

**HB 1869,  
HD1**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
2:45 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1869, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET**

House Bill 1869, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to support research and control of rose-ringed parakeet on the island of Kauai. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

The Department recognizes that there has been an increase in reports of rose-ringed parakeet flocks on the island of Kauai and that this species may be a nuisance to farmers. The proposed research by the National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) would also examine whether this species poses threats to Hawaii's natural resources by feeding on native plant seeds or dispersing non-native plant seeds from low-elevation farms and forests into higher-elevation native forests. The Department notes that until research by NWRC is completed and a control plan is developed, it may be difficult to determine an appropriate amount of funding to implement such a plan, as is required by section three of this measure. The Department defers to HDOA on an appropriate amount of funding for the research and planning activities described by this measure.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE**

March 16, 2016  
2:45 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1869 HD1  
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1869 HD1. This bill would appropriate general funds to the department to assist and fund the National Wildlife Research Center to: 1) assess the impacts of the parakeet and; 2) develop a control program to reduce the impacts of the parakeet. The department supports this measure provided it does not impact the department's priorities submitted in the executive budget.

The department recognizes that rose-ringed parakeet is an environmental pest and agricultural pest. It spreads seeds of noxious weeds into the forests causing the dispersal of these weeds into the forest areas which compete with and often overwhelm the native plants, changing the ecology of the forests. This then has secondary negative impacts on the native birds, insects, bats, etc. In addition, the rose-ringed parakeet feeds on fruit grown in agricultural areas resulting in a negative impact on agriculture production. The National Wildlife Research Center has begun, but has not completed, studies on the impacts of these birds in Hawaii. This funding will continue that research which will be needed to develop effective control measures.



The second part of this bill mandates the department to assist and fund the National Wildlife Research Center to develop a control program to manage these birds. Any control program will need to be based on an understanding of the bird's biology, ecology, and behavior. The National Wildlife Research Center's study should provide much of this needed information. However, the department does not have any expertise in the control of birds and in particular large populations of birds such as this that are having an impact in nonagricultural areas such as the forests. The assistance from the department would be in using these appropriated monies to fund the National Wildlife Research Center's development of a control/management program.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony



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**Before the Senate Committee on  
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**Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
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Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1869 HD 1  
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET**

House Bill 1869 HD 1 appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to assist and fund the National Wildlife Research Center with research of the negative impacts of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai and development and implementation of a control plan to reduce the negative impacts. **Aha Moku supports this measure.**

The damage to agricultural crops on Kauai is significant and increasingly destructive. As well as harming our agricultural crops, these invasive parakeets are growing in number and are attacking indigenous and endemic plants to Kauai as well. We support our Kauai legislators in their efforts to protect our environment and ecosystem. One of the greatest ways of protection is to keep our environment in balance. Invasive species, particularly the rose-ringed parakeet, are detrimental to the health of our lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 1869 HD 1 and we urge its passage.



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1869, HD1**  
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Room 224  
2:45 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 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 supports HB 1869, HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to assist and fund the National Wildlife Research Center to research the negative impacts of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai and develop and implement a control plan to reduce the negative impacts.

Although beautiful and appealing, these parakeets are damaging both commercial farmers' crops and backyard growers' orchards on Kauai, especially of lychee, longan, and rambutan.

HFB agrees that we need a cost-effective means to control the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai that will benefit economically important crops, reduce the potential for damage to natural resources, and avoid any negative effects on the health and safety of Kauai residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Comments: Comm on WLA Chair: Sen Gabbard PLEASE KILL THIS BILL, MAKE DIE DEAD! THis bill is a subterfuge, a way of using a fake research program to hide its true intent. Everybody supports research, of course. But this bill isn't really about research; it is about finding ways to kill these gorgeous creatures. REAL research does not pre-determine the end point as this alleged research does. When a bill stses it wants to study the negative effects of living creatures, it is predetermining the outcome. HEWA! Please do not allow this fake research to destroy these magnificent parakeets. Thank you. Aloha, joel Dr. Joel Fischer Professor (RET.) UH, Manoa

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