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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 1, 2017
8:45 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1017
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1017. The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount of pesticides use revolving fund can maintain in order to allow the department to have the necessary funds to carry about its statutory mandate. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this bill.

The pesticide use revolving fund is comprised of funds collected by the Department from pesticide license fees, restricted use pesticide dealer license fees, and training fees. The purpose of the revolving fund is to support the pesticide program's registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities. The revolving fund may also be used to establish pesticide training workshops, educational programs, development of integrated pest management strategies, and other services to benefit the user of pesticides, such as the structural pest control industry, agricultural pest control industry, and consumer users of pesticides. This may include collection, disposal, and recycling of pesticide containers and other pesticide services.



Section 149A-13.5(e) currently allows the pesticide revolving fund to keep all unobligated, unencumbered, and unexpended funds remaining in the fund up to \$250,000. The proposed Act would increase this amount to \$1,000,000.

Increasing the cap from \$250,000 to allow the department to keep \$1,000,000 will increase the ability of the department to conduct training and outreach. Pesticide outreach and education is critical in ensuring pesticides are not misused, as the misuse of pesticides is not only illegal, it may endanger the health of people and the environment. There has been an increase in demand for the Department to assist in the disposal of pesticides and pesticide containers. With this increase, the department will be better able to conduct and coordinate these disposal services. These additional funds can also be used to supplement environmental studies, such as groundwater reviews and water sampling activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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House Committee on Agriculture

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: HB1017

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Decoite and members of the committee,

My name is Dr. Ashley Lukens and I am the Director for the Hawaii Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on furthering the public's right to know how their food is produced, through labeling and other means. We have over 800,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 10,000 in Hawai'i. On behalf of CFS and our members, I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today regarding this important bill.

I am writing in strong support of HB1017 which increases the amount of moneys from the pesticide use revolving fund that the Department of Agriculture may retain to carry out its statutory mandate. We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies.

Additionally, I would suggest that this committee revise the bill and relevant provision (HRS §149A-13.5) of Hawaii pesticide law to allow some of the monies to be directed to Department of Health for staffing and monitoring capacity in the areas of toxicology and epidemiology. Insofar as the increasing community advocacy around pesticides is directly related to their impacts on human health, and assuming this bill is a response this pressure, it seems prudent to ensure that the DOH is also sufficiently resourced to respond to these concerns. Having the pesticide users, through their licensing fees, cover the cost of their externalities is just common sense economics.

Respectfully,

Ashley Lukens, PhD
Director, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety

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January 30, 2017

The Honorable Richard P. Creagan
Chair, House Committee on Agriculture
Hawaii House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 312
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: HB 1017; RELATING TO THE PESTICIDES USE REVOLVING FUND.
(SUPPORT)**

Dear Chairman Creagan:

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our **support** of HB 1017, which would allow the raising of the amount of funds the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is able to retain in the pesticide use revolving fund. 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 HDOA has the resources available to oversee and enforce regulations that help assure the safe use of products we believe raising the pesticide revolving fund is needed. HDOA assesses products for Hawaii specific concerns, regulates their safe application and use, investigates concerns of potential miss-use, and educates users and other interested parties on their safe and legal use. HB 1017 will allow HDOA to thoughtfully assess and utilize resources to more fully fulfill their statutory obligations.

WPHA **supports** the goals of HB 1017 to enhance the efforts of DOA in assuring that all pesticide products are assessed and used safely. We thank the committee for its commitment to helping HDOA fulfill its mandate. For these reasons WPHA supports HB 1017 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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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON HB 1017
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND

Room 312
8:45 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 strongly supports HB 1017, which increases the amount of moneys from the pesticide use revolving fund that the Department of Agriculture may retain to carry out its statutory mandate.

The Department of Agriculture Pesticides Branch, under the supervision of the United States EPA, has broad duties that include the regulation of the manufacture, sale, and safe use of pesticides in the State of Hawaii.

HFB supports a robust state pesticide regulatory program and believes that in order to accomplish its duties, DOA must be funded adequately. It makes sense that the moneys from the pesticide use revolving fund should be used by the DOA pesticide branch, as that money comes from pesticide licensing and registration fees and would otherwise revert to the general fund.

Thank you for your support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.



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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.

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**In Support of HB 1017
Relating to the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 1, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

Conference Room 312

Chair Creagan and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (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.

HCIA supports HB 1017, which seeks to increase the amount of pesticide use revolving fund monies the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) can maintain.

HCIA recognizes the importance of pesticides as a tool to protect both agricultural product and Hawaii's citizenry. We support efforts that help maintain and assess the proper regulation and enforcement of these tools. HCIA supports fully funding HDOA and the pesticide use revolving fund that maintains registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha
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Testimony from Jeff Case, Senior Director Government Affairs, CropLife America

In support of HB 1017 – Relating to Pesticide Use Revolving Fund

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8:45 am – House Committee on Agriculture

Aloha Chair Creagan and Committee Members,

CropLife America represents the manufactures and registrants of pesticide products that are used for agriculture production. We and our farmers are committed to using these valuable crop protection products in a manner that is safe for our agricultural community as well as our neighbors. We are in support of HB 1017.

A strong state pesticide regulatory program is essential to assuring the public that valuable pesticide products are used properly. We believe that HB 1017 provides that support to the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture by ensuring that funding continues to remain available in the revolving fund, instead of being rolled over to the general fund due to an arbitrary cap. Hawaii's agricultural community is sincere about addressing public safety. We believe we can do this best by supporting the pesticide branch of the Dept. of Agriculture through HB 1017 and other bills that will provide them with the necessary funds.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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