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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

February 5, 2015  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 504  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 504. This bill increases the pesticide licensing fee and amends authorized uses for moneys in the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund. The bill also establishes an environmental toxicologist position within the Department and requires a memorandum of understanding between the Department and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. The Department supports the intent of the bill and has some suggested amendments.

There has been an increased dialogue surrounding pesticide use in Hawaii and the call for greater scrutiny and regulation. The Department also wishes to increase its ability to educate and regulate the public regarding the proper use of pesticides and hence has requested four new positions for these efforts within our Pesticides Branch. These positions have been approved and are currently part of the Administration's budget.

The Department is supportive of numerous aspects of this bill including the creation of an environmental toxicologist position within the Department and also the creation of a pesticide disposal program. However, there are aspects of the bill that we would like to have further discussion about and to work with the committee to create a bill that would satisfy all parties involved. As such, we are working on suggestions for amended language and look forward to further collaboration on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.





# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 8:30am

By

Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor

And

Maria Gallo, Dean

And

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

### HB 504 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support, of HB 504, which increases the pesticide licensing fee and amends authorized uses for moneys in the pesticide use revolving fund.

Although we defer to the Department of Agriculture on the fiscal and management implications of HB 504 within the department, we appreciate the self-funding nature of the proposal included in HB 504. As described therein, the pesticide revolving fund of the Department of Agriculture would be used to support both greater infrastructure for training and monitoring of pesticides, and complementary pesticide education activities, by contract with the department, within the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

If this approach is deemed useful by the legislature and the Department of Agriculture, we will be glad to partner with the department in this effort.

**HB 504  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

**PAUL T. OSHIRO  
MANAGER – GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

Chair Tsuji and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

I am Paul Oshiro, testifying on behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (A&B) and its agricultural company Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company on HB 504, A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES. We support this bill.

Pesticide use in Hawaii is extensively regulated by both the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Agriculture under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Hawaii Pesticide Law (Chapter 149A, HRS). Depending upon the pesticide and its intended use, the EPA and the State impose mandatory conditions and requirements that are science based and designed to protect the pesticide applicator, the general public, and the environment. These requirements may include, but are not limited to, maximum application rates, using only specified application methods and equipment, application only under specified weather conditions, prohibition of any pesticide drift to neighboring properties that causes health or environmental harm, and, in the case of restricted use pesticides, allowing use only by or under the direct supervision of certified pesticide applicators.

Pesticide labels contain specific instructions such as what the pesticide may be used on, how much of the pesticide may be used, how often the pesticide can be used, and worker protection requirements. Federal Law states that the pesticide label is the law, and that use of the pesticide that is not in conformance with the label is a violation of Federal Law and may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

This bill increases pesticide licensing fees, modifies authorized uses for the pesticide use revolving fund, and appropriates funds for various pesticide related positions and activities. We support this bill as it provides additional non-general fund revenue to enhance the ability of the State Department of Agriculture and the U.H. College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources to monitor and regulate pesticide use throughout the State of Hawaii. In that pesticide distribution, sales, and use are presently heavily regulated at both the Federal and State levels of government, the establishment of new positions for an environmental toxicologist and pesticide extension specialist along with additional appropriations for certification activities, compliance monitoring, electronic data collection, educational materials, integrated management technologies, and pesticide disposal will further strengthen the State's pesticide oversight and enforcement capabilities. The capacity to effectively assess and address pesticide issues along with providing additional technical resources and expertise to pesticide regulators will also be enhanced. Thus, we believe that this bill will further protect and safeguard employees, the general public, and the environment from negative impacts resulting from improper pesticide use.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request your favorable consideration on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii*

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## In Strong Support of HB 504 Relating to Pesticides

**Increases pesticide fees and designates UH & DOA funding from Pesticide Fund**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m. in conference room 312

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and members of the Committee,

My name is Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association and HCIA strongly supports HB 504 which will expand the capacity of the State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Branch to help address public concerns about pesticide use in Hawaii.

Although pesticides are used throughout the world and in Hawaii to control disease carriers such as mosquitoes, ticks, and rodents; in our drinking water to prevent disease; in our homes to prevent destruction by termites, and in our watersheds to control invasive species, public attention and concern has recently focused on pesticides that are used on Hawaii's farms to control weeds, insect infestation, and diseases that can completely destroy a crop.

