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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

JANUARY 30, 2014  
9:20 A.M.  
ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1514  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Wooley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1514, relating to agriculture. This bill will appropriate money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to fund efforts to control and mitigate damage from the coffee berry borer infestation in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) supports this measure. Invasive species are a primary threat to Hawaii's agriculture and economy. The coffee berry borer poses a significant problem for coffee farmers in Hawaii, and the additional funds will help the Department in its efforts contain the infestation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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**DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of**  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**AGRICULTURE**

**Thursday, January 30, 2014**  
**9:20 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 1514**  
**RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

House Bill 1514 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for the control of coffee berry borer (*Hypothenemus hampei*), an invasive pest threatening coffee trees in Hawaii. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

As an island state, Hawaii faces a broad array of invasive species problems, including stinging fire ants, rapidly growing invasive plants that alter watershed forest composition and function, marine algae that smother our coral reefs, and mosquitoes that may carry deadly diseases. The coffee berry borer is one of these problems, in that it damages coffee trees that are highly valued as an agricultural commodity in Hawaii.

Control of coffee berry borer infestations, as well as containment through methods including management of feral coffee trees, is a worthy investment in protecting the coffee industry in Hawaii. Because coffee berry borer is one of many serious invasive species impacting Hawaii's economy, agriculture, environment, and way of life, the Department suggests that an appropriation for the control of coffee berry borer be considered within the context of other budgetary requests for invasive species control in Hawaii under consideration during this legislative session. As written, this bill would provide as much as \$3,000,000 from the general fund to the HDOA for control efforts. The Department supports this effort, provided that this appropriation does not replace or adversely impact appropriations for other priority invasive species projects across the State.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 9:20 am

By  
Tom Apple, Chancellor  
and  
Maria Gallo  
Dean

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 1514 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1514, which appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for control and containment of the Coffee Berry Borer.

The Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) is a severe pest of coffee, first discovered by staff of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, in south Kona in 2010. CTAHR was a founding member of the Executive for the Coffee Berry Borer Task Force Along with the HDOA, CTAHR, the Hawai'i Agricultural Research Center, the USDA Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, and state and local coffee associations. Since this time, these parties have collaborated closely to develop management methods for this terrible pest, to educate and assist coffee growers in implementing prevention and control efforts, and to take direct action to suppress this pest. Although it is still limited to the Island of Hawai'i, further spread is a very real threat, particularly to the Island of Kaua'i, where half the coffee in the state is grown.

We support the appropriation of additional funding to the HDOA to continue the battle to control and contain CBB in Hawai'i. CTAHR intends to continue our partnership with HDOA to support the coffee industry. Although immediate control measures are certainly needed, we would also suggest that a portion of the funds appropriated be reserved for support of both research and outreach efforts to assist the affected, and potentially affected farmers, and distributed to the individuals and organizations conducting such work as the HDOA deems appropriate. Although management of the pest is marginally possible with great effort if the recommendations developed over the past three years and distributed by CTAHR extension personnel and HDOA staff are followed, implementation is very difficult under the steep and rocky conditions where coffee is often grown on the Island of Hawai'i, and many gaps remain in our understanding of this beetle in Hawai'i and in development of the tools needed to more effectively control it and contain its spread.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1514.



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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Jessica Wooley, Chair  
Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair

Thursday, January 30, 2014  
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Conference Room 312

**HB 1514**  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Aloha Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi and members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,832 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 stands in strong support of HB 1514.**

Coffee is one of Hawaii's signature crops; one that helps bring fame and tourists to Hawaii. Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) threatens the entire Hawaiian coffee industry. While the full tally is yet to be made, farms on Hawaii Island have experienced deep losses. Some have failed. Moreover, large quantities of coffee have been downgraded due to insect damage, reducing the value of the remaining crop. CBB is a serious threat to Hawaii's agriculture industry and the state's economy. While CBB is battled worldwide, no other coffee growing origin shares Hawaii's high labor costs and restrictions on pesticides that may be used elsewhere to fight this destructive pest. This places the industry at a competitive disadvantage when compared to the rest of the coffee-growing world.

