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

**Before the House Committee on**  
**FINANCE**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014**  
**2:00 P.M.**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE BILL 2343**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION,**  
**CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING**

Senate Bill 2343 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) to support strategic, statewide invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning projects. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

As an island state, Hawaii faces a broad array of invasive species problems, including stinging fire ants, rapidly growing invasive plants that alter watershed forest composition and function, marine algae that smother our coral reefs, and mosquitoes that may carry deadly diseases. Invasive species are a primary threat to Hawaii's environment, agriculture and economy, and to the health and way of life of Hawaii's people.

The HISC is administratively housed at the Department. The Executive Budget request currently includes \$1,000,000 in supplemental funds for the HISC, to be added to \$750,000 that was previously appropriated for Fiscal Year (FY) 15 at the start of this biennium. With recent discoveries of new invasive species infestations, the Governor and the Department are now supporting the \$5,000,000 supplemental appropriation proposed in the joint priority package. This is the amount calculated by HISC support staff to maintain project capacity and function in FY15. The Department supports this additional appropriation measure, provided that this appropriation does not replace or adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the joint priority package or the Executive Budget request.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**THURSDAY APRIL 03, 2014  
2:00 P.M.  
ROOM 308**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2343  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION, CONTROL,  
OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING.**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2343. This bill will provide funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC), for the protection of Hawaii's environment and economy and the health and lifestyle of its people through the support of invasive species prevention, control, research, outreach, and planning.

Hawaii faces many invasive species threats across the islands, including the little fire ant, coffee berry borer, and the coconut rhinoceros beetle. HISC provides policy level direction, coordination, and planning among state, federal, and international agencies for the control and eradication of such invasive species. HISC is an essential component to combat invasive species in Hawaii.

HDOA supports this measure, but defers to HISC as to how the proposed funding would be allocated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





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**S.B. 2343, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES  
PREVENTION, CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**April 3, 2014  
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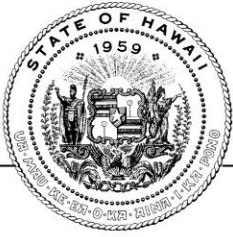
1 **Department's Position: SUPPORT.**

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Requests \$5,000,000.00 in general funds for invasive species prevention, control,  
3 outreach, research, and planning.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure is necessary to protect Hawaii's economy and environment  
5 from the threat of invasive species like the brown tree snake, little fire ant, and dengue mosquito (*Aeges*  
6 *aegypti*). Invasive species can cause incalculable damage to the environment and pose threats to human  
7 health, requiring an immediate and well-planned response. The appropriation will allow the State to  
8 retain the capacity that it has built over the last several years to research, plan, and coordinate responses  
9 that prevent and mitigate the impact of invasive species and protect natural resources.

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11 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Thursday, April 3, 2014  
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in consideration of  
**SB 2343**  
**RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES  
PREVENTION, CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

On behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), the Office of Planning (OP) serves as a voting member of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC). HISC is a State interdepartmental collaboration created to provide policy level direction, coordination, and planning among state departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful. OP supports SB2343 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our Executive Budget.

OP administers HRS Chapter 205A, the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law under which one of its tasks is the preparation and update of the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP), a statewide, multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional plan to achieve comprehensive and

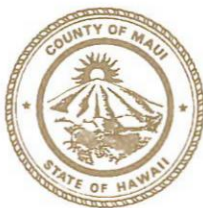
integrated ocean and coastal resources management. The 2013 update of the ORMP has identified two (2) marine resource goals to:

1. Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species from bays where there is coral or water quality degradation.
2. Minimize the likelihood of aquatic invasive species introductions and spread into and within Hawaii from sources associated with vessels.

OP supports the efforts of HISC to address goals for the reduction and management of invasive aquatic species to protect the threat of negative impacts to Hawaii's critical ocean and coastal ecosystems.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Ke'ena O Ka Meia  
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### TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

#### BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, April 3, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Conference Rm. 308

#### **SENATE BILL 2343**

#### RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION, CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING

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 SB 2343.** The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's environment and economy and the health and lifestyle of its people against the threat and impact of invasive species by appropriating funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, and planning.