Our member companies are very aware of their responsibility to use pesticides properly and they take this duty very seriously. They use trained employees who are experienced in pesticide application and who apply them only when necessary. The safety of our employees and the community is of utmost importance to us and we follow the strict federal and State pesticide laws and regulations carefully. We are regularly inspected by the State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Branch whose duty is to enforce these laws.

Although we have confidence in the ability of the DOA to enforce pesticide laws and to ensure that the public is protected, we also recognize that increased funding and capacity will strengthen the Department and help it address community concerns. We support that mission.

Funding for the expanded role of the Pesticides Branch would be provided through an increase in State pesticide licensing fees rather than drawing from the general fund. The temporary expansion of the use of the licensing fee fund 5 years ago has proven to be beneficial to the Department's operation and this bill would further expand its use, and make it permanent. With this increased funding and authority, the Pesticide Branch can broaden its scope to include numerous new programs to ensure that pesticides are used properly.

Concerns about pesticide drift and exposure would be evaluated by a qualified environmental toxicologist who would work in conjunction with the State Department of Health toxicologist to make recommendations on health issues related to pesticides. Other valuable provisions in the bill include a pesticide extension specialist position within the University of Hawaii CTAHR who would develop educational materials and work with the DOA environmental toxicologist. A program for the disposal of unused or unwanted pesticides would also be funded. This is especially important for small farmers who may not have the funds to send unwanted materials to the mainland.

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

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February 5, 2015

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 504  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Room 312  
8:30 AM

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 504**, which increases the technical and outreach capacity of the Pesticides Branch at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and UH- College of Tropical Agriculture. It also provides a funding mechanism to address correct disposal of unused pesticides.

During the last year, several questions have been raised surrounding the agricultural use of pesticides. Pesticides are not only used in agriculture, but in many areas of our daily lives, including, but not limited to homes, businesses, schools, parks, roadways, swimming pools, forests and watersheds. Improper use in any of these arenas can result in harm, much like an improper dosage of medicine can be harmful. When used properly, pesticides are valuable tools that can protect humans, pets, livestock, wildlife, crops as well as the environment.

Over time, the capacity of the HDOA and CTAHR has been reduced. This has eroded their ability to provide accurate and timely information to policymakers and the public.

Two positions are key in this bill. One is a new position for an environmental toxicologist in HDOA. The other is a pesticide extension specialist. Furthermore, the measure provides for education and training in partnership with UH CTAHR.

Other important and worthy elements of the measure include:

- (1) Registration and technical review;
- (2) Certification, including certification of restricted use pesticides or experimental use pesticides;
- (3) Compliance monitoring activities;
- (4) Development of an electronic data collection system for all required pesticide reporting;
- (5) Personnel costs, including the hiring of necessary staff;
- (6) Development of pesticide-related educational materials in conjunction with the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources;
- (7) Demonstration trials in conjunction with the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service agents to develop integrated management and drift management technologies; and
- (8) A pesticide disposal program.

HFB supports this proactive approach to pesticide regulations, outreach, education and funding thereof, and encourages you to do the same.

Mahalo for your support.

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**HB504**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments: this bill will provide the official regulators, the ones with pesticide expertise, with the funding they need to do their job, which is to ensure safety for people and the environment.

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony of Kristin Power  
Vice President, State Affairs, Consumer Specialty Products Association  
to the House Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, February 5, 2015  
8:30 am

**In consideration of House Bill 504 – Relating to Pesticides**

Chairman Tsuki, Vice Chairman Onishi and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 504, a proposal to increase pesticide registration fees to support the Department of Agriculture pesticide registration functions.

The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) is the premier trade association representing the interests of companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of more than \$100 billion annually in the U.S. of familiar consumer products that help household and institutional customers create cleaner and healthier environments. CSPA member companies employ hundreds of thousands of people globally. Products CSPA represents include disinfectants that kill germs in homes, hospitals and restaurants; candles, and fragrances and air fresheners that eliminate odors; pest management products for home, garden and pets; cleaning products and polishes for use throughout the home and institutions; products used to protect and improve the performance and appearance of automobiles; aerosol products and a host of other products used every day. Through its product stewardship program, Product Care<sup>®</sup>, and scientific and business-to-business endeavors, CSPA provides its members a platform to effectively address issues regarding the health, safety and sustainability of their products.