Fighting CBB is a priority in other coffee-producing countries. The USDA has expressed its support targeted toward research, education and mitigation. The industry's response has been immediate and multi-faceted. A non-profit CBB task force has been formed, including growers, processors, HDOA, UH, USDA and county government. UH CTAHR and HDOA have been responsive and effective in their combined efforts. Industry has committed countless private sector dollars and has leveraged both State and Federal funds. The State must continue to do its part.

This appropriation should be viewed as an investment one of the state's largest and most important agricultural products. Please pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure of great importance.

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, January 30, 2014; 9:20 am

By

J. Kenneth Grace

## **HB 1514 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB 1514, which appropriates funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for control and containment of the Coffee Berry Borer.

My name is J. Kenneth Grace, and I am Interim Associate Dean and Associate Director for Research in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawaii at Manoa. However, I am providing **personal testimony** today on SB 2037.

I am strongly supportive of this bill, and of all efforts to support action, outreach, and research on CBB. This severe coffee pest was discovered in Kona in 2010, and I participated in founding the Coffee Berry Borer Task Force, coordinated the immediate response by CTAHR faculty to the infestation, and was responsible for directing several hundred thousand dollars in internal funding to help CTAHR faculty help coffee growers battle the pest. This is not at all an easy pest to control. In other coffee growing regions of the world, it is also the most severe pest problem, and growers consider themselves effective if they can contain their losses due to infestation to less than 15% of the crop. This still represents significant crop losses, and is only achieved in these regions through application of insecticides that are not allowed for use in the United States due to their environmental toxicity.

On the Island of Hawaii, growers currently employ integrated pest suppression methods distributed by CTAHR extension faculty, and developed in partnership with the HDOA and other agricultural agencies and associations. These methods are extremely labor intensive, less effective than desired, and difficult to implement on the steep and rocky slopes where coffee is often grown. More of everything is needed – more research to develop more effective methods, more training of growers on implementation of the methods available, and more and larger-scale coordinated pest control actions. All of us involved in this battle are doing everything that we can with the resources that we can find, but it is important to remember the coffee is only grown in the single state of Hawaii in the United States, and that Hawaii literally faces a new agricultural crisis every couple months from newly invading pests, as this committee is well aware. So, due to the very limited impact of CBB on the US as a whole, and the need to allocate limited local

funding to battle numerous plant pest and disease problems in Hawaii, this battle against CBB is certainly chronically underfunded.

I support the appropriation of additional funding to the HDOA to continue the battle to control and contain CBB in Hawaii. Even though I know funds for immediate pest control actions are needed, I also want to urge that a portion of this funding be allocated for extension (outreach education) efforts, as well. On-farm education of the growers in the best current practices to manage this pest is an extremely critical need. CTAHR extension staff are collaborating with HDOA to meet this need as well as fiscal and personnel circumstances permit, but the growers and their crews really need to have a thorough understanding of how to apply control measures, rather than simply being given the available tools and left on their own to figure this out. Research on better tools and methods is also a continuing, world-wide, need. I am confident that the support provided by HB 1514 help our coffee growers and Hawaii's coffee industry.

January 28, 2014

Committee on Agriculture  
Rep. Jessica Wooley, Chair  
Rep. Richard Onishi, Vice Chair

Testimony from Julia Parish in **support** of HB 1514 Relating to Agriculture

House Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, January 30, 2013 9:20 AM, Room 312

I support the purpose of HB 1514 which would provide necessary funding to control and contain the invasive agricultural pest, Coffee berry borer. This species is the single greatest insect pest to Hawaii's coffee industry, which earned \$31.4 million dollars last year. Over 8,000 acres of land are currently being utilized to produce coffee. A significant funding increase to control the spread of this invasive pest is necessary.

The State of Hawaii celebrated the 200th anniversary year of coffee growing. Please honor this unique tradition and agricultural heritage by funding control and containment efforts for the coffee berry borer.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Julia Parish  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David S. Case	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	Yes

Comments: Vincent Mina will not be able to attend the hearing, but Pamela Boyar, who leads the HFUU Oahu Chapter and is a member of the HFUU Board of Directors will be present to speak with the Committee.

