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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL KOKUBUN  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
February 13, 2013  
Room 329  
10:30 A.M.**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 673 HD 1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Chairperson Belatti and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 673 H.D. 1. The purpose of this Act is to better address the potential health and environmental issues related to pesticides use by identifying trends in pesticide use.

The department has strong reservations as to the practical application and implementation of this bill particularly if the expectation is for the Department to respond to all complaints as outlined in this bill.

To establish and implement the proposed reporting system for Restricted Use Pesticide applications that this bill envisions would require that the Department obtain additional resources, in particular, increased staffing. There are approximately 500 Private applicators and 1,200 Commercial Applicators that hold certification licenses to apply Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). Given those numbers, the Department would be receiving hundreds of applicator reports per month which staff would have to review, collate, and process. In addition, new software would need to be developed and tested and costs would be incurred to maintain the system.

On another note, the Department needs to point out an inaccuracy in the bill that should be corrected. At page 1, line 13 - 17, HD 1 of the bill describes the summary of restricted use pesticide use which the Department's annual report should include as a "list of all restricted use pesticides used in each county in the State by type and volume, excluding pesticides defined in FIFRA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 152.25(f), as minimum risk pesticides." It is not appropriate to "exclude" minimum risk pesticides from restricted use pesticides in the foregoing sentence because restricted use pesticides and minimum use pesticides are mutually exclusive classifications under



the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rules that implement the Federal Fungicide, Insecticide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Restricted use pesticides are limited to use by certified applicators or persons under their direct supervision and minimum risk pesticides are exempt from FIFRA registration as a pesticide. We think that the bill intended to say that the Department's annual report should include a list of restricted use pesticides, etc., and not other pesticides. The Department offers the language below to correct this at page 1, line 12 - 17, to read:

"The summary shall include:

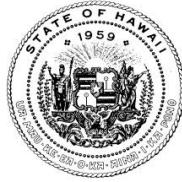
(1) A list of all restricted use pesticides used in each county in the State by type and volume."

The Department notes that, at page 3, line 4 - 8, the bill requires the Department to permit "an independent review of the restricted use pesticide use collection procedures implemented in accordance with this part, as deemed necessary to ensure accuracy, reliability, and validity of the data collected." We believe the bill should clarify that the independent review should be conducted by a "qualified entity or individual(s)".

The Department further notes that at page 2, line 9 - page 4, line 7, the bill requires a private or commercial applicator to provide certain information to an abutting property owner who makes a written request for information pertaining to the pesticide application. The Department is aware from its experience with public record requests for closed pesticide investigation files that some private applicators may object to having to provide some of the information required by this bill, such as quantity of pesticide applied, including any mixtures of pesticides (which are required to be identified by name), and geographical system coordinates. The bill should address what would happen if an applicator does not provide all the information required by the bill because the applicator considers the information to be confidential business information.

Thank you for this opportunity to present our testimony.

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**RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

House Committee(s) on Health  
& Energy and Environmental Protection

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** HB 673 HD1 which requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to annually report on restricted use pesticides in the State, establish a system by which concerned neighbors can ask questions of pesticide applicators, sets out minimum requirements, and permits DOA to impose a fee to recover the cost of the program.

The DOT does not have the abilities or resources to comply with the requirements of this bill. The bill requires DOT to provide a herbicide report to every requesting abutting property owner which would be over burdening.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





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HB 673 HD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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By  
David Penn, Environmental Center  
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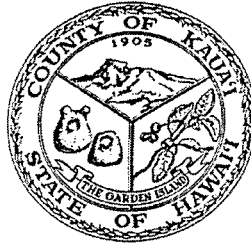
Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and committee members,

HB 673 HD1 provides measures for obtaining information that would help us to understand the sources, transport, and fate of pesticides; better assess relationships between pesticide use and environmental and human health; and improve our ability to develop remedial and preventive solutions to related health problems. Pesticide contamination of Hawaii's soil, water, and biota is an ongoing concern with potential long-term consequences. Although we are quite capable of detecting pesticides in ambient water, soil, and tissue, our level of confidence in tracking a signal back to its sources is limited by the accuracy and precision of historic pesticide use information. Greater availability of detailed pesticide use information could reduce the costs of pesticide source tracking and increase the utility of the results for environmental planning and management purposes.

Thank you for hearing this proposed legislation. Please note that this testimony is advisory only and does not represent the official position of the University of Hawaii.

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February 12, 2013

**TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
H.B. NO. 673, H.D. 1, RELATING TO PESTICIDES  
Committee on Health  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013  
10:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329**

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of H.B. No. 673, H.D. 1, Relating to Pesticides. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council.

H.B. No. 673, H.D. 1 establishes a reporting system for pesticide usage in Hawai'i. These reports will serve as a tool to identify the potential health risks pesticides pose when in contact with humans.

Many community members on the Westside of Kaua'i have expressed great concerns regarding the pesticide activities conducted by major seed companies in the adjacent area near their homes. Chronic illness and poor health, especially respiratory complications and cancer, have been claimed to be linked with severe pesticide exposure.

