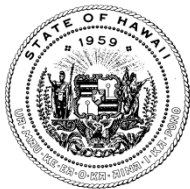


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April 4, 2014
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

H.B. 1932, H.D. 1, S.D. 1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation **supports** this bill which seeks to enhance private-public partnerships and provide general funds to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to further assist DOA's infrastructure and facility requirements to bolster our biosecurity and help prevent the introduction of new invasive species at Hawaii's airports and harbors that might be harmful to Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
FRIDAY APRIL 04, 2014, 10:00 A.M.
ROOM 211
HOUSE BILL NO. 1932 HD1, SD1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Chairperson Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1932 HD1 SD1, relating to biosecurity. This bill will amend Section 150A-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes to: (1) allow the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process; and (2), appropriate funds to the HDOA for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Department's biosecurity program. HDOA supports this measure and offers two amendments to Section 2 of HB 1932 HD1 SD1.

SECTION 2. Section 150A-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~§~~150A-53~~§~~ **General actions to achieve objectives.** To achieve the objectives of the biosecurity program, the department shall plan for and, within available legislative appropriations or through funding from other sources, implement the following"

The HDOA respectfully requests the above underlined amendment to clarify that the reference to "available legislative appropriations" does not mean that the activities identified in section 150A-53 may only be funded by legislative appropriations. HDOA believes that private or federal funds may be available for these purposes and, if they are, HDOA would like to be able to use such funds for these important activities.

Second, the HDOA respectfully requests subsection C on page 4, lines 8-13 of HB 1932 HD1 SD1 be amended to read as:



- (C) Establishing or participating in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process at port of entry [~~with on-port and off-port~~] facilities, including inspection and treatment facilities, transitional facilities, and consolidation and deconsolidation facilities.

The HDOA is asking for this second amendment to ensure that all options remain open to the Department in deciding which course of action is in the best interest of the State in creating an efficient, effective, & comprehensive biosecurity program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, April 4, 2014
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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1932, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

House Bill 1932, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to support biosecurity programs and authorizes the HDOA to create or engage in private-public partnerships to enhance biosecurity programs and the quarantine inspection process. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The HDOA's port-of-entry and inspection programs within the Plant Quarantine Branch provide critical services in evaluating the large quantity of goods that are imported to Hawaii and in minimizing the risk of invasion by pest species. The HDOA's Plant Pest Control Branch provides necessary expertise and direction in post-entry detection and response for certain pest species. The Plant Pest Control Branch also manages the State's biocontrol program and is responsible for exploring for potential biocontrol agents, conducting research on host-specificity, and releasing appropriate biocontrol agents for invasive species control. The success of these programs is vital to protecting Hawaii's agriculture, as well as its natural environment, economy, the health of the public, and our way of life.

With regard to the amendments in House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 authorizing the HDOA to create or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process with on-port and off-port facilities, including inspection and treatment facilities, transitional facilities, and consolidation and deconsolidation facilities, the Department defers to the HDOA on whether these functions are most effectively achieved through private-public partnerships or through existing departmental programs.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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TESTIMONY ON HB 1932, SD1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Room 211
10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chairperson of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly supports** **HB1932 SD1**; appropriating funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for their biosecurity program.

Invasive species continues to be one of the biggest threats for Hawaii Agriculture, Hawaii's Environment, and affects every resident and visitor to our State. You can put money into this now, or much, much more later.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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HB1932

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Yurth	Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association	Support	No

Comments: My Husband and I support HB1932 and find it important that the State, NonProfits and Businesses Partner to keep the Macadamia Nut and other crops from further invasions. We all need to work together to protect our precious commodities. Please vote in favor of this Bill. Aloha, Carol and Bob Yurth

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**TESTIMONY ON HB 1932, SD1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

Room 211
10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, 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 with amendments of HB1932 SD1; appropriating funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for their biosecurity program.

Many testimonies have been presented before this body about the importance of controlling invasive species. We support the amendment suggested in SD1, with a **clarification that the public-private partnership contemplated in the SD1 does not include the actual inspection process.** Inspection and identification of pests must be done by qualified inspectors. The Federal process and quality of inspections have been degraded since APHIS control was combined with Homeland Security. Locally HDOA has the regulatory authority and trained personnel, but not enough. They should be adequately funded to effectively perform this vitally important function.

