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Matthew Swalinkavich	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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Alexis Martin	Individual	Support	No

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Brilana Silva	Individual	Support	No

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Mahalo for considering my testimony in favor of tracking pesticides and there usage. What kind,how much, where, when and how applied and wind speed and direction all seem to me to be relevant information. In public parks and other places the public frequen ts adequate signage and dyes which indicate usage should be deployed. County and state employees should be trained and supplied w/ proper safety equipment which errs on the side of caution. Painters disposable suits, latex gloves and dust masks should not be considered adequate protection for those who apply these substances! Just because the chemical companies "Say" it's "safe" doesn;t mean it's!!! History has shown and I'm afraid will show again that exposure to some of these chemicals is harmful even w/ all safety protocal followed. Mahalo, John Naylor

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Trisha Gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I urge you to please support this bill. Our islands are being polluted with extreme amounts of toxins from GMO testing fields. We already know with the pending lawsuit in Kauai that communities around these fields are getting sick with cancer. The same thing will happen here. No one will be immune to this, and it needs to be regulated. I am a concerned mother who urges you to think of the children when making a decision to support this bill. Please support HB673. Mahalo!

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support a pesticide registry. It's important track and limit the poisons being used in Hawaii.

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members, Thank you for hearing important testimony for HB 673 which I STRONGLY support. This is an important bill for a number of reasons and is a positive and needed step forwards this session. True organic agriculture has shown there is no need for pesticides. It could be argued that the application of lethal poisons applied to (AND around as a result) of farms, parks, schools and public facilities should be a crime. If you've not seen the PBS piece COLLAPSE about bee deaths caused by these poisons (and now banned in many countries), please do. HB 673 is good that it attempts to quantify the use of these toxic chemicals, but how much death and disease SHOULD be acceptable? I propose no chemical is no risk. Please strike the "minimum risk" clause from the bill. Thank you for supporting HB 673. Malama Pono, James McCay 2957 Kalakaua Ave Honolulu HI 96815

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stephanie costantino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I wholeheartedly ask for your support of the pesticide registry bill. The sheer volume of pesticides sprayed on biotech GMO testing fields, having probable effects on land, sea, air, water and life below the ag. lines (where most everyone lives), is unconscionable. Consider: they spray the fields in completely enclosed, white, spacesuits so that the workers are unharmed, while all the people are working and living just down the hill from them without the benefit of protection. IS THIS RIGHT????

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Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha members of the committee, Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities. I am very concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places and especially their documented negative impact on bees. Neonicotinoids are some of the worst. Do we know how much of it is being used? How about where? We need to establish a record of application and useage; HB 673 will help to establish. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. Mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. With respect and aloha, Keith Ranney

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Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha members of the committee, Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities.as beekeepers we are concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places. neonicotinoids are some of the worst. Do we know how much of it is being used? How about where? We need to establish a record of application and useage; HB 673 will help to establish. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. Mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. With respect and aloha, Ken Stover

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sharon willeford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am suffering with "Organophosphate" pesticide poisoning. IT IS VERY Painful - Poor Bees! Protect the children from this pain (It's in our food as GMO's too!) Label, get rid of MONSANTO, etc. and the Poisoning of Hawaii!

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Jennifer Freeman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha members of the committee, Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities.as beekeepers we are concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places. neonicotinoids are some of the worst. Do we know how much of it is being used? How about where? We need to establish a record of application and useage; HB 673 will help to establish. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. Mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. With respect and aloha, Jennifer Freeman 1135 makawao ave makawao, hi 96768

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Pamela Palencia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please strike "Minimum risk" from HB673, and support the bill. Mahalo, Respectfully,
Pamela Palencia