In 2008, I introduced a measure that would establish a working group tasked with making recommendations on implementing pesticide buffer zones and other related issues in close proximity to schools. It is governments' role and fundamental responsibility to protect the health and welfare of the people and of the 'aina. There is no question that immediate action needs to take place in order to ensure our communities are safe from the potential long and short term harm caused by pesticides.

H.B. No. 673, H.D. 1 will help bring clarity to the unknowns that can lead to fear and misunderstanding.

For the reasons stated above I respectfully request your support for this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

GARY L. HOOSER  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council



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HB 673, Relating to Pesticides  
House Committee on Health  
February 13, 2013  
Conference Room 329; at 10:30 am

Position: opposed

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikiawa, and Members of the House Committee on Health

DuPont Pioneer is a seed company with operations in four locations in Hawaii. We carry out plant breeding work at our 2 Hawaii research sites to develop crops with improved characteristics including greater insect and disease resistance and higher yields. Our two parent seed locations multiply seed to develop new hybrids and varieties that are more productive for farmers in the US and around the world. DuPont Pioneer employs approximately 350 people in a wide range of types of jobs on Oahu and Kaua'i.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture already has oversight of pesticide use, including the use and reporting of those categorized as restricted use. Record keeping requirements are already in place. Generation of a report by Hawaii Department of Agriculture will be time consuming and will add little new information.

Complaints regarding pesticide use are investigated by Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Requiring extensive reporting of information for products that are approved for use by the EPA creates a significant burden on applicators. Frequent reporting requests from an adjacent property owner will cause farmers, landscapers, pest control companies, hotel groundskeepers, as well as state and county employees to spend a great deal of time responding to these requests even when following all mandated guidelines. The US Environmental Protection Agency establishes guidelines and law for each pesticide approved for use on specific crops, which are followed by applicators.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB673.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeri Di Pietro	Hawai`i SEED and GMO Free Kaua`i	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 673 relating to the creation of a pesticide registry in Hawai`i. With the presence of 5 major chemical corporations experimenting with herbicide resistant food crops in close proximity to our communities, schools and waterways we feel it is extremely important for residents to have disclosure of what chemicals are being applied and when so that they make take the necessary steps to protect their children and themselves. We deserve the right to know about large applications of pesticides so that precautionary steps can be taken to reduce exposure and avoid contact. Workers are briefed on what chemicals are being applied so that they can be safe and we believe that communities should have this information as well. Mahalo for the opportunity to support a pesticide registry bill in Hawai`i.

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# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii*

Testimony by Alicia Maluafiti  
HB 673 HD 1 – Relating to Pesticides  
The House Committee on Health  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013  
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## Position: Opposition

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, a nonprofit trade association representing Hawaii seed farmers. We oppose HB 673 HD 1 requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish and implement a pesticide use reporting system in Hawaii.

While we believe that public health and safety is the top priority of our state legislature, we don't believe that targeting pesticide use is an appropriate, necessary or fiscally responsible policy. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) safety review involves over 100 toxicology and environmental studies on crop protection products that must demonstrate that their proper use do not pose unreasonable risks to human health or the environment before it can be registered for use by EPA. Therefore, HB 673 would place an unnecessary, duplicative, and costly administrative burden on the HDOA at a time when they are still struggling with labor shortages as a result of the last Reduction in Force (RIF).

It's unfortunate that the benefits of crop production products are rarely acknowledged and instead have become the target of every ill affecting society. The truth is that they help fight diseases that jeopardize public health by killing parasites like malaria and guinea worm. They combat global malnutrition and starvation by increasing crop yields, helping families worldwide afford more fresh produce. Currently, one-sixth of the world population, over 900 million people, suffers from malnutrition and continued advances in crop protection are needed as the world's population grows. Crop protection protects biodiversity by controlling noxious, invasive weeds that may choke waterways or overrun natural habitats. They also aid in the safety of our roadways by keeping road signs, right-of-ways, power lines, and railroad tracks visible and clear from weeds. It even helps to protect water quality and aquatic habitats by reducing soil erosion, which can sweep dirt and other materials into our waters.

With over 2 million farmers in the United States, crop protection products are critical to controlling insects, diseases, weeds, fungi and other undesirable pests that would otherwise threaten our food supply. Agricultural output has to double in the next 20-30 years in order to feed the world's population. By 2030, the United Nations predicts there is likely to be 1.7 billion more people to feed worldwide. Farmers must have access to crop protection solutions to grow more food per acre. HB 673 HD 1 only stigmatizes pesticide use unnecessarily. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry Ornellas	Kauai County Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, Pesticides and pesticide use is highly regulated on a national level. Most of the information referenced is already available and can be requested. To establish a distinct registry on a state level would be very costly to enforce and require significant expertise to do it effectively. Question whether this is a good use of State funds given the duplication of function and the resources required to manage such a program on a state level. Additionally, you want to be careful not to promote harassment of those engaging in conventional ag practices by those members of the public who oppose it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Breene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I am writing to express my support for HB 673 which requires the DOA to annually report on restricted use pesticides in the State and establishes a system for the public to request reports from pesticide applicators. It is very important for neighbors of farms or test fields to have data on what pesticides are being used and when so we can protect our health. It is also very valuable data for the State to collect so that reputable scientists can study effects of pesticide use on humans and all life. Please pass HB 673 for our health and safety. Mahalo, Angela Breene Haleiwa, HI

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Blake Drolson	GMO Free Kauai	Support	No

Comments: The public deserves the right to know the type and amount of pesticides being applied in their communities.

