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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014
2:00 P.M.
Conference Room 308**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2110 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee,

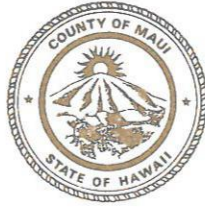
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2110 SD2 HD1. This bill would appropriate funds to facilitate increased pesticide education and regulation. The Department is in support of the current draft of the bill.

A total of 8 new positions are being proposed for HDOA's Pesticides Branch. Two positions are necessary for educational outreach to interface with regulated users and the public to create a better understanding of pesticide use and reduce pesticide misuse. The six remaining positions proposed would be in the Pesticide Branch enforcement section to supplement the work of inspectors on each island and assist in the processing of investigative reports, which is also essential to enforcement.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Conference Rm. 308

SENATE BILL 2110, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES

The Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Honorable Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Finance

Thank you for this opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of SB2110, SD2, HD1 relating to Regulation of Pesticides.

This measure appropriates funds necessary to carry out the purposes of the Hawaii Pesticides Law, Chapter 194A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including the restoration of three additional inspector positions for the Department of Agriculture. As Mayor of Maui County, I am respectfully requesting added inspector positions for the islands of Maui and Molokai.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

- Between 2009 and 2010, budget shortfalls resulted in the reduction of agriculture inspection positions needed to administer Chapter 149A. This reduction in inspectors has resulted in an adverse impact to the public's health, safety and welfare.
- The Hawaii Pesticides Law, Chapter 149A, HRS, authorizes the department of agriculture to regulate the sale and use of pesticides, and provides a framework to address public concerns. Restoring the agriculture inspector positions will help assure that standards for pesticide regulation are responsibly met under Chapter 149A.
- This measure will help address our ongoing efforts to deal with invasive species such as miconia, coqui frogs, axis deer, and most recently the fire ant. The invasive stinging fire ant was confirmed to have made its way from Hawaii Island to Oahu and Maui. If not quickly dealt with, these invasive species will do irreparable harm to our economy and human health, and essentially create an environmental crisis.
- Added inspector staffing is vital for us as Maui County is a three-island county, and with each island having its own, unique agricultural challenges.

For these reasons, I strongly support SB 2110, SD2, HD1.

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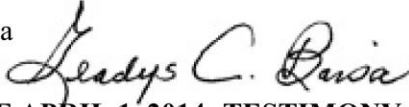


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March 31, 2014

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 1, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2110, SD2, HD1,
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for pesticide regulation by adding eight additional positions, two to conduct educational outreach and six to supplement the work of inspectors, for the Department of Agriculture.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The elimination of agriculture inspector positions, based on previous budget shortfalls, has resulted in the need for inspectors to perform required testing of restricted use pesticides. Among other things, additional personnel will help guarantee that standards for pesticide regulation are met under the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Hawaii Pesticides Law, Chapter 149A.
2. Maintaining sufficient agriculture inspector staffing is particularly important for Maui County because of the unique challenges faced by our multi-island community, which is significantly agricultural.
3. This measure will directly and indirectly assist Maui County's ongoing efforts in dealing with invasive species, including miconia, coqui frogs, axis deer, and, most recently, the little fire ants, which can produce painful stings for humans and blindness for pets.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES
Committee on Finance
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
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Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1, relating to the Regulation of Pesticides. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as a Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1, is part of the 2014 Kaua'i County Legislative Package, which appropriates funds from the general revenues of the State of Hawai'i for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to the Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this bill is to properly fund the necessary positions needed to administer the Hawai'i Pesticides Law.

This proposed bill was considered by the Kaua'i County Council during the time Governor Neil Abercrombie released a statement on September 23, 2013, stating that he will work with the Legislature to restore positions and seek additional funding "to address pesticide compliance and conduct inspections regarding pesticide contamination."

The Hawai'i Pesticides Law authorizes the Department of Agriculture to regulate the sale and use of pesticides, which provides a regulatory framework and personnel to properly address the concerns raised by the public. From 2009 through 2010, critical positions that were needed to administer this law were eliminated as a result of the fiscal crisis. The Federal sequestration may have also had an impact on the State's finances at that time. However, many of our citizens continue to have concerns regarding the amount of Restricted Use Pesticides ("RUP") being applied by major seed companies across the State.

Chair Luke & Committee Members

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To properly address the concerns raised by the public, and in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare, it is of utmost importance that the appropriate staffing levels are committed and restored to properly regulate RUPs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Rapozo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "or" above the "o" in "Rapozo".