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am concerned about the myriad pesticides in use right now and concerned about how it may be adversely affecting our health and bee populations. We must take every measure to protect our residents and knowing what, how much, and where pesticides are in use would help monitor and control excessive use. I personally would like to see neonicotinoids banned in Hawaii. Thank you for considering this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nomi Carmona	Babes Against Biotech 501(c)3	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Representatives, On behalf of Babes Against Biotech, a non-profit organization devoted to environmental awareness, we would like to voice our support for a Hawaii pesticide registry that we might willfully track the effects of pesticides in Hawaii. We are particularly concerned about those pesticides related to genetically modified organisms (GMO's). Currently pesticides associated with the mass production of genetically modified organisms are destroying the island of Molokai, poisonous dust flies in the air and there is no containment. We need a registry to establish the effects of pesticide laden dust on our citizens and our agriculture. Pesticide abuse from GMO companies particularly has created conditions whereby it is no longer safe to live on Molokai and to live there means you will definitely be affected by the chemical laden dust and yet, daily the residents are being contaminated. Residents of Kauai are suing a chemical company producing GMO's and spraying heavy pesticides for the damages caused by their pesticide dust [1]. In addition, pesticides of the GM company Syngenta have literally blown into a Waimea Canyon elementary school multiple times, causing blackouts, headaches and necessitating the closure of the school to clean for four full days [2]. These companies who are spraying toxic chemicals on Hawaii residents are not taking responsibility, we need a registry to establish exactly what they are using and allowing us to link the effects when applicable. Please include all pesticides in the registry, with no exceptions. Over 50,000 dead sea urchins have been found off the coast of a GMO and heavy pesticide use fields in Kauai [3]. Thierry Work, wildlife disease specialist for the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Honolulu says, "We're always concerned when urchins die because of what happened in the Caribbean," Work said. "The Caribbean has lost 80 percent of its coral. The massive coral die off was preceded by a massive die off of urchins. They are a keystone species and an early warning system for large-scale changes in the ocean..." Don Heacock, Kaua'i's biologist for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources says, "We can only speculate about what's killing them right now, but here's something to think about: Kaua'i produces more GMO seeds than anyplace. Now, there are a whole bunch of people in the genetic engineering camp that say GMO crops need less pesticides, but the new wave of crops is more toxic than ever before... The BT corn is meant to kill. It has an insecticidal protein in the corn. In the Midwest, they found the residue from GMO corn is related to aquatic insect deaths, which are food for baby fish." BT corn has BT pesticide genetically engineered into every kernel of corn and this must also be registered. Now that the GM company made pesticides are losing their effectiveness, they are using stronger and harsher chemicals to attack the super weeds and super bugs that have developed resistance to widely used commercial pesticides [4]. Since Hawaii is the global test site for the most GMO open air field trials in the world, we are the ones who are being experimented on in regards to using chemical pesticides of

increasing strength to attack monstrous bugs and nearly impossible weeds the older pesticides can no longer control. This means these companies are exposing our residents to components of Agent Orange for example, as they are vying for 2,4-D resistant seed patents which actually increases pesticide use [5], we recognize they are spraying 2,4-D on us to test their new GM seed resistance: A war chemical. According to Wenonah Hauter, executive director of Food & Water Watch, and Mae Wu, a health attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, "Many studies show that 2,4-D exposure is associated with various forms of cancer, Parkinson's Disease, nerve damage, hormone disruption and birth defects." In addition 2,4-D has been found to increase growth inhibitors [6] of soy and threaten other crops [7]. Echoing the words of another organization Food & Water Watch, over 140 advocacy groups signed together in a letter addressing Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, "The scientific community has sounded alarms about the dangers of 2,4-D for decades. Numerous studies link 2,4-D exposure to major health problems such as cancer, lowered sperm counts, liver toxicity and Parkinson's disease. Lab studies show that 2,4-D causes endocrine disruption, reproductive problems, neurotoxicity, and immunosuppression." [8] Do we know how much of it is being used? How about where? We need to establish a record of application and useage; HB 673 will help to establish. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities. Beekeepers worldwide are concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places. Neonicotinoids associated with the growth of genetically modified organisms are some of the worst and affect our bee population [9]. Hawaii is the world's leading exporter of Queen bees and the bees are unable to find their way back to the hives upon pesticide exposure [10,11], resulting in bee Colony Collapse Disorder [12], especially after pollinating on plants with neonicotinoid pesticide seeds [13]. Mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. We look forward to celebrating your support of a Hawaii pesticide registry as it is crucial information affecting the health and environment. Tourists will not want to spend thousands of dollars flying here to be poisoned and we need to get this situation under control before it is too late. Pesticides travel and affect our water, ground water, ocean water and non-target areas. The continued abuse of pesticides kill the healthy microorganisms in the dirt and destroy the nutritional content of Hawaii's rich soil we need to grow anything at all. A toxic field is not one you want to eat from and we have a right to know all of the pesticides being applied and every other detail about these deadly chemical uses. Please help us, we need your aloha now more than ever. Respectfully, Nomi Carmona President Babes Against Biotech Honolulu, HI nomi@babesagainstbiotech.org