As Mayor of Maui County I support this measure for the following reasons:

- The appropriation of funds for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council is important as invasive species can cause the extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests, spread of disease, and millions of dollars in crop losses.
- This measure will help address our ongoing efforts to deal with invasive species such as miconia, coqui frogs, axis deer, and most recently – the little fire ant. The invasive stinging fire ant was recently 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.
- Funding for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council will ensure statewide coordinated and timely efforts to efficiently combat invasive species.
- While the taxpayers of Maui County have invested millions of dollars in combating invasive species over the years, more needs to be done. The importance of this matter is recognized in the Countywide Policy Plan that provides the following objective: "Expand coordination with the State and nonprofit agencies and their volunteers to reduce invasive species, replant indigenous species, and identify critical habitat."

For these reasons, I support of SB 2343.



Committee on Finance  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Testimony of the Oahu Invasive Species Committee in **support** of SB 2343:  
Making an Appropriation for Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Outreach, Research, and Planning.

House of Representatives Committee on Finance  
Thursday, April 3, 2014 2:00 PM, Room 308

The Oahu Invasive Species Committee **supports** SB 2343, which would provide critical funding to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to keep Hawaii's forests and watersheds healthy.

There are a multitude of invasive species threats facing Hawaii currently. Some will significantly impact agriculture, like the coffee berry borer; our quality of life, like the loud calls of the Coqui frog; or rare and threatened native species, like the coconut rhinoceros beetle; while other invasive species will impact all aspects of life here in the islands, like the little fire ant. Without an increase in funding, state conservation organizations cannot keep up with survey and control efforts for these highly destructive and costly invaders. Hawaii will lose the ecosystem services that a healthy native forest provides, its economic base provided by agriculture and tourism and native species only found on these islands.

Climate change is an impending and unparalleled threat to natural ecosystems in Hawaii and to each person who relies on services from the natural environment for their livelihoods, health and welfare. In Hawai'i, science indicates that climate change impacts will include frequent and severe storms, an increase in runoff and siltation; even with more storm there will be less rainfall overall which will impact fresh water supplies; and an increase in the average temperatures which will potentially benefit and increase the establishment of invasive species. One of the most effective tools we have to help address the effects of climate change in Hawai'i is to protect our forests. Hawaii's native forests are thick with undergrowth that anchors soil to mountain, preventing erosion and ensuring that rainwater is percolated into the island's aquifer, replenishing our water supply. Invasive plants kill off this understory, leaving our island vulnerable. Keeping the watershed healthy requires hiring staff to go out and remove invasive plants. This bill will create jobs while protecting Hawaii from negative impacts of climate change.

This funding will support on-the-ground invasive species surveys and control that protect the island of O'ahu and the State from watershed-destroying pests and will create conservation careers. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Julia Parish,  
on behalf of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee



April 1, 2014

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

**Support of SB 2343 Making an Appropriation for Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Outreach, Research, and Planning (Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning).**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room 308**

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of SB 2343**.

**SB 2343.** This bill proposes to appropriate out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be expended on projects undertaken in accordance with the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC), including but not limited to invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning.

**LURF's Position.** The purpose of this measure is to provide funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), as administrative host of the HISC, for the immediate protection of Hawaii's environment, economy and the health and lifestyle of its people through the support of invasive species prevention, control, research, outreach, and planning.

The HISC is an inter-departmental collaboration comprised of the DLNR, the State Departments of Agriculture, Health, Transportation, Business and Economic Development & Tourism and the University of Hawaii. The HISC was established in 2003 for the special purpose of providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning among state departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful. The HISC fulfills its



mandate by issuing resolutions, providing plans, and strategically disbursing funds to enhance invasive species prevention, control, outreach, and research.

