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OUR MISSION

HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

In Support of HB 2424 with Comments
Relating to Biosecurity

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE
And
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

03-18-16 1:45PM in conference room 414

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Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Wakai, Vice-Chairs Nishihara and Slom, and members of the Committees:

My name is Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA). HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization promoting agricultural bio tech to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA is in support of HB2424 with comments.

The spread of invasive species is a substantial threat to Hawaii's economy, environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. As an association of farmers, we understand the hardships detrimental pests can cause to both the land and local crops.

Hawaii's distinctive ecosystem boasts unique conditions that are ideal for year-around agricultural activity. HCIA supports initiatives meant to reasonably secure and maintain this delicate system.

While we support the intent of this measure, HCIA also agrees with the Hawaii Farm Bureau's comment in regards to private information.

"The proposal is not clear as to whether the private party is a transportation company or a party that is currently an importer and expanding their operations. If the party is a transportation company, no problem should exist as they already manage such business information. However, if the party is an importer, that is providing additional services to other importers, there is a concern whether the private business information provided will give an unfair business advantage to that party."

In closing, HCIA supports the intent of HB2424 to diversify Hawaii's defense against invasive species and demonstrate a commitment to protecting Hawaii's land, farmers, and residents for years to come. However, we believe further discussion, regarding private information and how it is handled in this measure, should be considered.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

gabbard2 - Donna

From: EET Testimony
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 8:13 AM
To: WLA Testimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2424 - Relating to Biosecurity

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom BECK [mailto:yellowohia@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 7:36 AM
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JOINT HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, & TECHNOLOGY and
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TESTIMONY ON HB 2424 - RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Aloha Chair Wakai and Gabbard; Vice Chair Slom and Nishimoto, and Members of the Committees:

I support the intent of HB 2424 which provides funds and requires DOA to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process.

Protecting Ag producers from imported pests and providing much need inspection stations are vital to ensuring Hawaii agriculture's ability to export goods.

Hawaii has limited resources, public-private partnerships are important opportunities to provide service and opportunities by government. We respectfully request your support of this important measure while addressing the concerns submitted by the Hawaii Farm Bureau to ensure that confidential business information is protected. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this measure.

Tom BECK

HILO, HI

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Luana Beck

Mt. View, HI

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Lihue, HI

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