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<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/336/6079/348.abstract?sid=1fea041e-9f07-40f2-953b-bcffc77962ac> 13. Widely Used Pesticides Are Killing Bees http://www.huffingtonpost.com/heather-pilatic/bees-pesticides-studies_b_1389499.html

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Lee Cone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to support this bill. We must know the types of pesticides being used in order to minimize adverse effects on health.

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Alan M. Valentin	Individual		No

Comments: Aloha Honorable members of the committee, I would like to testify in favor of HB673 and also urge you to support this bill. Seeing as how our water is supplied from the aquifer, it only makes sense that we are cognizant of the types and amounts of pesticides that are being used. The word aina often refers to "the land", when the literal translation of Ai Na means the eating place or the place where our food comes from. So in actuality this regulation should have been in place a century ago, when sugarcane and pineapple occupied vast acreage across the State. Of course such a regulation would've probably been strongly opposed by those in the industry. The very same people who were for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, though sadly this point is moot. Anyway looking forward, it is our duty as stewards of the land to make sure that the delicate balance between man and Nature is kept. I thank you for the opportunity to vent and I pray that you do what's right and support HB673. Mahalo nui loa, Aloha ke Akua. Aloha, Alan M. Valentin

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support. This is at least a manini step in the right direction. Think of the health of future generations . Mahalo.

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Meg Turner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Bill HB673 because the amount of pesticides being used on Hawaii ag lands is of strong concern to me. Due to Hawaii being a test bed for GMO seed crops, huge amounts of pesticides have been unleashed into the environment. These pesticides have created dangerous health consequences for all of us, but especially for children, who are most susceptible to the risks of heavy pesticide use. We have already seen the problems caused to the people of Kauai as evidenced by the recent law suit. I strongly urge you to please consider this testimony in support of Bill HB673.

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January 30, 2013

Testimony in Support of HB 673 with amendments

**HOUSE BILL 673 RELATING TO PESTICIDES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
REP. JESSICA WOOLEY, CHAIR
REP. RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, VICE CHAIR**

ALOHA CHAIR WOOLEY, VICE CHAIR ONISHI AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Please support a pesticide registry for the State of Hawaii. However, please amend the current bill to **remove the FIFRA exclusion** and require reporting of all pesticides used in Hawaii. Coastal states California, Oregon, Washington and Maine are examples of coastal states that have pesticide reporting laws.

The bill as proposed requires a list of all pesticides used in each county and zip code in the State by type and volume, **excluding** pesticides defined in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 40 code of Federal Regulations Section 152.25(f), as minimum risk pesticides

UNDERSTANDING FIFRA

FIFRA mandates that EPA regulate the use and sale of pesticides to protect human health and preserve the environment. FIFRA provides EPA with the authority to oversee the sale and use of pesticides. However, because FIFRA does not fully preempt state/tribal or local law, each state/tribe and local government may also regulate pesticide use. FIFRA defines an "unreasonable adverse effect on the environment" as "(1) any unreasonable risk to man or the environment, **taking into account the economic**, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the use of the pesticide.

While all pesticides sold must be registered under FIFRA, there is no tracking of where these pesticides are used, nor in what quantity, or in what proximity to sensitive coral reefs, or human beings. For protection of the people who live near intensive agricultural communities and our coastal resources, shouldn't we know what pesticides are being applied on Hawaii's soils? Please amend the bill to remove the exclusion to FIFRA approved pesticides as all pesticides are regulated under FIFRA.

Please amend the current version. A pesticide registry is crucial for protection of Hawaii's agricultural lands and coastal resources.