Invasive species such as insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests pose the greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, tourism, agriculture, the natural environment, native species and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Axis deer and goats eat native plants and agricultural products and their hooves cause break-up soil and cause erosion. Invasive plants such as Miconia and Fountain Grass quickly spread, prevent the growth of native species and other plants and promote erosion. Little Fire Ants cause injury to humans and pets and lost crops and native species. HISC cautions that Brown Tree Snakes could cause the extinction of Hawaii's native bird species and could cost an estimated \$2.14 billion a year in damages to electrical infrastructure and medical costs related to snake bites.

According to HISC, invasive species already cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native wet, moist and dry land forests, and the spread of disease, but many more harmful pests, such as the coqui frog, coffee berry borer, macadamia felted coccid, coconut rhinoceros beetle, small hive beetle, and varona mite, now threaten to invade all of the Hawaiian Islands and wreak further damage.

The 2002 Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) study titled "Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species" estimated the annual cost to address invasive species issues in Hawaii at \$50,000,000. Pursuant to the LRB study, the original goal for an annual HISC budget was \$5,000,000 from the general fund, though the initial approved appropriation in fiscal year 2005 was only \$2,000,000. LURF understands that during fiscal years 2010-2013, no general funds were provided. In fiscal year 2014, \$750,000 was provided from the general fund.

A large increase in appropriated funds for DLNR and HISC is immediately necessary to mitigate the threats and impacts of invasive species in Hawaii and to effectively protect Hawaii's natural resources and native species. SB 2343 would provide such funding for invasive species prevention, control, research, outreach, and planning for the protection of Hawaii's environment, economy and the health and lifestyle of its people.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports SB 2343** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting S.B. 2343 Making an Appropriation for Invasive Species  
Prevention, Control, Outreach, Research, and Planning  
House Committee on Finance  
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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports S.B. 2343 and its proposed funding for the invasive species programs of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council.

Invasive weeds, insects, diseases, snakes, and other pests are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, agriculture, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. With favorable conditions and limited competition, non-native species arrive in the Hawaiian islands to find an easy environment in which to thrive. Indeed, the colonization rate of introduced insects and mites in Hawai'i has been estimated at 500 times the rate of the continental United States.

The Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) provides a comprehensive, statewide approach to invasive species policy and funding including prevention, early detection, control, research and education programs. This effort necessarily results in important coordination, collaboration, and prioritization amongst government agencies and partners based on a variety of issues including human health, safety and well-being, economic and agricultural harm, and the threat to the health and function of the natural environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this critical funding measure.

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**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth  
In Support of SB 2343/ HB 1716 Making an Appropriation for Invasive Species Prevention,  
Control, Outreach, Research, and Planning**

**House Committee on Finance**

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*Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 50 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.*

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**Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB 2343/ HB 1716** to appropriate critical funding for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning.

Invasive species are a cross cutting issue that threatens the health of Hawai'i's people, economy and ecosystems. They also reduce our ability to withstand impacts from climate change. We agree that addressing the invasive species threat is a top priority for action by all sectors, and we strongly support the Joint Majority Package proposed \$5 million in funding for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) to help eradicate threats from invasive species on all the islands.

State leadership and funding are essential for rapid, coordinated and cost-effective response to current and future threats. The recent spread of the Little Fire Ant is just one example of the severe consequences that invasive pest species can have on us all.

Hawai'i was one of the first states to establish an effective interagency Hawai'i Invasive Species Council to provide a comprehensive statewide approach to address the broad impact of invasive species (Act 85 in 2003) and to support active Invasive Species Committees (ISCs) on each island, HISC has been used as a model across the Pacific island region and globally. The Legislature recognized the need for coordinated, holistic and ongoing leadership on this issue. Now is the time to give HISC and partners sufficient support to protect Hawai'i today and in the future.

As a partnership representing Hawai'i's leaders in environment, food and energy, HGG asks for your support of **SB 2343/ HB 1716**, which is an important investment in Hawai'i's future.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration,

**Audrey Newman**

Senior Advisor, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG)

*Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy.*



## Kauai Watershed Alliance

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"The Mission of the Kauai Watershed Alliance is to PROTECT, PRESERVE and MANAGE our valuable watershed resources for the benefit of our residents, communities and all future generations through the concerted efforts of its members."

