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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014
11:00 A.M.
ROOM 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1514
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1514, relating to agriculture. This bill will appropriate money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to fund efforts to control and mitigate damage from the coffee berry borer infestation in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) supports this measure. Invasive species are a primary threat to Hawaii's agriculture and economy. The coffee berry borer poses a significant problem for coffee farmers in Hawaii, and the additional funds will help the Department in its efforts contain the infestation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





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Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

Thursday, February 20, 2014
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1514
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

House Bill 1514 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for the control of coffee berry borer (*Hypothenemus hampei*), an invasive pest threatening coffee trees in Hawaii. **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. The coffee berry borer is one of these problems, in that it damages coffee trees that are highly valued as an agricultural commodity in Hawaii.

Control of coffee berry borer infestations, as well as containment through methods including management of feral coffee trees, is a worthy investment in protecting the coffee industry in Hawaii. Because coffee berry borer is one of many serious invasive species impacting Hawaii's economy, agriculture, environment, and way of life, the Department suggests that an appropriation for the control of coffee berry borer be considered within the context of other budgetary requests for invasive species control in Hawaii under consideration during this legislative session. As written, this bill would provide as much as \$3,000,000 from the general fund to the HDOA for control efforts. The Department supports this effort, provided that this appropriation does not replace or adversely impact appropriations for other priority invasive species projects across the State.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 11:00 am

By
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and

J. Kenneth Grace, Interim Associate Dean for Research
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 1514 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1514, which appropriates moneys for control and containment of the Coffee Berry Borer.

The Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) is a severe beetle pest of coffee, first discovered by staff of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, in south Kona in late 2010. CTAHR was a founding member of the Executive Board for the Coffee Berry Borer Task Force Along with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, the Hawai'i Agricultural Research Center, the USDA Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, and state and local coffee associations. Since this time, these parties have collaborated closely to develop management methods for this terrible pest, to educate and assist coffee growers in implementing prevention and control efforts, and to take direct action to suppress this pest. Although it is still limited to the Island of Hawai'i, further spread is a very real threat, particularly to the Island of Kaua'i, where half the coffee in the state is grown.

HB 1514 would appropriate funds both for education and mitigation activities under the direction of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and for an accompanying program of administered by the Department of Agriculture to assist coffee growers with the high cost of the biological pesticide necessary to control CBB.

Education and mitigation efforts will focus on on-farm training and assistance to growers with proper timing and pesticide application practices, integration of the biological pesticide with site sanitation, pruning and other horticultural and harvest practices essential for effective beetle control, and collection of information from farms to further refine CBB control practices and determine the economic impact of control practices.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1514.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1514
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Room 308
11:00 AM

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

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF 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.

Hawaii Farm Bureau **stands in strong support of HB 2426** providing an appropriation for biosecurity facilities at harbors and ports.

Facilities at ports and harbors are a critical component of Hawaii's Biosecurity Plan. HRS 266-21.5 articulates the role of the Department of Transportation:

[§266-21.5] **Biosecurity, inspection, and cargo support facilities.** (a) The department of transportation shall provide space at commercial harbors for biosecurity and inspection facilities and to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of maritime cargo through the commercial harbors.
(b) The department and department of agriculture shall plan, design, and construct biosecurity, inspection, consolidation, deconsolidation, and treatment facilities for use by the department of agriculture to enhance the efficient and safe movement of imported and exported marine cargo, to include food [safety] and food security guidelines and standards. [L 2011, c 202, §3]

Biosecurity facility design in ports and harbors that allow safe and timely inspections and efficient movement of cargo are vital to the agriculture economy. We strongly support funding for biosecurity as part of an ongoing process to improve the state's ports and harbors to implement the Hawaii Biosecurity Plan.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this important matter.

Please support HB 2426.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james Kimo Falconer	Hawaii Coffee Growers Assn	Support	No

Comments: Members, The HCGA (Hawaii Coffee Growers Assn,) represents 70% of the coffee growing acreage in Hawaii. The Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) is devastating the Kona industry. The fight is not lost yet. Approved funding last year helped a great deal. Please help us continue to leverage Federal funds to with this state funding which will help to control this pest and it's spread to the outer islands. Kimo Falconer, President, HCGA

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Jim Wayman	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	Yes

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Roger Kaiwi	Kona Coffee Council	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support HB1514. The Kona Coffee Industry has been set back a great deal by CBB. Without a "Contain And Kill" program we may not survive. I urge you to pass this bill. Roger Kaiwi

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February 19, 2014

Hawaii Farmers Union United
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The Honorable Sylvia Luke
Chair House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306
415 South Beretania Street
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Vincent Mina
President
Maui

SUPPORT FOR HB1514 \$3MM CBB APPROPRIATION
House Finance Committee Hearing February 20, 2014 at 11:00AM

Simon Russell
Vice-President
Maui

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

David Case
Secretary
Kona

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Farmers Union United in full support of HB1514, a \$3 million appropriation to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to control and mitigate damage from the coffee berry borer infestation in Hawaii. This money would be used to fund or defray the cost to farmers of purchasing and applying *Beauveria bassiana*, a naturally occurring fungus whose various strains are used around the world to control CBB infestations. Funds could also be used to educate farmers in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques required for long range CBB control.