MEL RAPOZO

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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**TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

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SB 2110, SD2, HD 1, is part of the 2014 Kauai County Legislative Package, which supports the appropriation of funds from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii to the Department of Agriculture (DOA). I would like to clarify that the purpose of this Bill is to restore critical positions needed within the Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Branch, to ensure that the expected operational level is achieved to properly regulate the Hawaii Pesticides Law.

Additionally, the intent of SB 2110, SD2, HD 1, is to support additional funding for the DOA Pesticide Branch and is NOT the County of Kauai requesting funding for the recent passage of Ordinance No. 960. It is my understanding that some legislators have characterized the County of Kauai's support for SB 2110, SD2, HD1, as "Kauai is now coming to the state asking for money to support Ordinance No. 960." Please note that this is absolutely not the case.

SB 2110, SD2, HD 1, was considered by the Kauai County Council at the same time Governor Neil Abercrombie released a statement on September 23, 2013, stating that he will work with the Legislature to restore positions and seek additional funding "to address pesticide compliance and conduct inspections regarding pesticide contamination." My support of SB 2110, SD2, HD1, is intended to support the Governor's position.

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In my recent experience involving the passage of Bill No. 2491 (Ordinance No. 960) on Kaua'i, I was informed that it takes the DOA sometimes two (2) or three (3) years to complete investigations of cases relating to pesticide drift. I was also informed that the surrounding public is not notified of this situation (that pesticide drift occurs in their neighborhood) until the investigator completes their investigation and only if the public requests said notification.

On October 8, 2013, the Honolulu Civil Beat reported the following, which is attached hereto for your reference:

1. "The State Department of Agriculture has only one employee assigned to review pesticide inspection reports and follow up on possible violations. And she says she hasn't gotten around to reviewing most reports in several years so there's been little if any action against pesticide misuse."
2. "The State Department of Health has no program in place to regularly test for pesticide contamination in the soil, air, or water. The sole position on Kaua'i that is supposed to monitor dust under pesticide regulations has been vacant for more than a year."
3. "The Environmental Health Specialist in the Agriculture Department's Pesticides Branch who is supposed to review pesticide inspection reports to determine whether there have been violations and if fines need to be levied. She told Civil Beat last week she's been able to review only a handful of reports in the past few years. She finished just seven of 72 investigations into possible violations on Kaua'i alone for 2011 and 2012. An overall tally of backlogged reports — either for inspections or public complaints — wasn't available, according to department officials."
4. "The department doesn't track general-use pesticides that are being sprayed throughout the State, about 75 percent of all of the pesticides sprayed, according to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency."

In addition, inspector logs provided by the DOA show that forty-three percent (43%) of the information was "redacted" and apparently under further investigation. The inspection logs also indicate that extensive users applying large amounts of RUP two hundred fifty (250) times or more per year are only being inspected on a minimal basis, perhaps seven (7) to twelve (12) times per year. A copy of the inspection logs are attached for your reference as well.

To properly address the concerns raised by the public, and in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare, it is of utmost importance that the appropriate staffing levels are committed and restored to properly regulate RUPs.

Chair Luke & Committee Members

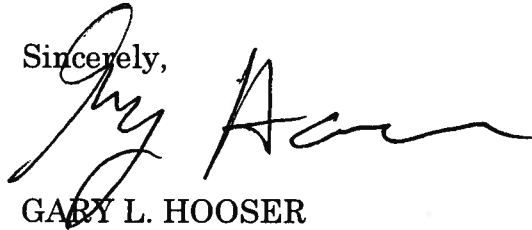
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In conclusion, I along with my Council Colleagues ask this Committee to support this appropriation as requested and work with the DOA, Department of Health and the Counties in partnership to properly address the health and environmental impacts that occur due to the extensive use of pesticides around our State. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Hooser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GARY L. HOOSER

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Does Hawaii's Failure to Enforce Pesticide Use Justify Action by Kauai?

By Sophie Cocke

| 10/08/2013

The state Department of Agriculture has only one employee assigned to review pesticide inspection reports and follow up on possible violations. And she says she hasn't gotten around to reviewing most reports in several years so there's been little if any action against pesticide misuse.

Since 2009, the department has suffered budget cuts that have stretched its pesticide oversight to the limit, its director says. There are only six pesticide inspectors in the state, including one on Kauai, where local officials are moving to take pesticide oversight into their own hands.



Sophie Cocke/ Civil Beat

Meanwhile, the state Department of Health has no program in place to regularly test for pesticide contamination in the soil, air, or water. The sole position on Kauai that is supposed to monitor dust under pesticide regulations has been vacant for more than a year.