Mahalo, Caren Diamond

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melinda Caroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities.as beekeepers we are concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places. neonicotinoids are some of the worst. Do we know how much of it is being used? How about where? We need to establish a record of application and useage; HB 673 will help to establish. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. Mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. With respect and aloha, Melinda Caroll 1075 Naalae Rd. Kula, HI 96790

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Courtney Bruch	GMO Free Maui, GMO Free Oahu, GMO Free Big Island	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 673 Aloha members of the committee, Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities. This is very important to protect our bees and beneficial insects as they are susceptible to some of these chemicals. We need to establish a record of application and useage; hb 673 will help to establish this. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. Thank you for your consideration and please vote in favor of HB 673. With respect and aloha, Courtney Bruch POB 735 Makawao, HI 96768

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james trujillo		Support	No

Comments: aloha members of the committee, mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities. as beekeepers we are concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places. neonicotinoids are some of the worst. do we know how much of it is being used? how about where? we need to establish a record of application and useage; hb 673 will help to establish. one amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. with respect and aloha, james g trujillo 1728 hulu road kapaa, hi 96746

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Keola mau loa o Hawaii loa Mowat	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for hearing my testimony in support of HB673.I feel it is a must to make sure we know what kind and how much chemicals are being soaked into our precious soil.I live on the island of Molokai where there is not as much rivers as the other islands.Our water comes from beneath us and when harmful pesticides and other agricultural chemicals are allowed to be used without restrictions of anykind it will only be a matter of time before it enters our drinking water.Corporations and or companies using these pesticides should have to go through an enviromental impact statement procedure.These chemicals are very bad for Hawaii's sensitive eco system.We should put a ban on these chemicals and GMOs all together if you aske me but if not that then atleast vote in HB673.Mahalo nui loa for you time.

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Testimony To: House Committee on Agriculture
Representative Jessica Wooley, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE
Executive Director

Subject: H.B. 673 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chair Wooley and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association. We oppose this bill.

Hawaii Pest Control Association is composed of approximately 80 pest control companies and their employees who operate throughout the islands in providing protection from pests to homes and structures.

At the very beginning we must object to the tenor of this bill inasmuch as it talks about reducing the negative impacts of pesticides. We are not sure why the purpose of the Act cannot also be to increase the positive impacts of pesticides in public health. After all, it is pesticides that have controlled things like bubonic plague and typhus. It is even WITH pesticides that over \$100M a year in damage is done by termites.

We object to this bill because of what appears to us to be the inappropriateness of a needless reporting system that affects all levels of pesticide use. Currently, pest control operators are required to record their application of Restricted Use Pesticides. These are considered the more potent pesticides on the market and this bill recognizes that minimum risk pesticides such as corn oil, rosemary and soybean oil would not have to be recorded.

As a matter of good business practice, pest control operators do keep records of their applications typically for internal purposes and do not report those to the Department of Agriculture however, the Department of Ag is entitled to access those records.

We are also confused as to the term "retail sales" and not sure whether based on the lack of definition that a pest control operator who sells pesticides, as well as his services to install them, is a retail seller. As well, there seems to be some confusion as to the definition of an "importer" who is one who is responsible for paying the freight charges. As a matter of fact, freight charges are passed on in some form to all consumers and they pay.

Lastly, we are also very concerned about the authorization for the Department to implement a use reporting fee without knowing the parameters of that fee.

In short, we are not sure what the practical use would be for this information other than the fact that it will cause pest control operators a great deal of time and effort to put it together in

a format that the Department might want only to have it sit in some file cabinet or lodged on some computer disk.

HPCA is always happy to discuss problems within the industry and if there are some that we are not aware of regarding the lack of information that is available from structural pest control operators, we would be happy to discuss those.

Based on the above however, in its current form, we have to oppose this bill.

Thank you.

