

February 13, 2013



The Honorable Sylvia Luke
Chair, House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St., Room 306
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Rep. Luke:

SUBJECT: HB 353 – TO RESEARCH AND MITIGATE COSTS OF CBB

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Farmers Union United (or “HFUU”) and in support of HB 353 to fund Coffee Berry Borer (or “CBB”) research and defray the costs of CBB mitigation for owners of small-scale farms in the Kona and Ka’u Districts of Hawaii County. I have read the testimony our Kona Chapter submitted in support of this bill and support it for the same reasons the Chapter has given.

The Hawaii Farmers Union is affiliated with the National Farmers Union (or “NFU”), the oldest representative organization of family and other small-scale farmers in the United States. HFUU and NFU support small-scale farmers and the community based economies they foster through cooperative development, education and legislation. HB 353 would support the efforts of such farmers in the Kona and Ka’u Districts in dealing with the dire effects of the CBB infestation. As our Kona Chapter points out small-scale farm participation in CBB mitigation efforts is crucial to their success.

We too wonder why the Hawaii Department of Agriculture has not been able to mount a more timely and effective response to this emergency. While HFUU joins its Kona Chapter in urging passage of HB 353 we also urge that the appropriate bodies of the Legislature determine a proactive level and allocation of funding to deal with this emergency and to assure that farmers are educated about this problem and its solutions and effectively supported in their efforts to combat it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Mina
President, Hawaii
Farmers Union United

2/13/13

To: The House Committee on Finance

From: Bruce Corker, Kona Coffee Farmers Association

Re: HB353—Support for \$830,000 CBB Appropriation

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I am a coffee farmer in Holualoa in Hawaii County and am Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association (KCFA). The KCFA is a Section 501.c.6 non-profit trade association with more than 300 members which represents the interests of coffee farmers in the North and South Kona Districts. KCFA voting membership is limited to coffee farmers—and does not include coffee buyers, middlemen, processors or commercial coffee marketers.

Kona's coffee farms (the vast majority of which are small family farms) are facing an **EXTREME EMERGENCY** which threatens the future economic viability Kona coffee—one of Hawaii's historic heritage crops. In late 2010 an exotic insect from Africa, the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB), was first identified infesting coffee beans in Hawaii County. From that initial small infestation, this invasive insect pest has increased exponentially to the level where the beetle now exists in the billions, and has infested many farms to the point where some crops cannot be commercially harvested. This has already forced some farms to close.

There are pest mitigation technologies that have been effective in other areas of the world in controlling CBB, but those technologies need to be adapted—on an emergency basis-- for conditions in Hawaii. If the State fails to adequately address this emergency, it risks the loss of its coffee growing industry not just on Hawaii Island, but throughout the State. It is only a matter

of time until this insect jumps to the islands of Maui, Oahu, Molokai, and Kauai where the State's other major coffee production areas are located. Every dollar spent now in Hawaii County on research and mitigation will provide direct future benefits throughout the State.

HB353 (the bill "noticed" for this Committee on Finance hearing on February 14) provides for an appropriation of \$830,000 to combat CBB. On January 27, KCFA representatives met with Rep. Nicole Lowen, sponsor of HB353, and indicated that although an appropriation of \$830,000 is two years late and too small to fully address the emergency, the KCFA would support the bill as a step in the right direction.

Late on February 12, however, KCFA learned that there had been backroom discussions in which it was agreed that the Committee would consider a "Proposed HB353, H.D.1", reducing the appropriation by more than 60% from \$830,000 to \$300,000. KCFA and its coffee farmer members were neither included in the discussions nor consulted about changes to the bill. Although originally the bill was referred to the Agriculture Committee, no hearing has been held by that Committee.

KCFA opposes the "Proposed HB353, H.D.1" and opposes any reduction in the original appropriation amount. [Please note that much of the written testimony in support of HB353 may be addressed to the original HB353 and the \$830,000 appropriation and not to the "Proposed HB353, H.D1" which was not referenced in the "Notice of Hearing" or on the Legislative website.]

If this Committee and the Hawaii Legislature are serious about supporting farmers and saving Hawaii's coffee growing industry, they should significantly increase—not reduce—the appropriation in the original bill.