The state's lack of ability to effectively oversee pesticide use and public health concerns is giving impetus to a move by the Kauai County Council to take matters into its own hands. The council is slated to vote as early as today on a measure — Bill 2491 — that would increase county oversight of the heaviest agricultural users of restricted-use pesticides, namely the four biotech companies operating on the island — Syngenta, DuPont-Pioneer, Dow and BASF — and Kauai Coffee Co.

"We need to do something. We can't count on the state," said Kauai County Councilman Gary Hooser, who co-sponsored the bill with Councilman Tim Bynum. "In our particular situation, I believe there is urgency. The doctors we talked to in those committee hearings believe there is urgency and we can't sit around and wait for the state to get its act together."

The bill takes a more aggressive approach to overseeing pesticide use on Kauai. It requires that the state's largest restricted-use pesticide users disclose what they are spraying, where and in what quantities, something the state hasn't embraced.

It also sets up buffer zones between GMO fields and public spaces, including schools, roads and waterways, another requirement lacking in state regulations.

And it requires the county to conduct studies on whether pesticides are contaminating the environment and harming human health. The state has not invested in wholesale studies of pesticide contamination.

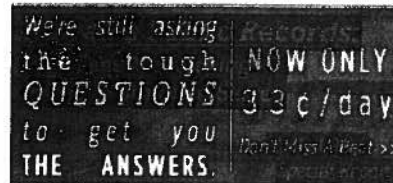
Bill 2491 originally included extensive regulations of both pesticides and genetically modified organisms. But last month, the Kauai County Council's Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee amended the measure to focus more closely on pesticide use. The committee passed it 4-1 on Sept. 27 and is set to be heard by the full council today.

The biotech companies are vigorously fighting the bill. They say they are being unfairly targeted in the midst of what they describe as a radical, pseudo-scientific attack on genetically modified organisms.

"It's not about community health, it's not about pesticide use, it's about getting rid of these companies," said Alicia Maluaffi, executive director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, a trade group for the biotech companies. She noted that the companies employ more than 500 people on Kauai.

Residents, including health care providers, on the west side of Kauai where the biotech operations are concentrated, have been particularly worried over the years that the pesticides being sprayed on GMO fields are making people sick and harming the environment. In 2011, more than 150 residents in Waimea [filed a lawsuit](#) against Dupont-Pioneer, formerly Pioneer Hi-Bred, alleging that the company's pesticides sparked health concerns and drove down local property values.

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Kauai residents have complained that state officials have been slow to respond to their concerns and investigate reports of pesticide odors, dust and possible oversprays.

State Oversight Lax

Avis Onaga is the environmental health specialist in the agriculture department's pesticides branch who is supposed to review pesticide inspection reports to determine whether there have been violations and if fines need to be levied. She told Civil Beat last week she's been able to review only a handful of reports in the past few years.

She finished just seven of 72 investigations into possible violations on Kauai alone for 2011 and 2012. An overall tally of backlogged reports — either for inspections or public complaints — wasn't available, according to department officials.

Instead, she said, she has been designated as the person responsible for responding to public records requests about pesticides and those duties have kept her so bogged down she hasn't had time to concentrate on the job she was hired to do. The requests are coming from lawyers, Kauai County Council members and media.

"I've had so many requests that I haven't had a chance to work on any of my cases for the past so many years," she said.

Onaga, who said she has received 46 public records requests since 2010, said that she had prioritized the requests over her inspection reports because public records requests have a deadline and pesticide inspection reviews do not.

Russell Kokubun, director of the Department of Agriculture conceded the department could become more efficient in making records available to the public and said he would seek approval from the Legislature for an additional position to investigate pesticide violations.

But that's not the only problem at the Department of Agriculture, which is in charge of monitoring pesticide use under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

The department doesn't track general-use pesticides that are being sprayed throughout the state, about 75 percent of all of the pesticides sprayed, according to the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The state does have sales records for restricted-use pesticides, but the records only provide limited information.

Kokubun said that the department was just starting to rebuild its pesticides branch which was weakened by the 2009 budget cuts. He wants the department to enhance its oversight beyond what it was doing before the budget cuts.

"We don't want to just stop with what was there before," Kokubun said. "There needs to be more outreach and more awareness about what pesticides are and what they do."

The Hawaii health department also says it suffers from a chronic lack of funding when it comes to monitoring the environment for pesticides.

The department is responsible for overseeing the federal Clean Water Act, but it has no statewide testing program for pesticides.

The health department turned responsibility for testing drinking water over to the counties, which test for pesticides. But the health department doesn't have a statewide program for monitoring whether chemicals are leaching into the soil, contaminating streams and coastal areas or being carried on dust from GMO fields.

There is a position for an environmental health specialist on Kauai who would be in charge of enforcing dust regulations. But the position has remained vacant for nearly a year.

