

**SB 2129**

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Before the Senate Committees on  
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PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2129  
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Senate Bill 2129 would 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 or any existing Department appropriated funding.**

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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RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET  
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Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committees:

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 SB 2129.**

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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Suyin Phillips	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Comments: SB2129 God help us all; someone wants to kill these parakeets. PLEASE KILL THIS BILL! It is cruel and ignorant. It's about time that Hawai'i nei learns that our animals are the most important part of our environment. Killing them is the opposite of what we should be doing. Let's eliminate any possibility of the solution embracing killing, and I could support this bill. Thank you. Aloha, joel Dr. Joel Fischer Professor (RET.) UH, Manoa

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