Funding HDOA's biosecurity program is essential to fully execute a comprehensive strategy to control and prevent the increasing amount of invasive species threats entering and spreading throughout the state. While inspections are critical, building local capacity to increase our ability to stop the entry of high risk products will enhance our ability to mitigate and manage invasive species. This is vitally important not only to protect our fragile environment but to grow our local agricultural industries and to increase levels of self sufficiency and sustainability.

The following projects have tested concepts. Implementation and testing of new concepts are the next logical steps.

- 1) **Maritime cargo.** Matson was used as a test base for implementation of electronic manifests. Biosecurity and HDOT-Harbor funds were used to develop the system while Matson used their own funds to modify their systems to link into the electronic manifest system. This allowed for efficient inspection, movement of cargo, reduction in harbor congestion and efficient data processing. While these systems focused on imports, similar systems are

needed for intrastate commerce. Concurrently, the exchange of confidential and proprietary business information needs to be managed to encourage participation by transporters.

- 2) **Import replacement of high risk crops and development of systems management to enhance pest management practices.** The Myrtaceae project (HARC) to build local foliage production capacity and the area wide fruitfly project (CTAHR) demonstrated the potentials for growing local agriculture while simultaneously reducing invasive species introduction. We need to expand these programs while leveraging capacities at research centers such as CTAHR and HARC. Additionally, with the loss of USDA funds in 2010 specifically targeted to help Hawaii's agriculture, such as the Floriculture and TSTAR research programs, researchers are now overly dependent on grants. Grant reliance is an unreliable funding stream and a poor strategy to protect Hawaii's agriculture and environment. **It is extremely difficult to obtain federal grants for problems that only have a major impact on Hawaii.** Local funding is vital to supporting the programs that directly help our farmers and ranchers, and to help increase our capacities at UH and HARC to address current and prevent future infestations in Hawaii.
- 3) **New Generation pesticides and integrated pest management.** The new generation pesticides used in combination with other methods of integrated pest control and management are targeted toward specific pests and safe to the environment and applicators. However, all of the crops growing in Hawaii other than the seed crops are considered "minor crops". This means that local research for efficacy and safety is needed to obtain EPA approval for use by local farmers and ranchers. It is important to provide the tools necessary for the efficient use of finite resources to control invasive species. Support at the local level is important to supplement the federal program to register new pesticides for minor crops, to test new and safer pesticides under Hawaii's unique conditions, and to make sure our farmers and ranchers have the best training to use them safely and effectively.
- 4) **Development of quarantine treatment options.** Growth of local agriculture is associated with increased export capacity which in turn will enhance our General Fund. Quarantine treatment of incoming and outgoing products in an efficient and reliable manner is key to Hawaii's future.
- 5) **Diagnostics.** Enhanced ability to quickly and reliably identify new and evolving pests and disease and develop and evaluate control, mitigation, and eradication measures is critical. The ability to trace their route of introduction is also important.
- 6) **Improve productivity of inspection capacity.** Enhancement of computer programs and other tools needed to increase staff efficiency is important.
- 7) **Public and Industry Education** Successful programs such as area-wide fruitfly suppression and coffee berry borer integrated pest management included comprehensive education initiatives targeted at growers, shippers and the public. Consumer understanding of the impacts of their purchasing decisions on Hawaii's food security and economic, cultural and environmental sustainability is also important.

Many of the programs outlined above have been previously initiated. Budgetary constraints have been the primary reason that they have been delayed, stalled or halted. Agriculture's role in Hawaii's fight against invasive species is important and funding of these programs needs to be a top priority. We respectfully request passage of **HB1932 clarifying the use of public-private partnerships and identifying the programs that need to be implemented.**

Thank you for your consideration of our request.



Hawaii State Senate Ways and Means Committee
Regarding HB 1932 – Biosecurity

April 3, 2014

Greetings Members

My name is David Schell and I am the General Manager of Island Princess Macadamia Nut Company in Kea'au on the Big Island. I am writing you to encourage your favorable votes in support of HB 1932.

We have all heard many times of how fragile the Hawaiian ecosystem is and how vulnerable it is to degradation due to introduced species. My experience in the macadamia industry certainly bears witness to the validity of that assertion. In the last five years we have been negatively impacted by the introduction of varroa mites and small hive beetles - which have devastated feral and domestic bee colonies we rely on for pollination - and, more recently, the industry is reeling from the impact of macadamia felted coccid. There is also the small fire ant that certainly is having an impact on ag lands and is making some areas of the islands nearly uninhabitable.