The agency has interviewed candidates for the position and is waiting for approval to hire from the state's human resources department, according to Janice Okubo, a state health department spokeswoman.

Last month, a Kauai County Council member asked department officials how the agency was doing enforcing dust regulations on Kauai.

"Probably badly," responded Gary Gill, deputy director for environmental health.

Legislature Also Fails to Get Tough

Backers of Bill 2491 also point to a history of watered-down measures passed by the [Hawaii Legislature](#) and a failure of the state departments to toughen their own rules and regulations.

Lawmakers debated a bill last year that would have required extensive public disclosure of both general-use pesticides and restricted-use pesticides — which have [more potential](#) to harm public health and the environment.

But the legislation that passed only requires that sales records for restricted-use pesticides be posted on the Department of Agriculture's website. The department has yet to post the information, saying there are propriety

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business concerns it needs to resolve first.

The Legislature also passed a resolution this year requesting that the health department test for levels of atrazine in surface water, coastal waters and the air. Atrazine is a pesticide that's been linked to birth defects.

But, as the health department's Gill recently told the Kauai County Council, the Legislature didn't provide any money for the testing. The department has pulled together \$70,000 to do statewide testing for atrazine as well as other pesticides, he said.

Rep. Cynthia Thielen, who sponsored the resolution on atrazine, supports the Kauai regulatory effort because she thinks the state is doing a bad job regulating pesticides. "I think it's important for the county to act to protect its own population," she said.

Hooser, the Kauai councilman behind Bill 2491, said that the department's lack of willingness to fund pesticide testing and programs shows the state isn't taking the issue of pesticides seriously.

"It just boggles the mind the lack of urgency from the state," he said.

But overseeing pesticide use doesn't come cheap, whether it's the state or the county taking the lead. Bill 2491 would cost the county millions of dollars and county officials say they aren't sure where the money will come from.

Kauai County Council Chair Jay Furfaro initially put the price at \$4.4 million for the first two years and \$911,000 every year after that.

Hooser said that the the biggest cost would likely be health and environmental studies, which could amount to \$2 million and that the costs of regulation would be relatively minimal. He said that the studies are critical to figuring out if there is cause to be concerned about pesticides.

If studies show unsafe levels of pesticides in the environment, then the county can charge the companies for cleanup efforts and further testing, he said.

"Ultimately, these companies should pay the price, not the people of the community," he said.

Last month, days before the Kauai council committee voted on Bill 2491, Gov. Neil Abercrombie promised that he would work with the Legislature to restore funding and positions for pesticide regulation within the health and agriculture departments. He also suggested that agricultural companies would voluntarily comply with new safety and health guidelines that would be put in place while the Legislature and department heads deliberated on stricter controls.

But supporters of Bill 2491 were swiftly critical, arguing that the governor was simply trying to derail the county's efforts. They questioned whether the biotech companies would really comply with new guidelines voluntarily, especially since the companies had taken a hard line against the bill during hearings, protesting buffer zones and pesticide disclosure.

Alicia Maluafiti of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association said that the biotech companies hadn't had time to meet with the governor to discuss issues such as buffer zones and pesticide disclosure because they are too busy fighting "fear mongering by Mr. Hooser and the extremists on Kauai."

"We obviously haven't had a chance to sit down," she said. "We are still fighting a pretty pissy bill on Kauai."

Bill 2491 with amendments:

(September 27, 2013)

FLOOR AMENDMENT

Bill No. 2491, Relating to Pesticides and Genetically Modified Organisms

Introduced by: NADINE K. NAKAMURA and JOANN A. YUKIMUR

Amend Bill No. 2491 by amending the proposed new Article 22 in
follows:

***ARTICLE 22. PESTICIDES AND GENETICALLY
ORGANISMS**

Sec. 22-22.1 Findings.

(a) In order to establish provisions governing the use of
genetically modified organisms (GMOs) by large-scale commercial
entities on Kauai, the Council finds that:

(1) Section 1, Article XI of the State Constitution in
benefit of present and future generations, the State and
subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural
resources, including land, water, air, minerals, and
and shall promote the development and utilization of these
manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance
self-sufficiency of the State. All public natural resources are
the State for the benefit of the people.

DISCUSSION: Do you think the Kauai County Council should step in when it comes to the regulation of
pesticides?

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
INSPECTION LOG
KAUAI, 2011-2012

SUMMARY

- The information in this HDOA inspection log covers two years, 2011 and 2012.
- There were a total of 175 inspections conducted on Kaua'i during this two-year period.
- Of the total inspections conducted, 75 have been redacted by the HDOA due to possible violations and are currently pending investigation.

