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Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Eighth Legislature, 2015
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A bill for an act

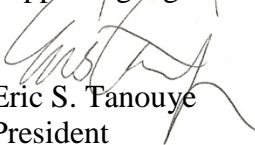
SB312 RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

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.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in **SUPPORT** of SB 312, which provides funding for the Department of Agriculture to complete the implementation and continue the operation of its biosecurity quarantine programs. We support this measure as invasive species continue to harm our crops. Every year, more and more pests are coming into Hawaii and the only means to slow this constant stream of new pests is to implement a comprehensive biosecurity program. If we don't do something now, more and more money will be needed to control the invasive species that have already come in and the new ones that will come in next.

We ask you to consider supporting SB312. 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.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,



Eric S. Tanouye
President

Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Environment
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In Support of SB 312 Relating to Biosecurity

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 312, which appropriates general funds and funds from the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to the department of agriculture for its biosecurity programs.

Invasive species negatively affect the environment, the economy, and our quality of life. They threaten human health and native wildlife. They harm and they kill. We need to spend more money preventing invasive species from taking over our islands. There has never been enough money to do so, and we see the results of that "penny-wise, but pound-foolish" practice of underfunding invasive species control. We can pay now or pay much more later when invasive species spread.

We urge the legislature to appropriate a total of at least \$50,000,000 annually to address invasive species in Hawai'i as estimated by the legislative reference bureau study "Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species."

Here is a photograph of the brown treesnake threatening a young child on Guam. Please kokua and keep this snake and other invasive species from entering Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

Marjorie Ziegler



Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations. Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.

Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.

Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

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Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Since 2008, Hawai'i Island has experienced an unprecedented increase in Invasive Species. Each one impacting our ability to farm, feed ourselves, create a living wage, and have a comfortable lifestyle for our families and communities. Funding needs to return and increase exponentially for invasive species programs. Protocols need to be created and enforced, if we ever wish to feed our communities.

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