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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

February 10, 2015  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1403  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Chairpersons Tsuji and Kawakami and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 1403. This bill mandates the Department of Agriculture to establish a little fire ant (LFA) Pesticide Treatment Coupon Pilot Project and site map, and requires reports to be submitted to the Legislature prior to the 2016 and 2017 Regular Sessions. The Department provides comments on the measure.

The Department understands the harmful and invasive nature of LFA. As such, the Department has recently provided support to Hawaii County for a pilot program to combat LFA beginning with Hawaii County parks. The Department has also provided funding and support for the Hawaii Ant Lab, an organization that has been on the forefront in the fight against LFA and has created new and innovative methods to treat and eradicate LFA infestations. Furthermore, it is our understanding that the Hawaii Ant Lab is currently working on a map of known LFA infestations throughout the Big Island and further resources for the Hawaii Ant Lab could help them to finish this project and disseminate that information.

In regards to the coupon pilot project, the Department is concerned about the resources that would be required to monitor such a program. It would be very difficult



for the Department, with its given resources, to verify and monitor if the pesticides were being used for the purpose of controlling LFA or for other purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Testimony of  
CARTY S. CHANG  
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1403  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

House Bill 1403 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to implement a pesticide coupon program for control of the little fire ant in the County of Hawaii. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes the environmental, economic, and public health impacts posed by the little fire ant, and is aware of the HDOA efforts to detect and control this species where possible. In particular, the Department notes that the Hawaii Ant Lab, a collaboration of the University of Hawaii and the HDOA, provides outreach and guidance to private individuals statewide in regard to little fire ant control. The Hawaii Ant Lab holds monthly workshops in the County of Hawaii to review control options for Little Fire Ant and provides information on best practices for pesticide use.

With regard to a coupon program for pesticides in which each coupon would entitle the bearer to a one-year supply of pesticide, the Department notes that, given the high per-unit cost of pesticide and the high number of infested properties in the County of Hawaii, such a coupon program would come at a very high total cost. The Department further notes that while the coupon program may decrease the number of ants on a property whose owner elects to use his or her coupon, larger scale reduction in ant populations across property boundaries would require a strategically coordinated effort among landowners. The Department defers to the HDOA on the fiscal requirements of implementing a pesticide coupon program as well as the efficacy of this treatment model.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

**CARTY S. CHANG**  
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON  
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HEARING BEFORE THE  
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TESTIMONY ON HB 1403  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Room 312  
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Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,932 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.

**HFB is in strong support of HB 1403**, which mandates the Department of Agriculture to establish a little fire ant Pesticide Treatment Coupon Pilot Project and site map.

HFB recognizes the harm that the little fire ant has caused to farms, businesses, and the quality of life of those affected by the pest. We agree that immediate measures must be undertaken to stop its spread to other areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY RE: HB 1403 RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

February 10, 2015  
Room 312, 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture:

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports HB 1043 which serves to provide additional tools to assist the Department of Agriculture to expand the current Little Fire Ant (LFA) program in the county of Hawaii. That being said, given the level that the problem on the Big Island has grown to, it is our understanding that eradication there may no longer be possible. Therefore, we strongly support a comprehensive plan through the Department of Agriculture to aid this huge and growing problem for all islands in Hawaii.

Here at the Maui Chamber of Commerce, we believe in creating a strong economic environment that supports job growth while also protecting our environment and preserving our quality of life. We support the "triple bottom-line" view of sustainability: economy, environment and social well-being. The infestations of LFA are affecting all three of these important aspects of our islands' life.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce, therefore, has the LFA as one of its top legislative priorities this year and has recently contributed \$30,000 through the Maui Quarantine Fund for a dog program that detects LFA that can benefit the entire state. Strong investment is needed by the state now to prevent further LFA expansion on Maui and Oahu where additional sites continue to be found, but eradication is still possible.

Introduced species can have dramatic and devastating effects on the plants and animals that have evolved to live in such remote isolation, and the isolation can affect the way these species behave. Little fire ants are insidious invaders. They don't announce their presence by swarming feet and legs; instead, they sting when they are trapped against skin or in clothing. Establishing nests in trees and amongst ground cover, LFA can reach densities of 20,000 workers per meter, or a whopping 155 ants in a square inch. At that level, painful encounters become unavoidable. In 2014, LFA made it through the inspection system at least four times on Maui. LFA was detected at a high-end resort, a condominium, and a nursery on Maui. Recently, two major infestations of little fire ants were discovered in East Maui that will take significant resources to address.

Our HDOA inspectors are making heroic efforts to stop pests from breaching our borders but they still don't have adequate staffing or facilities. We need your help, a comprehensive plan and additional funding now.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
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| Simon Russell       | Hawaii Farmers Union<br>United | Support                   | No                        |

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| Nancy Redfeather    | Hawaii Island School Garden Network | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Because I work with over 60 school gardens on Hawai'i Island, I know the problems that are caused by LFA. I am in full support of a bill that provides comprehensive resources to combat one of the worst insects in the world, says EO Wilson American Biologist and Ant Specialist. If we don't address this we will have to abandon parts of Hawaii Island and food production all together. We also need an effective and broad public education campaign so that communities can assist and keep them from spreading while we treat.