NOTE: On two separate occasions, Kaua'i County Councilmember Hooser has requested in writing from the HDOA "the nature of the violations and investigations without the accompanying company identification." This information has not been provided.

- The total amount of redacted inspections equals approximately 43% of all inspections.
- Of the total un-redacted inspections during this two year period, the following inspections were conducted on these 5 operations:
 - o BASF 2
 - o Dow None
 - o Kaua'i Coffee 3
 - o Pioneer 13
 - o Syngenta 9

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Sincerely,

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MEL RAPOZO

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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**TESTIMONY OF ROSS KAGAWA
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES

Committee on Finance
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308

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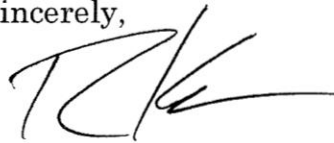
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ROSS KAGAWA

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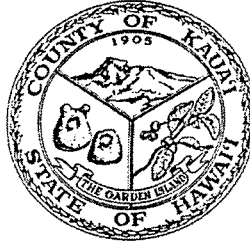
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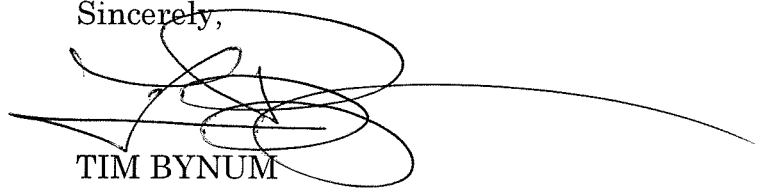
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TIM BYNUM

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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April 1, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON SB 2110, SD2 HD1
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES

Room 308
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

Hawaii Farm Bureau *strongly supports* this bill and respectfully requests that the appropriate funding be inserted.

We are pleased that our previous concerns about prior drafts of this bill have been addressed and that this draft recognizes the importance of adequate staffing for the HDOA Pesticide Branch. Because there is currently significant misunderstanding and fear within our community about pesticide science and use, it is extremely important that the HDOA Pesticide Branch is provided with additional inspector and education positions, to re-instill confidence both within the agency and by the public.

Although pesticides are highly studied, evaluated by scientific experts, and regulated, at the Federal and State levels, some in our community have been led to believe that pesticides are being used excessively in Hawaii, and that they are causing illnesses and environmental harm. This has fostered unjustified fears and claims that our government is not protecting us, especially when it comes to the *agricultural* use of pesticides.

The beneficial and safe use of pesticides in our everyday environment is a fact of life in Hawaii and around the world. We use “restricted use” termiticides to ensure that our houses aren’t destroyed. We use herbicides to combat invasive species that threaten to destroy our precious watersheds, we use insecticides against mosquitos, found even on Oahu last year, that spread dengue virus and other deadly diseases. We even use “restricted use” pesticides *in* our drinking water, to ensure that it is safe to drink. And yes, farmers use pesticides so they don’t lose entire crops to bugs, diseases, and weeds.

So long as pesticides are used properly, they don’t pose risks to humans or the environment. To ensure they are used properly, HDOA, along with the EPA, regulates pesticide use, provides education and training about the use, and enforces the stringent laws and regulations if there are violations. This bill is necessary for the continued functioning of the branch and HFB respectfully urges you to pass it.

Thank you very much for your support of Hawaii’s agriculture and for the opportunity to express our **strong support** of this measure.

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 308
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of S.B. 2110, SD2, HD1

Dear Chair Luke and Committee on Finance members,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii writes in support of S.B. 2210, SD2, HD1, which seeks to appropriate funds to facilitate increased pesticide education and regulation.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii's people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. To that end, we support increased pesticide regulation because it will help to ensure that pesticides are used in a safe manner and at safe levels and mitigate the impact of pesticides on reproductive health.

As pesticide use is widespread across Hawaii, we must be vigilant in preventing harmful exposures before they occur. Women of reproductive age and both male and female farmworkers and those who work with pesticides are particularly vulnerable to excessive exposure. According to a recent study from the University of California, San Francisco, pesticide exposure can harm the reproductive health and function of adult females during all developmental stages and has been associated with male sterility, spontaneous abortion, diminished fetal growth and survival and childhood and adult cancers.¹ Increasing pesticide regulation will serve to reduce the risks associated with pesticide exposure and promote the overall public health of our communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Temple
Director of Public Affairs & Government Relations

¹ See, e.g., University of California, San Francisco Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment, *Pesticides Matter, A Primer for Reproductive Health Physicians* (Dec., 2011), available at http://prhe.ucsf.edu/prhe/pdfs/pesticidesmatter_whitepaper.pdf.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Brighenti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT HIRING 6 NEW PESTICIDE INSPECTORS + 2 SUPPORT STAFF AS DOA REQUESTS.