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Brandi Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: WE THE PEOPLE - NOT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND GREEDY CORPORATE ENTITIES - we are watching and waking up

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Carl York	Individual	Support	No

Comments: any pesticide use should be public knowledge and any contamination by those spraying should be held to account .

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Carly Ibara	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Being born and raised on Kaua'i, it was such a blessing to be brought up in the country, far from any chemicals and pollution. 28 years later, I can't say the same. After graduating from college and pursuing my career on Maui, I am hesitant to even visit my friends and family at home. Right now, we have no idea what is being sprayed in the fields above my hometown, Waimea and around Kekaha. As the tradewinds blow, I get severe headaches and had to visit the doctor to see what was wrong. I don't feel like that when I'm on Maui. I found that quite strange as I never get headaches like that. Kauai is the largest "test field" area. The companies are doing experiments on the plants and testing their pesticides (new concoctions, mixing and creating Frankensteins). I am planning to start a family soon and I don't want to be returning home and inhale all those chemicals and pollutants. I want to be able to raise a HEALTHY baby and with what's going on Kaua'i, I don't think it's possible for me to do that. I want the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to annually report on restricted use pesticides in the State and I want the state to establish a system by which concerned neighbors can request reports from pesticide applicators and sets out minimum requirements. Please understand the struggles that are going on in my hometown at this very moment, and how we can create a better, healthier future for our keiki, kupuna, and ourselves.

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Carrie Walters	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB673, however the FIFRA "minimum risk" clause should be stricken from the bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
chris kobayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please pass this bill. its better than nothing. why do we continue to make laws that allow for irresponsible practices which endanger peoples health and the environment? this is a social and ecological injustice. the only way for decision makers (who should be looking out for all public safety and health) to make the right decision is when they are personally affected. at least, change the effective date to july 2013. you cannot wait to decide in 2050. too late. most people will be dead by then. mahalo.

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12 February 2013

**Re: Testimony in support of HB 672 Relating to Pesticides**

Aloha Chairs Belatti and Lee, and the Committees,

Mindful of the necessity and benefits of the proper use of pesticides, I strongly support HB 672. Rather than make any restriction or value judgement on the use of pesticides, it is primarily a data gathering measure, and that information can only help maintain healthier communities.

I question why herbicides (like those used in large quantities by the GMO/biotech industry here) are not included in this bill. I would like to see those included. Perhaps the differences between pesticides and herbicides require different legal means and language to track, in which case a separate bill to require data gathering of herbicides should be offered.

In any case I do support HB 672. I appreciate your attention to this and your public service.

Sincerely,

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Josephine Keliipio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB673, please pass it ASAP. Mahalo.

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Maria Hacker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the right to know if the pesticides being used are going over the allowed rate of use. This information should be available to tax paying citizens of this state- The aggressive amounts of pesticides needed to grow GMO is of great concern for me & my family. NO GMO.

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Maria Maitino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The effective date needs to be changed to a more realistic time frame like January 1, 2014. Thank you.

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Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Broady Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Michael Broady Jr., I am a life long resident of O'ahu, a student at Leeward Community College, and a small organic farmer practicing biodiverse permaculture on limited land. I support the disclosure of pesticide usage, so that local residents may be informed of what chemicals are being used near their homes and schools. In Waimea / Kekaha on Kaua'i, the company DuPont Pioneer is facing a lawsuit for the impacts of pesticide drift on the health of local residents. This same company, DuPont Pioneer, is registered as the owner of 3,257 acres of land surrounding my grandparents in Waialua on O'ahu (according to Dept. of Planning and Permitting's Honolulu Land Information System). If they can disregard human health on Kaua'i, why would they care any more for my grandma and grandpa? Please protect my ohana by requiring the disclosure of pesticides used. I need to know what chemicals DuPont Pioneer is spraying, so that I can test to be sure my grandparents aren't breathing them.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Kealoha Domingo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB673. I do believe that the listed chemicals should include herbicides, pesticides and chemical fertilizer in addition to those already listed. I also believe MSDS should be readily available if requested by user and chemical use should be stopped if adjacent properties as well as those who may be inadvertently affected by the chemicals used.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stuart Coleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Stuart Coleman, and I am an environmental coordinator and a writer. I recently interviewed Dr. Tyrone Hayes, one of the top biologists in the country, and he has shown that atrazine and other leading pesticides have not only decimated amphibians and the ecological balance, but they are endocrine disruptors that lead to male infertility, birth defects, breast cancer and other serious diseases. This bill ensures transparency and is essential not only for the health of our land and water supply but also for our own health and well-being. The people of Hawaii deserve to know what pesticides are being used on our land and are ending up in our water supply. Mahalo for your consideration.

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