I believe that had the DoA had more resources to focus on preventing these invasions – including that of the high profile cocci frog - we would not be now faced with the economic and cultural impact of these pests. I do not feel that it is unreasonable to conclude that, with the growth of global trade, the problem of invasive species will continue and, given that our environment is very friendly to many forms of life, I contend that it is incumbent on us to maintain an extraordinarily high level of vigilance to counter the continuous pressure from unwanted pest.

Please help to preserve the unique Hawaiian environment and give the DoA the funds and authority specified in this bill to facilitate and maintain the biosecurity of these islands.

Thank you for your time.

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April 2, 2014

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Support of HB 1932, HD1, SD1, Relating to Agriculture (Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process; appropriates funds for FY 2014-2015 for the biosecurity program).

Friday, April 4, 2014, 10:00 a.m., in CR 211

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 HB 1932, HD1, SD1**, and of the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including important agricultural lands (IAL) in Hawaii. The bill conveys the need for collaboration amongst diverse sectors of the community - business, government, and agricultural stakeholders - and the importance for them to work together cooperatively to improve the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry.

HB 1932, HD1, SD1. This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process in order to minimize the risk of invasive pests entering the State; and makes an appropriation for the DOA's biosecurity program for fiscal year 2014-2015. The measure thereby supports the growth of Hawaii's agriculture and reduces the State's dependency on imported agricultural products that may contain pests;

LURF's Position. This bill is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes [HRS], Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in Article XI, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution, "to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands." As noted in HRS Section 205-41, the intent of Act 183 (2005) was to develop agricultural incentive programs to promote agricultural viability, sustained growth of the agricultural industry, and the long-term use and protection of important agricultural lands for agricultural use.

Passage of the long-awaited IAL legislation would be pointless without implementation of these efforts which involve the collaboration and support of agricultural and business organizations, as well as government agencies, which this bill is intended to cultivate and promote.

By recognizing the significance of, and need to advance the interrelationships between private and public sectors to develop and improve the local agriculture industry, and establish programs which identify the objectives and address the needs of the industry, this bill significantly helps to promote economically viable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii. As such, LURF is in **strong support of HB 1932, HD1, SD1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of this measure.



Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Testimony of the Oahu Invasive Species Committee in **support** of HB 1932:
Relating to Biosecurity.

Friday, April 4, 2014 10:00 AM, Room 211

The Oahu Invasive Species Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1932, relating to biosecurity. This bill will appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to support its biosecurity program. The Oahu Invasive Species Committee **supports** this measure.

Invasive pests are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, agriculture, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. Evidence from Hawai'i and around the world shows that preventing new pest establishment is exponentially more economical than eradicating a pest or, even worse, controlling it indefinitely once it becomes established. The HDOA has developed a multi-faceted Biosecurity Program in an effort to enhance invasive species prevention at air and sea ports with more inspectors, enhanced inspection systems and technologies, improved inspection facilities, and agreements with importers and producers for improved sanitary protocols.

We hope that providing the necessary and critical support for HDOA's Biosecurity Program will be additive and not prevent the Legislature, the Administration and partners from also devoting appropriate attention and funding to the full range of pest issues across the islands.

This funding is essential to protecting Hawaii's agricultural economy and natural resources.

Please support HB 1932, HD1.

Mahalo,

Oahu Invasive Species Committee



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HB1932, HD1, SD1 – Testimony

WAM – Senate Committee

April 4, 2014

Submitted by: Scott I. Murray, President – Able Freight Services, Inc.

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committees:

Able Freight Services Inc. has been involved with the State of Hawaii’s Department of Transportation (HDOT) and the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) since 2007 to operate Biosecurity facilities (in general), and to assist with the Biosecurity program to safeguard Hawaii from any invasive species.

Able Freight fully supports HB1932, HD1, SD1 and the Biosecurity program that includes an integrated system of on-port Biosecurity and/or transitional facilities and off-port transitional facilities, pursuant to HRS Chapter 150A-53 (4 & 5) and the amendment to SD1. Both Biosecurity and transitional facilities should house proper cold storage for inbound perishable cargo with an inspection area for the HDOA -Quarantine inspectors, treatment equipment, and office space.

It is imperative that the cold chain be maintained with the perishable cargo being either containerized or specially wrapped to prohibit any release of any invasive species and supporting and promoting all FDA required food and safety requirements.