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Graham Ellis	Individual	Support	No

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From: Duane Erway <mderway@me.com>
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To: FINTestimony
Subject: Support SB 2110 SD 2

Please support SB 2110 SD 2. The State needs these inspectors and staff.

Duane Erway
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Megan Fox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please provide Kaua`i with additional inspectors.

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Jessica Friedberg	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We definitely need more regulation and inspection of the dangerous restricted-use pesticides that are being used in Hawaii. These are destroying the land, reefs, and causing lots of sickness, birth defects, cancers, etc.

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I strongly support funds to be allocated for pesticide inspectors to monitor the use of pesticides, especially as it concerns industrial farm crops.

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Margaret

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Hallett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. It is overdue that our elected officials protect the people of Hawai'i from toxins. Poison is poison. Education and eradication is key for the health and safety of our islands.

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Subject: support SB 2110 SSD 2 HD 1

Hello legislators,

Please support SB 2110 SD 2 HD 1 for more pesticide inspectors. I was horrified to learn how understaffed the State was when we needed to know about pesticides on GMO crops on Kaua'i. We need to know what's in our air, soil, water, and food.

mahalo, Cory Harden

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

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Hardeep Kharbanda	Individual	Support	No

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Kenneth A Likout	Individual	Support	No

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Peggy McArdle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Comments: Aloha. I support SB2110 and for stringent enforcement and strict regulation regarding the toxic Restricted and General Use Pesticides in Hawaii. Toxic Pesticide use on Hawaii's citizen's and Hawaii's fragile ecosystem needs strict monitoring and enforced regulation. Banned pesticides are currently being used for experimental purposes in untested toxic cocktail form in the Bio Tech Seed fields and are affecting the population of Hawaii. This is unacceptable and must be immediately stopped. Toxic Restricted and General Use Pesticide Contamination of Hawaii's Ground Water, Sterilization of Hawaii's Soil, toxic pesticide run off in Hawaii's Waterways, Air Pollution and Birth Defects are happening NOW. Restricted Use Pesticide regulations need to be seriously enforced for the public's health and safety. As Hawaii Legislators, your utmost responsibility is to protect Hawaii's Resources, Hawaii's Citizen's, Public Health and Hawaii's Keiki. SB2110 Effective Date should read 7/1/2014. Mahalo.

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Subject: SB 2110, SD2, HD1

I support having more pesticide safety inspectors and staff: bill SB 2110, SD2, HD1.

I support industrial hemp: bills **SB2175, SD2, HD1 and HB 154, HD2, Proposed SD2.**

I do NOT support GMO crops.

Thanks,
Sara McCay

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William Navran	Individual	Support	No

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Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support adding 6 more pesticide inspectors. With expanding concern over pesticide use, more inspectors will help the public know that our government is concerned about our health and is making an effort to oversee the use of pesticides.

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support SB2110 SD2 HD1, 6 new pesticide inspectors statewide plus 2 new support staff.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support all bills which monitor the use of Pesticides in the state of Hawaii. There are too many cases of unintended side effects on humans, animals, and plants where pesticide use is not monitored. Thank you for your consideration.

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Robin	Individual	Support	No

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Subject: support SB2110, SD2, HD1

Dear Senators, Please support SB2110, SD2, HD1. We need a robust inspection presence to deter those who would poison us for profit. Sincerely, Mike deYcaza

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!

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Barb Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support any and all bills which limit and / or monitor the use of Pesticides in the state of Hawaii. There are too many cases of unintended side effects on humans, animals, and plants where pesticide use is not monitored. Thank you for your consideration.

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tj simms	Individual	Support	No

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Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 9:42 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: S B 2110, SD2, HD1

Writing in strong support of SB 2110. We need more inspectors to regulate each counties agriculture operations. If we had enough inspectors we would've been able to send someone to Walmart on Kauai yesterday when 9 people were taken to the hospital after being overwhelm by unknown fumes. It just so happens Pioneer seed is adjacent to this property. We need to regulate these GMO companies or they will reek havoc on our fragile ecosystem.

V/r,

Robert Bueller

GMO Free-Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support SD2 HD1 version of this bill. Mahalo! Katarina Culina P.O. Box 2142 Pahoa, HI, 96778

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Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We, the State, need these inspectors and staff. Please SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo for your consideration.