### Testimony of the Kauai Watershed Alliance Supporting S.B. 2343 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION, CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING.

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The Kauai Watershed Alliance (KWA) supports H.B. 1716 and its proposed funding for the invasive species programs of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council.

Invasive weeds, insects, diseases, snakes, and other pests are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, agriculture, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. With Hawaii's connectivity with surface and air passenger/freight services and its favorable conditions and limited competition; non-native species arrive in the Hawaiian Islands to find an easy environment in which to thrive.

The Kauai Watershed Alliance has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Kauai since 2003. We as members make up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource. Invasive species make up the most critical threat to this resource and our forested watersheds!

The Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) provides a comprehensive, statewide approach to invasive species policy and funding including prevention, early detection, control, research and education programs. This effort necessarily results in important coordination, collaboration, and prioritization amongst government agencies and partners based on a variety of issues including human health, safety and well-being, economic and agricultural harm, and the threat to the health and function of the natural environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this critical funding measure.

Chipper Wichman, Chair



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TESTIMONY ON SB 2343  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION, CONTROL,  
OUTREACH, RESEARCH AND PLANNING  
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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFB is in strong support of SB 2343** which appropriates funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning.

Invasive species are one of the most devastating problems impacting Hawaii's agricultural sector. Many invasive species are damaging Hawaii's environment and economy. Agriculture suffers when invasive species are introduced by raising costs, and impacting crops, which lead to competitive disadvantages. Each year, new pests are introduced into the State, such as the coqui frog, fireweed, coffee berry borer, macadamia felted coccid, little fire ant, coconut rhinoceros beetle, small hive beetle and varoa mite, to name a few. Control measures take time to develop, leaving farmers and ranchers at risk.

Proper funding for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council is vital for protection of Hawaii's environment and economy and the health and lifestyle of its people.

**While we do support HISC and its mission, we are opposed to making HISC the entity under which all invasive species control and eradication efforts fall. Public/private partnerships, with the exception of inspections, adequate funding for HDOA and research all play critical roles when managing a primary category of threats to Hawaii's agriculture.**

Thank you for your support of **SB 2343**.



# Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, 2014

State of Hawaii

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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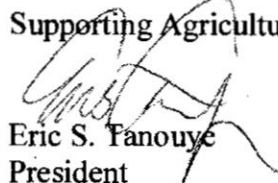
**SB 2343 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION, CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING.**

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts on SB2343 dealing with making an appropriation for Invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research and planning. We agree that Invasive species prevention is an important concern for the State of Hawaii. We would like to ask that this bill also provide that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) should focus on providing pest-free DLNR managed state lands that neighbor agricultural lands to help prevent the re-infestation of Agriculture lands. Currently these lands are unmanaged and making it harder for farmers and nurserymen to keep their lands pest free. We need a concentrated effort on all land areas to help stem this problem but most importantly would be areas next to Agricultural production, Harbors and Airports.

We ask you to consider taking these additional measures to better help all of Hawaii's Agriculture and our communities. If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email [eric@greenpointnursery.com](mailto:eric@greenpointnursery.com).

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

  
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April 3, 2014

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

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa  
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 3, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2343,  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of** this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Invasive species cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests, and the spread of disease. Stopping the influx of new pests and containing their spread is essential to Hawaii's natural environment, economy, and agriculture.
2. Funding for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council will ensure statewide coordinated and timely efforts are made to most efficiently combat invasive species, such as the little fire ant, the coffee berry borer, and the brown tree snake.
3. County of Maui taxpayers have invested millions of dollars in fighting invasive species over the years through supporting the Maui Invasive Species Committee's work and other watershed-protection initiatives. With increased support from the State, we can - and we must - do so much more. Indeed, the Countywide Policy Plan identifies the following objective: "Expand coordination with the State and nonprofit agencies and their volunteers to reduce invasive species, replant indigenous species, and identify critical habitat."

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



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