Able Freight is here to assist the State of Hawaii and the HDOA by participating and implementing its Biosecurity Program to safeguard Hawaii from any invasive species.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Borgnino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is of utmost importance that we protect our state from invasive species. Every penny we pinch on invasive species protection costs many many more in loss.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Schoneberg	HMNA	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1932. We need improvement in our inspections and quarantining of plants and animals coming into Hawaii. I believe this bill would be a step in the right direction. We need to prevent more invasive species coming into the islands and threatening our native plants and our agricultural industries.

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April 3, 2014

Subject: HB 1932

To the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Glenn Sako and I work for Royal Hawaiian Services, L.P. in Pahala on the Big Island. I would like to ask you to support HB 1932, the biosecurity bill.

This bill is to authorize the Department of Agriculture to establish or participate in private/public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process. It is intended to improve the process to try to prevent more inadvertent invasive species introductions to Hawaii.

Hawaii is too lax in dealing with invasive species introductions. We need to keep them out of our tropical paradise. The Department of Agriculture lacks the authority quarantine nurseries with suspected invasive species to prevent the pests from escaping into the surrounding areas.

The recent bill to fine nurseries for the interisland shipments with coqui frogs and/or Little Fire Ant, which was tabled, is an example of action being taken too late. Now, the legislators are causing Hawaii nurseries and the public to fight amongst ourselves over the transportation of the pests. The pests should never have been allowed into Hawaii in the first place. And quick action should have been taken to eradicate the pests, if they slipped through the inspections.

1. I suggest that the Department of Agriculture be given the authority to quarantine a nursery with any introduced invasive pest.
2. Make it a requirement that any nursery or individual who is going to import any plant material into Hawaii has a \$10 million bond which is to be used to eradicate any introduced pest from the importation.
3. Fine the persons who import the illegal plants and animals. Ignorance is not an excuse. They can always check with Plant Quarantine before bringing the plant or animal. In my life time, I have not heard of anyone being fined for having an illegal plant or animal and yet, we always hear that there is a \$200,000 fine. Make an example out of a law breaker.

Thank you for considering my testimony,

Glenn Sako,

Operations Management Associate, RHS LP.

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

Comments: I, John Kai am in support of HB 1932. Please include my testimony in the record. Mahalo. John Kai

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Bill Mckibin 24th earthday

I, Nathan Graves very strongly support the passage of HB1932 SD1 and any provisions that will make this legislation permanent.

Invasive species are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii. They can cause harm to people, agriculture, and native species. Because Hawaii's ecosystem is particularly vulnerable to such threats, it is important that regulations are enacted to limit such species. Detecting and quarantining such species is one of the most effective tools in doing so. This bill also promotes supporting the growth of Hawaii's local agriculture and reducing dependence on imported agriculture. Reducing such imports would be beneficial the people and ecosystem of Hawaii.

Examining commodity imports is especially important to limiting invasive species. Improving cargo inspection capacities will allow Hawaii to catch invasive species before they spread and damage the ecosystem. Biosecurity programs such as this play a vital role in keeping Hawaii's ecosystem one of the most special places on earth. It is important that appropriate funds are given to these efforts. Although, current legislation exists, unfortunately it has not stopped the devastation of non-native organisms such as weeds, and other invasive species from expanding on the islands.

This bill is a step in the right direction towards reducing dangerous invasive species effects on Hawaii's ecosystem. For this reason is stand in full support of this essential legislation and urge the state legislature to pass it into law.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phyllis M. Stine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With the growing number of invasive pests to our land and as a Macadamia Nut farmer, I am in support of this bill to authorize the Department of Ag to to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process for Hawaii.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 4, 2014

10:00 AM

Room 211

Relating to Biosecurity

HB 1932, HD1, SD1

Aloha Chairperson Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

I am Randy Cabral and I have been farming in Hawaii for over 40 years. I am the Senior Vice President of Operations for Royal Hawaiian Orchards LP. We farm 6,000 acres of macadamia on Hawai'i Island. We employ 250 full time and seasonal workers. **We strongly support this bill.**

Our orchards have been severely impacted by the Macadamia Felted Coccid; an invasive insect from Australia. Funding the HDOA's biosecurity program will help prevent new invasive species from entering Hawaii and to control/eradicate the ones that are already here.

Please support HB 1932, HD1, SD1.

Mahalo.

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Thomas E. Soles	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this Bill

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Volanda Collins-Toribio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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