Sincerely,

Bruce Corker, Legislative Committee Chair

Kona Coffee Farmers Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wakefield & Sons, Inc.	Wakefield Coffee	Support	No

Comments:

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Sharon Kirkland	Fire Island Coffee	Support	No

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George Fike	Kona Coffee Council	Support	No

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Andrew Yamane	ANKK Ohana Farms / Kona King Coffee	Support	No

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John Koontz	Konaloha Farms	Support	No

Comments: We've spent thousands this year on spraying for CBB. Because the neighbors do nothing to mitigate CBB, we had a 45% rate of infected beans. We pay more to get less. This can't go on. Please support the farmers in fighting this pest. Thank you, John Koontz

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Paul Uster	Mokulele Farm	Support	No

Comments: I am a Kona coffee farmer in Kahalu'u mauka and urge the appropriation be put through to combat this menace which may well destroy the coffee industry in Hawai'i and the livelihood of several thousand people.

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Brian downes	Kona quality coffee	Support	No

Comments: We need help, please

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Bruce Cornwell	Cornwell Coffee	Support	No

Comments: we need some help! Thank you.

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Louise Hanna	Kona Coffee Farmers Assc	Support	No

Comments: We need a state funded, organized and comprehensive approach to mitigating the effect of the CBB on our coffee industry. The research and cooperation that this bill would provide is a good step toward working together to handle this infestation problem. We need to pool our knowledge and resources.

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Raymond Foster	Molokai Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Finance Committee Members, please pass this bill to provide financial support against the singlemost damaging pest to the Hawaii Coffee Industry. The coffee berry borer has devastating potential. Respectfully submitted.

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Larry Kane	Second City Coffee, LLC	Support	No

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Candi Johnson	Ihilani Coffee Company	Support	No

Comments: Coffee Bean Borer infestations have significantly negatively impacted the Kona region coffee crop, resulting in shortages of this important Hawaiian product. Perhaps marginal growers will be able to more effectively address the issue with funding available. Ignoring this issue will potentially lead to larger coffee companies monopolizing the industry, which would be a disaster to us all.

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Kodo Miyaoka	Mauka Meadows	Support	No

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Mark & Debra Dumaguin	DBA Dumaguin Farm	Support	No

Comments: We are fourth generation of coffee producing farmers on our farm. We heavily rely on our coffee farm to help retain our property and help sustain the high cost of living in our state. During the past few years we have been losing profits due to the infestation of CBB in our area. We strongly support HB353 and pray that you will pass this bill. It not only feeds off of coffee beans, but also its stems and other plants in the area. If not supported vegetation could be greatly damaged to all areas which would not be good for global warming. Without vegetation we are literally sufficating ourselves. Make the right choice-can't consume concrete or asphalt to survive. Mahalo.

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David S. Case	Kona Chapter, Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Michael Hall	Kona Essence	Support	No

Comments: Supply of high quality green Kona coffee beans is the life blood of my business.

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Jeanne Vana	North Shore Farms LLC	Support	No

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Celeste Makrevis	Blue Moon Kona Coffee	Support	No

Comments: Kona coffee continues to be seriously impacted by the coffee berry borer. Every coffee farm in Kona is affected. Fighting this pest is difficult and expensive. We support this bill to fund efforts to control and mitigate the damage from the coffee berry borer infestation in Hawaii.

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Deborah Hoshide Cohn	Hoshide Coffee LLC/Hoshide Farms	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE, HELP! Even the best coffee in the best locations of Kona are being devastated by the coffee cherry borer. Please, send an application for fed assistance to: Deborah Cohn P.O. Box 757 Captain Cook, Hi 96704 808-328-8015 808-345-2989

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Eugene Clapp	Onouli Farm, LLC	Support	No

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MaryAnne Maigret
Maigret Family Farm
P.O. Box 1654
Kealahou, Hawaii 96750

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TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Committee on Finance

FROM: MaryAnne Maigret, Coffee Farmer

Maigret Family Farm, Honaunau, Hawaii

Email: maigretfamilyfarm@gmail.com

HEARING: February 14, 2013, 3:30 PM, Conference Room 308

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of House Bill 353, Relating to Agriculture

Dear Representative Luke:

I am MaryAnne Maigret, co-owner of a family-owned and operated 5-acre coffee farm in Honaunau, Hawaii and a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. We have been affected by the coffee berry borer and are actively pursuing integrated pest management strategies to control the pest.