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james simpliciano	HFUU	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Wayman	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	Yes

Comments: HB 1514 To be heard on Thursday January 30, 2014 at 9:20 in room 312 My name is Jim Wayman Legislative Chair of the Hawaii Coffee Association. Please accept this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1514. The purpose of this act is to provide \$3,000,000 for the control and containment of the coffee berry borer beetle. The coffee growing districts of Kona and Ka'u have been heavily impacted by the discovery of the coffee berry borer beetle in 2010. Since the initial discovery the beetle has spread from a remote area in South Kona to the entire Kona growing district and has spread to Ka'u and its surrounding areas, at great financial cost to the growers, processors and consumers of these coffees. **THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.** We are asking for what seems to be a large amount of money but these funds are needed to provide for the implementation of a Big Island wide "Kill and Contain" program. It's is like putting out a forest fire in that it must all be contained or it will continue to spread. "Kill and Contain" on the Big Island may save coffee growers on other islands from having to fight this pest on their island if it can be contained on the Big Island. Thank you for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill and provide the requested funding to help our local farmers. Thank you for supporting local agriculture.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christina Lizzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important measure to protect our coffee industry.

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Donn DeShayne	Individual	Support	No

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Eve Hogan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is critical.....Thank you....

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Gerry Ross	Individual	Support	No

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Louis Dilberto	Individual	Support	No

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Wayne Katayama	Individual	Support	No

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Elle Cochran	Individual	Support	No

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Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: For the mitigation of Coffee Berry Borer Beetle: Coffee farmers need a solution to this infestation of CBB as soon as possible. Happily the protocol to mitigate the problem is organic, it is an easy to apply (But not free) fungus that eradicates the CBB. There is no rational reason to pollute our own environment or destroy ecosystems. [www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

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	Individual	Support	No

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Blen Hinton	Maui Grocery Service Inc	Support	No


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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gloria Biven	Royal Kona Coffee Visitor Center Mill & Museum	Support	No

Comments: Please accept this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1514. The berry borer beetle has been devastating our Kona & Ka'u farms since 2010 & hindering our efforts to keep these communities financially afloat. Daily, more & more efforts have been gained to take out the beetle & keep it from spreading within the Island, but continued efforts & funds are needed to secure our futures for as long as our Hawaiian coffees are requested through out the world & our communities want to survive.

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james Kimo Falconer	Hawaii Coffee Growers Assn	Support	No

Comments: Please support this appropriation bill to help the fight against CBB. Further assistance will be a big help to the Big Islands' fight to stop this pest. It also supports efforts to keep it from spreading to the other islands. Mahalo James Kimo Falconer President Hawaii Coffee Growers Assn.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Holmes	Coffees of Hawaii, LLC - Molokai	Support	No

Comments: Coffees of Hawaii on Molokai is in SUPPORT of HB 1514. The purpose of this act is to provide \$3,000,000 for the control and containment of the coffee berry borer beetle. Since the initial discovery the beetle, CBB has spread from a remote area in South Kona to the entire Kona growing district and has spread to Ka'u and Hilo. This is a great financial cost to the growers, processors and consumers of these coffees. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. It is our understanding these funds will be used to implement the "Kill and Contain" program. It will help growers on other islands (such as ours - Molokai) from having to fight this pest on our island. It needs to be contained on the Big Island. Thank you for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roger Kaiwi	Kona Coffee Council	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Hb1514. Kona Coffee industry has suffered through this for years please assist us in controlling this pest. Roger Kaiwi

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stacie Loo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in Stong Support of HB1514.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Unmani Cynthia Groves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an organic gardener, have lived and worked on farms for years as well as been a consultant on health and environment. There are methods in bio-dynamic gardening and permaculture and building soil health that can make the difference. Please consider exploring these methods rather than going straight for chemicalizing the plant.

