

# **HB 283, HD 1**

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**Comments:**

I strongly support HB 283. The Kona Coffee Industry has been decimated by the Coffee Berry Borer Beetle which was discovered in 2010. It is estimated that 20% of the farm gate value of the Kona crop was lost in 2011. Funds are desperately needed to eliminate feral coffee on the Big Island which is a first step in curtailing the problem. We must do everything possible to keep this problem from spreading to any other coffee growing islands.