State-funded research would be immensely helpful to adapt successful control protocols from other tropical environments to specific Hawaii conditions. Farmers are working hard to network and compare notes on what methods are working, but a stronger response from the State, demonstrated through appropriation of these funds, would accelerate our ability to share scientifically valid information about the borer with other farmers and how to control it.

At present our control efforts consist of hand-picking old coffee cherries, monitoring green coffee for the insects, spraying a naturally-occurring fungus which attacks the insects at scheduled intervals, and intensively sorting harvested and milled coffee to remove damaged beans. This is labor-intensive, and the fungus spray, and equipment, are expensive enough to potentially eliminate any profit small farmers might have.

Funds might also be directed to help offset costs of supplies and labor so that small farmers can learn how to properly implement these control methods and rescue the capacity of the region to continue growing coffee. This pest is going to be controlled on a neighbor-to-neighbor basis, each farmer learning and working together regionally. Please help us to accomplish this important task.

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Thomas Butler	Paradise Found Farm	Support	No

Comments: The fungus is terribly expensive and can be grown locally. We need this.

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Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Hawaii Legislature
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Support for HB353

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Committee Members

Greenwell Farms, Inc. is in full support of HB353. We are a farming company, a coffee processing, roasting, and packaging company, and a marketer of green bean and roasted coffees to markets around the world. Our company has purchased coffee cherry from hundreds of coffee farmers in North and South Kona since the mid 1980's.

We have seen first-hand the devastating impact that the coffee berry borer (CBB) infestation in Kona has had on our industry. Since the fall of 2011, we have been testing every single bag delivered to our pulp mill for CBB infestation. The data derived from this testing program over the past two seasons paints a very grim picture for the Kona Coffee Industry. Attached to this letter is a graph showing the actual weighted average of CBB infestation by area in Kona for the past two seasons. From left to right is North Kona to South Kona and the vertical axis represents the weighted average CBB infestation in coffee delivered to our company in each of the regions in Kona. Concentrations were in South Kona during the 2010/11 season and the overall average was 10 percent. The overall average jumped to 18 percent this season and came from all areas of Kona. The green bar represents this year's average on our own farms; 6 percent down from 10 percent last year. Given our own experience, we are confident that this pest can be beaten.

The tragedy of the existing infestation rate is that green bean produced from cherry purchased in the cherry market in Kona can NOT meet Hawaii Department of Agricultural standards for anything but the lowest of green bean grades and a much higher percentage of coffee is now falling below the lowest acceptable standard for Kona Coffee.