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John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

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To: FINTestimony
Subject: SB 2110, SD2, HD1

YES YES YES... I SUPPORT:

6 NEW PESTICIDE INSPECTORS + 2 SUPPORT STAFF as DOA requests.

MAHALO! Peter Gordon

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From: Alexa Hatton <alexahatton33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 8:41 AM
To: FINTestimony
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6 NEW PESTICIDE INSPECTORS + 2 SUPPORT STAFF as DOA requests.

MAHALO! Alexa Hatton

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Wynnie Hee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SUPPORT! also support 6 NEW PESTICIDE INSPECTORS + 2 SUPPORT STAFF as DOA requests.

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Pono Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HELL NO T TOXIC PESTICIDES and GMO

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maureen Langberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Polli Oliver	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of SB2110.

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From: Ululani Poepoe <ulu.poepoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 7:45 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Support SB 2110, SD2, HD1

I'm allergic to GMO foods and experience pain after eating GMO foods. If I eat the same food, but non-GMO, I don't experience pain.

Please do the right thing with GMO. We need pesticide inspectors to ensure compliance.

Mahalo,
Ululani Poepoe

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: URGENT - we need to know what is being sprayed and used - I have been poisoned by pesticides and it is PAINFUL! We need inspectors to Protect the Chidren!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee members, I am strongly in favor of SB2110, and urge you to support it when you are hearing the bill. Our agricultural economy is important now and will be even more important in our future, and it is critical that we have sufficient oversight of pesticide and herbicide application to ensure the health of our residents, visitors, and our soil and environment. Please vote to support this important step toward increasing the number of trained inspectors who can oversee and teach best practices to all our farmers, esp. the largest farms. Mahalo, Maria Walker

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tj simms	Individual	Support	No

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Andi Pawasarat-Losalio	Individual	Support	No

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Carlton York	Individual	Support	No

Comments: more oversight and transparency please pass SB2110 , save the bees and the people from deadly pesticide and herbicide use

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dana G. Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is very important to many and to keep our keiki safe. They are unable to protect themselves. It is our duty to do so for them. Plus it's mandated in our State Constitution to protect our environment & population.

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Lori Nakamura-Higa	Individual	Support	No

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LEONA ROBERTS	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The effective date of 2050 must be changed to 2015 or effective immediately upon passage of these much needed changes! The aina, the reefs, the health of all of Hawaii depends on positive change in regards to regulating pesticides and chemicals.

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Adam Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, it is absolutely critical to have enough inspectors to insure that pesticide rules are followed. i've been in the ag/plant nursery business in hawai'i for 30 years. i see constant abuse of these chemicals (unintentional as well as intentional) by those in my profession as well as in landscaping and farming. I strongly support this measure and ask that you do, too. mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julian Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: pesticides are becoming more prevalent. it only makes sense to have people who's job is to know what is going on with poisons that affect babies, people and the environment here on the islands.

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Mae Fuimaono	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Sandee Phillips	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill as it will protect the safety of the people on Kauai and is the right business practice of accountability when using deadly poisonous sprays or products that affect negatively impact the environment and wildlife too.

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Harold Leslie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Melia Leslie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Suzanne Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Kia Paul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am in SUPPORT of this bill. It was irresponsible of previous legislation sessions to allow these positions to be vacant for so long. Hawai'i has the best environment for year round farming, home gardening and flower gardening. We all know the negative effects of various pesticides to our land and our waters. You have the responsibility to 'FUTURE GENERATIONS' to make sure there is a Hawai'i that is healthy in land, ocean, streams, and air quality. I submitted testimony in the mid 1990's asking that legislative body to get a handle on pesticide use in Hawai'i and here we are in 2014, and I am asking you to step up to the plate and make the right choices for all of us! Please vote YES today. Respectfully submitted, Crystal Kia-Paul PO BOX 51192 Denton, Texas 76206

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Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii

Testimony from Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director

In Support of SB 2110 SD 2 HD 1
Relating to Pesticides

House Committee on Finance
April 1, 2014, 2 p.m., Room 308

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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs and members of the committee,

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and we are in strong support of SB 2110.

This bill is important to ensuring that the regulation of pesticides appropriately remains at the state level with the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture. And to be effective, they need funding to replace the loss of inspectors resulting from the last reduction in force. Additionally important is the appropriation to enable the department to educate the public about pesticides and their responsible use.

Pesticides" help control insects, diseases, weeds, fungi and other undesirable pests. They comprise a wide range of products for both professional and home applications including insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, sanitizers, growth regulators, rodenticides, and soil fumigants. The use of pesticides is highly regulated with a framework that encompasses state, national, regional, and international engagements to assure safety for users, consumers and the environment.