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To: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

State Capitol Conference Room 312, Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 9:20 am

**In Support of HB 1514 (RELATING TO AGRICULTURE Coffee Berry Borer; Appropriation) -**  
Appropriates moneys for control and containment of the coffee berry borer

Please accept this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1514**. The purpose of this act is to provide \$3,000,000 for the control and containment of the coffee berry borer beetle. The coffee growing districts of Kona and Ka'u have been heavily impacted by the discovery of the coffee berry borer beetle in 2010. Since the initial discovery the beetle has spread from a remote area in South Kona to the entire Kona growing district and has spread to Ka'u and its surrounding areas, at great financial cost to the growers, processors and consumers of these coffees. **THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.** We are asking for what seems to be a large amount of money but these funds are needed to provide for the implementation of a Big Island wide "Kill and Contain" program. It's is like putting out a forest fire in that it must all be contained or it will continue to spread. "Kill and Contain" on the Big Island may save coffee growers on other islands from having to fight this pest on their island if it can be contained on the Big Island. Thank you for your consideration.

This is extremely important for the future of coffee in Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eugene Clapp	Onouli Farm LLC	Support	No

Comments: This is an important bill, particularly for farmers struggling with the imported borer beetle problem which affects all of us. We are fortunate to be able to undertake mitigation efforts effectively, but every farmer needs to do so in order to reduce the risk of this widespread threat to Kona and Ka'u coffee which is an important employer on the Big Island.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Kuper	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Sirs & Madams, I am in very strong support of HB 1514. It is imperative that the Big Island coffee farmers have the support & funding to minimize and hopefully eliminate this threat to one of our states most important agricultural crops. Going forward with a "Kill and Contain" program may just save the industry and the livelihood of the families tied to these crops. Mahalo

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Shawn Mawae	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terry Ikehara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Coffee Berry Borer needs to be eradicated or contained. Numerous livelihoods are being affected. Farmers losing crops to sellers are losing money. The only US grown coffee will be destroyed if we don't act now.

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**Testimony to the Committee on Agriculture**  
**Thursday, January 30, 2014**

RE: HB1514 – Coffee Berry Borer; Appropriation

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and Committee Members:

Greenwell Farms is a coffee farming, processing, and marketing company in Kona, Hawaii. We export Kona Coffee to locations in Europe, across the Mainland, USA, and all around the Pacific Rim. For decades, we have relied upon the coffee produced by 300 to 400 farmers in North and South Kona to supply us with the highest quality coffee.

Since 2010, the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) epidemic in Kona has spread all across Kona at alarming rates. The overall quality of the Kona coffee crop has been severely impacted to such a point that our industry as a whole can no longer produce the higher grades of coffee that we have become known for.

Without government assistance, it is not likely that our industry will be able to control this insect in any significant way. If this pest is not contained, the rest of Hawaii's coffee industry will be also in jeopardy.

We strongly urge you to pass HB1514 and make protect one of Hawaii's most important agricultural industries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas F. Greenwell'.

Thomas F. Greenwell, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Hicks'.

Steve Hicks, CFO

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randy cavaco	Individual	Support	No

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kathleen sheehan	Individual	Support	No

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Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

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maile	Individual	Comments Only	No

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patricia wayman	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Robert Foerster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It is essential that we take steps to prevent the spread and growth of the CBB. It has been devastating to our coffee crops and is very expensive to combat. We need all the financial aid we can get.

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W. Afalava	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Courtney Turner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the use of the organic fungus to mitigate the coffee borer.

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Darryl Hara	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: Dole Waialua Coffee on Oahu is in SUPPORT of HB 1514. As Oahu's leading commercial coffee grower we are very concerned about the spread of the Coffee Berry Borer and support efforts to control and contain this destructive beetle and to prevent its spread to neighbor islands. The purpose of this act is to provide \$3,000,000 for the control and containment of the coffee berry borer beetle. The coffee growing districts of Kona and Ka'u have been heavily impacted by the discovery of the coffee berry borer beetle in 2010. Since the initial discovery the beetle has spread from a remote area in South Kona to the entire Kona growing district and has spread to Ka'u and its surrounding areas, at great financial cost to the growers, processors and consumers of these coffees. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. We are asking for what seems to be a large amount of money but these funds are needed to provide for the implementation of a Big Island wide "Kill and Contain" program. It's like putting out a forest fire in that it must all be contained or it will continue to spread. "Kill and Contain" on the Big Island may save coffee growers on other islands from having to fight this pest on their island if it can be contained on the Big Island. Thank you for your consideration. This is extremely important for the future of coffee in Hawaii. Thank you, Derek Lanter