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CK Spellman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am believe it is time for the State of Hawaii to become more active and aware of what and how much insecticides are being sprayed in our environment. I've noticed since the 70's the serious decline in Honey Bees. The world over is aware that the reasons are generally due to overkill on the pesticides and over-usage that is also harming humans. Even the CDC knows that the pesticides used in the cane and pineapple fields are the reason for higher incident rates of Parkinsons Disease in Hawaii than anywhere else. Stop killing our Honey Bees Please because we are also breathing, eating and touching the same poison~Thank you, I vote in favor of HB 673

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Amiel Cabot	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm a beekeeper who has his own hives as a hobby and is working with a queen bee breeder. We're trying to obtain grant money for researching Maui bees in relation to CCD, or lack there of in Maui. We are planning to put study hives in as many climate zones as possible here and mapping pesticide use would be key. We have some hives in ranch land Haiku and mostly in Wailuku and both have much agricultural activity near by. Thanks for your consideration. Amiel

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Don V. Lax	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is very important to know what is being sprayed and where, for the safety of ourselves, our children and our pets, and for the integrity of our own healthy food gardens.

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Welina mai me ke aloha,

My name is Leimana Ritte-Camara I am from the beautiful aina of Molokai, I am writing in support of bill HB673 to have pesticides registered and measured. We only have one chance to do what is right on our lands, and in order to ensure that the land and its natural resources will be here for future generations, we as the caretakers of the land must take proper steps in carefully using harmful chemicals in the right manner.

Here is a 'olelo no'eau or Hawaiian proverb, "He Ali'i ka 'āina, he kauā ke kanaka" The land is the chief and the people, its slaves. Learn from our kupuna and take these words of wisdom and ponder its meaning for it holds the key to the survival of our people and the natural resources of our lands.

Me Ka Mahalo Nui,
Leimana

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Mercy Ritte	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a mother of two young children (1 and 10 year old). Our family lives in Ho'olehua on Hawaiian Home lands, which is in very close proximity to Monsanto's cornfields. Because of the frequent "dirt devils" and dust storms we've been having, as well as strong winds, I worry daily about what's being released into the air. Protecting my children's health is my number one priority. I do this by providing them with healthy, wholesome foods, however living in an environment where they may be exposed to unknown chemicals hinders my ability to protect them which is why I am in strong support of mandating agro-corporations such as Monsanto, DOW, Syngenta, Dupont (Pioneer), and Bayer to make it known to the public when, where, what and how much pesticides/herbicides/insecticides are being sprayed on their crops (regulated and unregulated).

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Jessica Mltchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help protect our BEE's we need them to live if the bee's die we die. Stop all of this destruction to the environment PLEASE!!! MAHALO jessica MITCHELL

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JW Nalda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would advise that the use of any combination of one or more pesticides being used be added, because combinations have their own effect.

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Ane Takaha	Individual	Support	No

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Darcy.Henderson	Individual	Support	No

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T. Gambino	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Alimboyoguen	Kaulana Pali Kai	Support	No

Comments: aloha members of the committee, mahalo for considering this testimony in support of a pesticide registry bill. HB 673 will help to establish a baseline understanding of how much and what types of pesticides are being applied to farms, parks, schools and public facilities. As a company, non-for-profit supporter, gardeners, farmers and staffing educators we use local kauai and oahu farmed produce and beekeepers to help with our meals. We are concerned about the myriad of pesticides being used in so many places. neonicotinoids are some of the worst. do we know how much of it is being used? how about where? we need to establish a record of application and usage; HB673 will help to establish. One amendment to consider is the exclusion of "minimum risk" pesticides per Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) until we know what the "minimum risk" pesticides are we should strike that clause from the bill. I would like to remind the committee that I help feed thousands of children of all ages from visitors , travelers to our own local community. Member of Nana's House Member of Kauai- Hawaii Food Bank Member of Kekaha Community Garden and Workshops Member of Regenerations Botanical Garden and Seed Library Member of Malama Kauai and Kalihiwai Reforestation Member of Waiawa Valley, Puuhonua Heiau and Ahapuaa Restorations Member of Kaulana Pali Kai Boat Charter and Explorations Member of Nakalai Waa O Kauai- Namahoe Member of Na Keiki O Ka Aina Member of Aerosol Art Association Member of Polynesian Voyaging Society Member of Pacific Voyagers Oceania Member of BIONIC Menhunes Peer Ed Program of Waimea High Alumni of Waimea High School Alumni of UH Kauai Community College Alumni of UH Manoa Alumni of Art Institute of North Hollywood and California Mahalo again for considering this testimony in favor of HB 673. with respect and aloha, Amber Alimboyoguen PO Box 355 Kekaha, HI 96752-0355

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