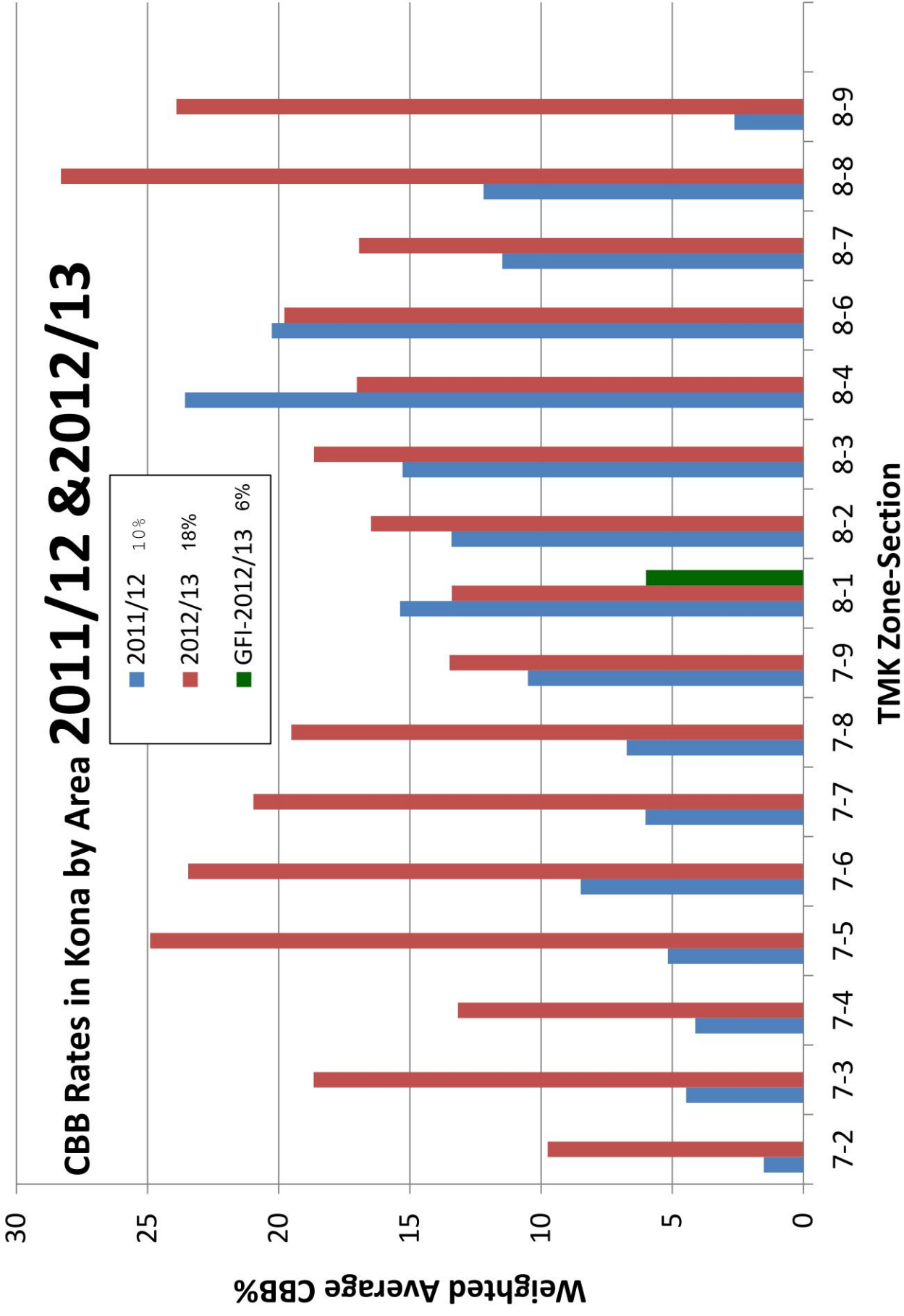
We are convinced that, if left unchecked, CBB infestation in Kona will destroy the industry's ability to meet green bean standards that our Hawaii coffees have come to be famous for.

Funding to help mitigate this CBB crisis is vital to our industry's future. **Please PASS HB353.**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thomas F. Greenwell, President
Attachment.

CBB Rates in Kona by Area 2011/12 & 2012/13



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Emily Fryar	Individual	Support	No

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Paul Dobinson	Individual	Support	No

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Elaine Dobinson	Individual	Support	No

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Bryce G Decker	Individual	Support	No

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Roger Rittenhouse	Individual	Support	No

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Melvin Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

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allan frank	Individual	Support	No

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Jeanette Baysa	Individual	Support	No

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Patrick Loftus	Individual	Support	No

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Beryl Spalding	Individual	Support	No

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Robert S. Foerster	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Charles Olden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this strategic bill. Thanks.

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Donna Stiles	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been a coffee farmer in Kona for almost 40 years. This new problem, the CBB, has created a devastating negative impact. The costs and labor involved in combating it have increased expenses tremendously and help is needed. Please pass this bill to assist the farmers! Thank you. Sincerely, Donna Stiles - Kona Purple Mountain Coffee

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Carol Seel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is mandatory to address the CBB issue to save our world class premium coffee and one of Hawaii's prime agricultural products.

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Casey Kaiwi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stongly support HB353.

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StacieLoo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB353.