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January 29, 2014

To: Chair Jessica Wooley and Members of the House Agriculture Committee

From: Cecelia B. Smith, President  
Kona Coffee Farmers Association

Re: Qualified Support for HB1514

Dear Chair Wooley and Committee Members:

The Kona Coffee Farmers Association supports the appropriation of \$3 million for control and mitigation of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) in Hawaii County. We recognize and appreciate Kona Representative Nicole Lowen's introduction and support of this appropriation.

In late 2010, CBB--an exotic insect from Africa--was first identified infesting coffee beans in Kona. From that initial small infestation, this invasive insect pest has increased exponentially to the level that the beetle now exists in the billions, and has infested many farms to the point where some crops cannot be commercially harvested. The CBB Emergency threatens the continued economic viability of coffee as a commercial crop in Hawaii County, and ultimately throughout the State. In order to save what is now Hawaii's premier specialty agricultural product, this \$3 million appropriation is an initial step in the right direction.

The KCFA agrees with HB1514's allocation of funds to "control and mitigate [CBB] damage". Successful CBB mitigation programs in other coffee producing regions of the world have focused on the acquisition and distribution to farmers of the fungus *Beauveria bassiana* by ministries and departments of agriculture in those regions. A distribution program of that type administered by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) would start Hawaii on this same path of CBB control successfully developed in those other regions. The program would be simple, straightforward and efficient—similar in operation to the program for subsidizing organic certification expenses already run by the HDOA for Hawaii's organic farmers. As with the organic certification program, the distribution of *Beauveria bassiana* could be structured as a cost sharing program with farmers.

KCFA's concern with the language of HB1514 is that the bill does not specifically provide that the control and mitigation program being funded is to be conducted by the HDOA. With prior legislative funding for CBB, the HDOA has contracted out mitigation and control functions to private entities. This outsourcing has resulted in prolonged delays and programs of questionable utility.

We ask that HB1514 be amended to specify that the \$3 million of appropriated funds be used for a program of acquisition and distribution of *Beauveria bassiana* to Hawaii County coffee farmers—and that this program be directly administered by the HDOA.

Respectfully submitted and with aloha,  
Cecelia B Smith, President  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1514

COFFEE BERRY BORER ERADICATION

Chairpersons Wooley and Brower and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1514. The purpose of this act is to provide \$3,000,000 for the control and containment of the coffee berry borer beetle.

The membership of The Maui Coffee Association strongly supports this bill. Currently all of Maui County is coffee berry borer free. But there is no guarantee that this will remain so. This pest would be devastating to our economy here. All of our farms are thriving and growing every year. When I asked Andrea Kawabata of CTHAR last year, what we should be doing to avoid the coffee berry borer coming to Maui County she told me, "Grow tea."

But we're coffee growers through and through. We have significant investment in our farms and don't want to throw in the towel. Please fund this very important legislation.

We really need your support!

Mahalo,

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To whom this concerns,

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1514**. The purpose of this act is to provide \$3,000,000 for the control and containment of the coffee berry borer beetle. With the decline in the sugar industry, coffee is now the agricultural cash crop for our state. Hawaii has been heavily dependent on tourism to sustain our state. We do need other sources of income to help this state; coffee is one of them. Kona coffee and now Ka'u is heavily prized as one of the best coffees in the world. We have been seeing exponential decrease in the Kona coffee crops since the arrival of this beetle back in 2010. This has been causing businesses to fail which means the loss of many jobs. Due to the climate of Kona, it is ideal for coffee and is the only place in the US that can sustain a coffee industry in the entire United States. We need to do something before it is too late.

Mahalo,

Christopher Pang