Consumer protection and health benefit products include disinfectants, sanitizers, germicides, antibacterial products, and insect and rodent control products. Consumers use these products to protect themselves, their children and their residential premises. Institutions such as hospitals, schools, restaurants, hotels and others use these products to protect the public's health. Under federal and state law, consumer protection and health benefit products are defined, registered and regulated as pesticides.

CSPA does not oppose reasonable pesticide registration fees that fund the cost of administering state registration programs and services which equally benefit all pesticide registrants. However, CSPA does oppose pesticide registration fees that are dedicated to funding special programs that are unrelated to consumer protection and health benefit products.

Testimony to House Committee on Agriculture

RE: HB 504

We appreciate the Department of Agriculture's dedicated review of pesticide products to ensure the protection of Hawaii's residents and environment. While there may be appropriate justification of a fee increase to support the Department's registration activities, and the identified uses may be worthwhile, we encourage a discussion of the current financial needs of the Department and the identified uses of any such increase to ensure the amount of the fee is appropriate and not in excess of the needs of the Department and identified uses equally benefit all pesticide registrants. In addition, we believe the current triennial registration period remains functional and request that the registration period not be reduced.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to increase the pesticide registration fee. Please contact me if you have questions regarding the Association's position on HB 504 at (916) 838-3587.

cc: CSPA Antimicrobial Products Division  
CSPA Pest Management Products Division  
CSPA State Government Affairs Advisory Committee



# WPHA

Western Plant Health Association

February 5, 2015

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Representative Clift Tsuji, Chair  
Representative Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair

FR: Renee Pinel, President and CEO  
Western Plant Health Association

RE: H.B. 504 Relating to Pesticides.

**Position: Support**

Dear Chair Clift Tsuji, Vice Chair Richard H.K. Onishi and members,

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our **support** for HB 504, which would provide additional resources to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (DOA) in its oversight of activities related to the regulation of pesticides. WPHA represents the interests of fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, agricultural biotechnology providers, and agricultural retailers in Hawaii, California, and Arizona.

Pesticides provide an important tool in protecting agricultural commodities, as well as the homes and health of the citizens of Hawaii. Without these tools, pests can destroy crops, damage dwellings, and introduce serious diseases like asthma, salmonella, and allergic rhinitis which affect the most sensitive population groups. To assure that products are safe when used in the environment and to human health, DOA assesses products for Hawaii specific concerns, regulates their safe application and use, investigates concerns of potential misuse, and educates users and other interested parties on their safe and legal use. HB 504 will provide additional resources to assure these activities continue in a timely and effective manner. HB 504 will also allow for an expansion of these services where deemed necessary.

WPHA **supports** the goals of HB 504 to augment the efforts of DOA and assure that all pesticide products are assessed and used safely. We thank the author for his commitment to objectively address issues surrounding the availability and use of pesticide products. For these reasons WPHA supports HB 504 and asks the committee for a **yes** vote. We thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Renee Pinel  
President/CEO

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**HB504**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adolph Helm	Dow Agrosciences	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the Dow AgroSciences seed farm operations in Hawaii, I would like to express our support of the clear intent of HB 504 to provide resources, as necessary, to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to regulate and manage pesticides and pest management needs. We believe that a strong, effective and science based regulatory program at the Department is critical to manage the protection of human health and the environment, while maintaining public confidence in appropriate oversight. Key practices such as Integrated Pest Management and product stewardship are better enabled by an effective Department of Agriculture which provides education, training and regulation. We look forward to additional participation in the legislative process as this legislation evolves.

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HB 504, Relating to Pesticides  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday February 5, 2015  
Room 312 at 8:30 a.m.

Position: Support HB 504

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

DuPont Pioneer is a seed company with farming operations in four locations in Hawaii. DuPont Pioneer employs approximately 300 people in a wide range of types of jobs on Oahu and Kaua`i. Our farm management practices include the application of science and technology, and innovative farming techniques that include the responsible use of pesticides. Farmers understand the importance of good stewardship practices, including judicious use of pesticides and management practices that reduce pests.

DuPont Pioneer supports the intent of HB 504, with minor changes. Licensing of products and product renewals on an annual basis may lead to a bottleneck in processing if required each year. Current licensing processes have been effective for renewal of product licenses.

HB 504 establishes positions and programs we support, including a pesticide extension specialist within UH CTAHR and an environmental toxicologist position within Dept of Agriculture. Development of pesticide education materials and demonstration trials for management practices in HB 504 will increase awareness of safe use of pesticides and help answer community questions that arise about pesticides. Hawaii's farmers and the broader community benefit from HB 504 reports that include recommendations to improve pesticide education and State regulatory processes.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 504.