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| Vince Kana`i Dodge  | `Ai Pohaku          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Aloha all, Full support for HB1403. Understand that the little fire ant problem is huge on Hawaii Island and must be contained and dealt with there. Be disastrous for it to spread to other islands! Super serious situation. Would affect all out door activities. Plz support HB1403. aloha nui, Vince Kana`i Dodge

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| Peter Sullenberger  | Three Roads Farm    | Support                   | No                        |

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| Barbara Barry       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Faith Ewbank        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Arianna Feinberg    | Individual          | Comments Only             | No                        |

Comments: Aloha, Thank you Representatives for your continued service to Hawaii. I strongly support this bill because we must do everything in our power to eradicate little fire ants and stop their spread to other areas. Please provide funding for this pilot coupon program to financially assist people in eradicating LFA on their property. Invasive species eradication and prevention of all kinds deserves more funding and attention. Thank you for your consideration. Mahalo, Arianna Feinberg

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| Jeff Lind           | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Agriculture  
And  
House Committee on Economic Development and Business  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015; 8:30 am  
By  
J. Kenneth Grace**

**HB 1403      RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Chairs Tsuji and Kawakami, Vice Chairs Onishi and Kong and members of the House Committee on Agriculture and House Committee on Economic Development and Business, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support, with amendments strongly suggested of HB 1403, which mandates the Department of Agriculture to establish a little fire ant Pesticide Treatment Coupon Pilot Project for Hawai'i County, and a site map of little fire ant infestations on the Island of Hawai'i.

My name is J. Kenneth Grace. I am a resident of Kaneohe, and employed as Associate Dean for Research in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am providing personal testimony on HB 850.

As a research entomologist, I have conducted studies on the control of both ants and termites, and for a decade was a member of the national technical advisory committee for Operation Full-Stop, an area-wide pest suppression program for subterranean termites implemented by USDA-ARS focusing on termite control in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Louisiana.

In the New Orleans project, individual property owners were reimbursed for the cost of professional termite control treatments on their property by a licensed pest management professional (although the payments were made to the industry professionals rather than to the homeowner). The professionals were required to use certain methods deemed acceptable by the government agency in order for the property to qualify for the subsidy. These steps were taken to insure that was consistency in the treatments applied, and that all applications were legal and performed by trained professionals in order to avoid any pesticide misuse or incomplete and ineffective efforts. A great deal of effort also went into educational materials and public meetings to explain the program.

This was a labor intensive and expensive program, but was successful in greatly reducing termite infestations in the French Quarter (although the problem was never completely eliminated). Government funded area-wide fruitfly suppression programs in Hawaii, have also been quite effective. In all of these "area-wide" pest management programs, however rebound of pests after the funding and professional assistance and training ended has always been an issue, since it is very difficult for property owners, on their own, to maintain the concentrated effort required for success. In other studies of area-wide pest control, property owner efforts have also dropped off and pests have rebounded once government assistance ended.

HB 1403 offers a creative variation on government-led, area-wide pest management by offering a subsidy to individual property owners for purchasing ant control products, presumably products deemed effective by the Department of Agriculture. The likelihood of inconstant treatment is a concern to me though, as is the possibility of pesticide misapplication (depending on the products selected).

I would suggest that an alternative approach to consider would be to involve the professional pest management industry in this program, with subsidies for treatment for little fire ant (and/or

other key invasive pests identified by the State) paid either to the property owner or directly to the pest control firm. In the New Orleans project, the subsidy was paid directly to the pest control firm (which meant that payments could be aggregated), and any firms that acted fraudulently or did not perform the treatments correctly were barred from further participation in the program.

This bill points out the problem of people “left behind” in the wake of an invasive pest moving across the State, and offers a creative, although potentially expensive approach to assist them. A program that included the pest management industry might have greater impact, however. If the Department of Agriculture considers it possible to manage a program of this type and the Legislature considers it economically feasible, then I suggest committee amendments be considered to establish a joint government-industry subsidy program, rather than direct subsidies to homeowners for pesticide purchases.

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| Denise Key          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Lars Lind           | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please support this bill and help control the Little Fire Ant and prevent it from destroying our aina! Mahalo!

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| Martha Lind         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please support this bill. We must find ways to eradicate/control the spread of the Little Fire Ant which is so destructive to our people and our aina. Mahalo for your support!

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| Mark Shaw           | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: A top priority to keep our Hawaii free from these insidious pests.

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| Peter deVries       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Neil Vonhof         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Kanoelani Davis     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I am in support of HB 1403 Little Fire Ant prevention

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| Patrick Harley Simmons | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Tony Sylvester      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Robert Barreca      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Ann M. Fontes       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support this bill. More funds are needed to control the spread of this invasive insect that threaten our visitors industry as well as local residents from enjoying our physical environment. Thank you.

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| Nate Hayward        | Hawaii Farmers Union<br>United | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Aloha, my name is Nate Hayward and I am vice president of the Kohala chapter of the Hawaii Farmers Union United and a small farmer here on the Big Island. The LFA plague invading our island is no joke, I have personally been bitten on the eyelid while harvesting fruit, resulting in half an hour of burning pain, blurred vision, and swelling from only one bite! For those of us focused on fruit production and food sustainability, the LFA has the potential to degrade the productivity of all our farms as they become harder to work in and become dominated by the LFA. This also effects nurseries whose plants become infested, resulting in loss of marketability to the public. Please take this threat with the upmost seriousness and allocate some meaningful funds and support to this effort for today and for the future generations. Mahalo

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| Jason Worchel | Individual   | Comments Only      | No                 |

Comments: Please support this bill. The fire ant is not a nuisance invasive species. It is a dangerous invasive species capable of killing wild and domesticated animals as well as a risk to the health and safety of children, homeowners and farm workers. It is capable of destroying our agricultural industry. There are no known organic pesticides so organic farmers could be put out of businesses, plants quarantined and tourist industry harmed.

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| Courtney Turner     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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