methods are insufficient to protect our islands from this threat. The success rate of brown tree snakes in taking over environments make it imperative that preventive measures must be put into place. Escapes of these snakes in Hawaii with no predators will be devastating.

We respectfully urge your strong support and restoration of funding to this measure. Past experience proves it is an efficient use of resources. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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Comments:

I have personally witnessed how invasive species such as Brown Tree Snakes can devastate agriculture and threaten human welfare in Guam. Please support this bill to protect our State. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.