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Jesse Kaiwi	Individual	Support	No

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Roger Kaiwi	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: The Kona Industry has been devastated by the CBB. I strongly urge you to pass this bill. Roger Kaiwi

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Stephen Braund	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB353. I have had a coffee farm in North Kona since 1985 and currently have approximately 6 acres of my 9.3 acre leasehold farm dedicated to coffee with the rest in mac nuts. I am in my 3rd year of combating the coffee berry borer (CBB) using multiple methods (traps, stripping, spraying Botanigard on a regular basis). It is time consuming and costly to fight this infestation, but I have committed my resources to do so in order to try to save my farm and crop. It is imperative that surrounding farms also take measures to fight the CBB and in order for this to occur, education, research, and assistance is necessary. The Kona coffee belt is comprised of hundreds of small farms, and research and development of methods to prevent and treat coffee berry borer beetle infestations are needed now. Kona coffee is unique in the world, and just at a time when markets are growing and there is more and more interest in this unique American coffee, the CBB is threatening both the production and quality of Kona coffee. Please support HB353 and help preserve this Hawaiian industry.

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Mel McCleary	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The coffee borer problem affects not only the producers, but the entire economy of the state of Hawaii. As a coffee farmer and member of the Kona Coffee Farmer's Association I encourage the legislature to pass HF353. This problem can not be resolved with out the help and the influence of the state legislature.

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Kurt F. Weigelt, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

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lawrence sheff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill- the damage is real. The last season, my losses were approximately 70%, and we have to battle these crises with total commitment. Thank you, Lawrence Sheff

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Jason ayers	Individual	Support	No

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Leta Schooler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: as a Kona Coffee farmer I urgently urge to pass this bill. Kona Coffee farmers desperately need to continue producing a high grade of coffee in order to continue farming

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Kay Dixon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: CCB is out of control. Kona Coffee farmers will be put out of business if we do not get help.

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Bruce Vogel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I received my my first degree (of 7) in agriculture from Cornell in the early 1980's....I know AG. This Coffee Berry Borer is the equivalent of the destruction of coffee as the BOWL WEVIL was to cotton. BW destroyed cotton in the US from 1855 to 1980. The CBB must be stopped now. PASS THIS BILL, NO DELAY! THANK YOU BRUCE VOGEL PHD.

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carol carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill to help one of Hawaii's most precious product.

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Helen and William Wakefield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, please help us Kona coffee farmers. With Aloha, Bill and "Brooks" Wakefield

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Janet Jones	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a widow with a 10 acre coffee farm. We rarely make a profit. The addition of extra labor, and purchase of expensive products to spray 3 or 4 times in the coming months is impossible for us. We were heavily infested last season, and only could afford to spray twice. The result is that we were only able to get a way below price for some of our coffee at the mill. please pass HB353.

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Jeffery Seel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Kona Coffee Farmer and I support HB353. It is important to control foreign species that threaten Hawaii's agriculture.

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Kally Goschke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please fund CBB mitigation. It is dollars well spent to help save mostly small family coffee farms, an important state product, a tourist attraction, an historical treasure, an employer, an national & international export, and just the best darn coffee!!

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Patricia Wayman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The coffee farmers will need these additional funds to help irradicate the berry borer. Please pass this bill.

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Raymond Salley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is extremely important to the future of Kona Coffee, one of Hawaii's few remaining agricultural economies in a national marketplace.

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David Wilkinson	Individual	Support	No

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jessica akana	Individual	Support	No

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John Langenstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: we need to eliminate the beetle borer. this will assist greatly

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Joyce Washington	Individual	Support	No

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Kima Brickland	Individual	Support	No

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Alaina deHavilland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Not supporting our Kona Coffee industry in fighting CBB will (and has had already) far reaching and devastating effect on our local economy. Not only for farmers but all coffee industry related businesses, such as mechanical services, local printing companies, festival related generated income, farm labor, administrative jobs, website managers, etc. We must take every measure available to keep the CBB under control.

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Ronald J Adler	Individual	Support	No

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Charles A brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Some farms have been totally wiped out, mine represented 15% crop loss last year. would prefer to see any funds go toe research more than given to farmers

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Bruce Brown	Individual	Support	No

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W. Farley Jones	Individual	Support	No

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Stanley Fukushima	Individual	Support	No

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william duignan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: we need a new approach to controlling the cbb in the mean time all farmers need to care for there farm,if there are ten farms on a hill and only a few treat there farm it won't work very well HELP

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CECELIA SMITH	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am against the late night Proposed HB353, H.D.1

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Rebecca Harrington	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Wall	Individual	Support	No

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