But just this week, the Wal-Mart on Kauai experienced an incident with noxious odors that required them to close down the store. Within the last 2 months, we had two incidents on Oahu and one on Kauai that involved chemical odors that shut down nearby schools. While the anti-GMO activists were quick to lay blame on the local seed farmers, none of these incidents involved agriculture.

It's evident that the ill-informed public needs a course in Pesticides 101. We believe that this funding will not only educate the primary users of pesticides (consumers), but also help vindicate the farmers who use pesticides responsibly. SB 2110 rightfully puts the focus back where it belongs and with the state agency that is tasked with pesticide regulation.

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Aloha, I am in favor of this bill SB2110 to have more pesticide inspectors on GMO's in Hawaii. This is vital and crucial for health and safety. Thank you, Gina Brown

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WE SUPPORT 6 NEW PESTICIDE INSPECTORS + 2 SUPPORT STAFF as DOA requests.

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**TESTIMONY OF JAY FURFARO
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1, RELATING TO REGULATION OF PESTICIDES
Committee on Finance
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308**

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 2110, SD2, HD 1, relating to the Regulation of Pesticides. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as Council Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1, is part of the 2014 Kaua'i County Legislative Package, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this bill is to properly fund the necessary positions needed to administer the Hawai'i Pesticides Law.

This proposed bill was considered by the Kaua'i County Council at the same time Governor Neil Abercrombie released a statement on September 23, 2013, stating that he will work with the Legislature to restore positions and seek additional funding "to address pesticide compliance and conduct inspections regarding pesticide contamination."

The Hawai'i Pesticides Law authorizes the Department of Agriculture to regulate the sale and use of pesticides, which provides a regulatory framework and personnel to properly address the concerns raised by the public. From 2009 through 2010, critical positions that were needed to administer this law were eliminated as a result of the fiscal crisis. The Federal sequestration may have also had an impact on the State's finances at that time. However, many of our citizens continue to have concerns regarding the amount of Restricted Use Pesticides ("RUP") being applied by major seed companies across the State.

Chair Luke & Committee Members

RE: SB 2110, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to the Regulation of Pesticides

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To properly address the concerns raised by the public, and in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare, it is of the utmost importance that the appropriate staffing levels are committed and restored to properly regulate RUPs.

For the reasons stated above, I, along with my Council Colleagues, respectfully request the Committee's approval of this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



JAY FUREARO
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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SUPPORT

SB2110, SD2 Appropriates funds from the pesticide use revolving fund to facilitate increased pesticide regulation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

House Finance Committee

2:00 PM Room 308

Aloha Honorable Chair Luke and Finance Committee Representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you in strong support of SB2110, SD2 which establishes funding for three additional pesticide regulators in Hawaii. We most definitely need additional pesticide inspectors and while the Department of Agriculture is likely to say they have requested eight additional pesticide positions for their budget, these positions are not guaranteed or delivered.

The people of Hawaii have an urgent need for government intervention in the cases of pesticide drift in regards to health, effects on our water sources, non-target organisms and agricultural lands. We are requesting that you specifically please progress this critical bill today. This will not only demonstrate to the citizens of Hawaii that you are not only listening to their pesticide related concerns, but addressing them with meaningful legislation to do everything in your power to guarantee additional pesticide inspectors.

The world's largest chemical companies are performing the most open air agricultural genetic experiments worldwide in the Hawaiian islands, it comes with the accompanying pesticides sold by the chemical corporations. Kauai alone is being sprayed 250-360 days per year, documentation on the other islands which may be equally or further sprayed, is lacking. Public trust is nearly shattered as lobbyists for chemical companies are appointed to government positions by elected officials, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of campaign donations from the chemical companies and corporate lobbyists, are disturbing to say the least.

It seems the chemical corporations can even demand the Department of Agriculture redact public records which should provide at least some disclosure regarding Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) already under the law but still, use the courts as a vehicle to block, delay or prevent compliance with even the simple pesticide related laws we have passed in the past two years. Pesticide drift has been a recurring and repeated problem throughout the Hawaii islands and while the chemical/GMO industry currently operating in Hawaii is responsible for numerous biohazards and superfund sites, we need to apply all the regulation we have, urgently, overall. We need the additional inspectors so that violations of 149a can be captured and regulated. Of course we request the defective date be made an effective date in 2014.

On behalf of approximately 13,000 members of our organization reporting to more than 26,000 subscribers worldwide, we respectfully request your strong support for SB2110. The wisdom of Hawaiian sustainability is intertwined with the utmost respect for the land, we ask that you do all you can to protect it. Mahalo nui.

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Best Regards,

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Aloha Senators,

I support SB 2110, SD2, HD1 which would allow for six additional pesticide inspectors and two support staff. I hope you will consider supporting this Bill.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jahnava Baldassarre
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