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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the House Committee on
AGRICULTURE**

**Friday, March 16, 2012
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2460
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Senate Bill 2460 proposes amending Section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to add the electronic importer manifest program as an authorized use of funds in the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund, and proposes an appropriation from that fund to be expended by the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to implement the electronic importer manifest program. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) supports this measure, and defers to DOA on the specific language regarding the use of the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund and the amount of the funds required to successfully implement the Program.

DLNR recognizes the challenge of inspecting the large volume of cargo entering the State and acknowledges the severe impacts that invasive species transported in cargo containers could have on the State's natural resources and public health and safety. DLNR welcomes the implementation of technology that increases the efficacy of inspections.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON SB 2460
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 312
10:00 AM

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Hashem, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Chief Operating Officer and Government Affairs Liaison for 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 SB 2460, which provides funding to implement the electronic importer manifest program.

Technology has advanced. SB 2460 proposes modern 21st century technologies that allow for more efficient, cost effective, and timely way of doing business. When you return a car to Avis, a person with an electronic device processes your return and prints a receipt, all without the intervention of data entry by the worker. Fed Ex commercials on TV show tracking of packages as it travels across the country.

At the same time, it is an undeniable fact that the threat of invasive species entering Hawaii is on the increase. Globalization makes this inevitable. Use of technology to expand HDOA's efficiency in protecting Hawaii must be a priority.

We respectfully request your strong support of this measure.

I can be reached at (808) 848-2074 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

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Comments:
Aloha Kakou,

House Committee on Agriculture:
Chair, C. Tsuji and Vice Chair, M. Hashem and committee members;

House Committee on Economic REvitalization & Business:
Chair, A. McKelvey and Vice Chair, I. Choy and committee members;

PLEASE SUPPORT AND PASS SB 2460!

As a pikake farmer from the Waianae Coast, this bill will allow moneys in the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to be expended for the electronic importer manifest program.

Because of the honey bee predicament and other pest issues, my pakalana and pikake crop are literally being damaged and destroyed by these new and evasive pest and insects species entering our fragile environment through the shipping and airline industries.

The intention of this bill is paramount to the livelihood and sustainability of the agriculture industry here in Hawaii!

Mahalo, Kimo Kelii (Waianae Community Leader)