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Wayne Katayama	Kauai Coffee Company, LLC	Support	No

Comments: Chair Tsuji and members of the House Committee on Agriculture. Agricultural companies will benefit by the addition of more resources that will provide facts to the current pesticide usage. I strongly support a pesticide extension specialist and an environmental toxicologist at the Department of Health.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

TESTIMONY ON  
HB 504  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Community Affairs Manager for Monsanto Hawaii.

We **support** HB 504. We are encouraged that this bill will provide for a robust State Department of Agriculture that will help support, promote, and educate farmers, ranchers, and the general public on the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii. Pesticides, when used properly, are vital and beneficial tools for all aspects of our environment and economy that includes homeowners, farmers, businesses, government agencies and other organizations to protect the environment by controlling invasive species, control weeds, insects and plant diseases, and to prevent or control the spread of diseases in our every day lives.

Monsanto Hawaii is committed to being a responsible steward of the land and our farm. We diligently comply with federal and state laws that govern responsible pesticide use and in many cases have taken additional stewardship measures. Safety for all is our number one priority. All of our employees who work with pesticides receive training regularly. We strive daily to ensure a safe working environment for our employees and guests. We are very aware of our surroundings and take every safety measure to ensure our neighbors are not impacted. Many farmers, including Monsanto, use integrated pest management program that uses all aspects of pest and disease control that don't necessarily require the use of pesticides, but also incorporates other techniques and natural environmental occurrences.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this very important matter.

Thank you.





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## TESTIMONY ON HB 504 RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Big Island Banana Growers

Hamakua, Hilo & Kohala Farm  
Bureau Counties

Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery  
Association

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Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi and committee members:

My Name is Lorie Farrell, I am the Project Director for Hawaii Farmers and Ranchers United, Mahalo for allowing us to testify on this matter.

We support HB 504. We are encouraged that this bill will provide for a robust State Department of Agriculture that will help support, promote, and educate farmers, ranchers, and the general public on the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii. Pesticides when used properly, is a vital and beneficial tool for all aspects of our environment and economy that includes homeowners, farmers, businesses, government agencies and other organizations to protect the environment by controlling invasive species, control weeds, insects and plant diseases, and to prevent or control the spread of diseases in our every day lives.

Farmers and agriculture in Hawaii is committed to being responsible stewards of the land and our farms. Our farmers work hard to comply with federal and state laws that govern responsible pesticide use. These products are expensive; no one wants to waste or misuse a product that can cost \$1000 a gallon!!! Safety and proper use is a number one one priority.

Farmers, use an integrated pest management program that uses all aspects of pest and disease control that doesn't necessarily mean using pesticides, it incorporates other techniques and natural environmental occurrences including organic practices.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this very important matter.

Thank you.





# Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Eighth Legislature, 2015  
State of Hawaii

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair  
Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair

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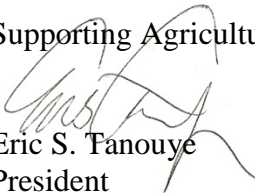
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**HB504** RELATING TO PESTICIDES

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

We **SUPPORT** HB504 and believe it is important that pesticides used in the correct way. Users need to be educated to use them in a safe manner for themselves, their farms and their neighbors.

We ask you to consider supporting HB850. If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email [eric@greenpointnursery.com](mailto:eric@greenpointnursery.com).

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,



Eric S. Tanouye  
President

Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

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Paul Massey	Regenerations International Botanical Garden	Support	No

Comments:

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## **Testimony for Syngenta Hawaii**

**Mark Phillipson, Syngenta Hawaii, Corporate Affairs Lead**

**February 5, 2015**

**House Bill No. 504 – Relating to Pesticides**

Aloha Chair Tsuji and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

I am Mark Phillipson, Corporate Affairs Lead for Syngenta Hawaii. My company supports the concept of House Bill 504.

We support a funding increase to for additional positions at the State Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii to increase understanding of pesticides and their uses. We do not object to a reasonable price increase in registration fees. And while it sounds good to those who may be unfamiliar with the process to go through the registration process every year is easier said than done. It is important for the committee to understand that registration is an arduous task that entails a tremendous amount of work on both the state and the registrant as there are thousands of products. It would be a great hardship, and perhaps impossible, to undertake this process every year. We suggest that the bill be amended to keep the current intervals.

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