Ray Maki
Treasurer
Kauai

Pamela Boyer
Member
Oahu

The CBB infestation threatens Kona Coffee, one of Hawaii's signature origin crops. This pest has now spread southeast of Kona to Ka'u, another signature coffee region. It is also recently reported in other parts of Hawaii County and potentially threatens the entire Hawaii coffee industry.

David Fisher
Member
Maui

Hawaii County's recent report entitled "Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline 2012" documents about 4,750 acres in Kona and Ka'u planted to coffee-- about 4,150 acres in Kona and 600 acres in Ka'u. *Id.* ff p. 80, at Figs. 28, 29 and 27, respectively. Kona produces about 4 million pounds of parchment coffee per year with a gross value of about \$30 million before value added processing and roasting. *C.f. Id.* at 83-84. This revenue is replicated an estimated four times in the Kona communities where some 700 family farms—600 located on King Kamehameha School leaseholds—are located and annually employ about 1,000 workers. *Id.*

Steve Sakala
Member
Kona

Botanigard and Mycotrol are the respective, FDA approved, conventional and organic, commercial applications of *B. bassiana*. Research and on-farm experience confirm that an ideal method of control requires spraying 1qt/acre of Botannigard or Mycotrol every three weeks year round at a cost of \$50/qt. That comes to 16 applications per acre @ \$50 per acre times 4,750 acres or \$3.8MM [(16X\$50) X 4,750 = \$3.8MM]. The payments to coffee farmers to be made under this Bill are not gifts, but an investment in necessary incentives to encourage farmers to apply these products while at the same being educated about field sanitation and the range of IPM practices required for long-range CBB containment.

Beginning in 1990 the Government of India, faced with CBB infestations in three of its southern states, conducted a 12-year national research project, which concluded among other things that:

The incentive provided to the growers especially pesticides at subsidized rates during the early years, played an important role in convincing the growers about the possibility of controlling the pest if control measures are adopted on time. (Emphasis added.)

See *Integrated Management of Coffee Berry Borer* (Central Coffee Research Institute: Karnataka, India) CFC/ICO/02 (2002) at 59.

Private Hawaii interests formed the CBB Task Force Nonprofit Corporation and earlier used federal funding to set up a pilot project to test and document the results of *B. bassiana* spraying. These efforts, however, are severely hampered by slow procurement and lack of funds and employees. The bugs are not waiting for the budget.

What is needed now is an effective, government operated education and mitigation program and the funds to cover necessary extension staff and administration of direct HDOA subsidies for all the affected farms until the effects of this pest can be brought under control. It is an approach that has been successfully employed in countries around the world. We therefore urge your Committee to approve adoption of HB1514.

I will not be able to personally attend the HB1514 hearing, as I will have to tend to my farm. Pamela Boyar, who leads our Oahu Chapter and is a member of our Board of Directors, may be present at the meeting to deliver our testimony. I request that you extend her every courtesy.

Mahalo,
HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED

Vincent Mina

Vincent Mina, President

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Derek Lanter	Dole Waialua Coffee	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John C. Cross	Kau Coffee Mill, LLC	Support	No

Comments: I represent Kau Coffee Mill and the Edmund C. Olson Trust II. We strongly support HB 1514 to help the coffee industry fight the CBB. It is extremely important that we control this on the Big Island and do not let it get established on any of the other coffee growing islands. Please pass this bill.

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Wayne Katayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB1514 as it addresses the education, and supports the farmer in overcoming this harmful pest that is laying to ruin one of Hawaii's most highest valued agricultural crop. I'm active in the Hawaiian coffee industry as a farmer, processor, roaster and marketer. The CBB has managed to reduce the quality of the Kona/Big Island coffee thus its value and yield. Said simply higher cost for less coffee. This is not a formula for a health industry.

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Stacie Loo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to pass HB1514. The Kona Coffee Industry needs this to survive.
Mahalo , Stacie Loo

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donna woolley	Individual	Support	No

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David Bateman	Individual	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Hui 'O Mālama 'Āina	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Luke and Honorable Finance Committee, Please appropriate this important funding for CBB mitigation, it is critical for our Coffee industry to eradicate the CBB in as short a time as possible. Respectfully Submitted, Simon Russell

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Jim Wayman	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	Yes

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