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HB186

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Springer Kaye	Big Island Invasive Species Committee	Support	No

Comments: The Big Island Invasive Species Committee supports this measure to assist coffee growers in Kona and throughout the state in managing the destructive and costly coffee berry borer. This program has been invaluable in educating and supporting growers in proper management of this pest--and in preparing our communities to take swift action against future pests. Your support for this legislation is greatly appreciated.

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Written Testimony of
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before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
March 13, 2017; 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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RE: HB186 HD 1 RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Committee::

Hawaii Coffee Company (HCC) **supports** HB 186 HD1, which extends the sunset date for the Coffee Berry Borer Pesticide Subsidy Program until June 30, 2021 and appropriates funds.

HCC has been in the coffee roasting business since 2000 and today is the world's largest roaster of Kona Coffee. Our 100 plus employees at our plant in Kalihi and other locations around the state, including in Captain Cook, the heart of the South Kona coffee district, earn a livelihood milling, roasting, packing, distributing, and retailing coffee. We have a major retail presence throughout Hawaii, are a leading provider of coffee to Hawaii hotels and restaurants as well as an exporter of products around the globe.

HCC does not own or operate any coffee farms, but we support coffee farmers by buying millions of dollars of coffee cherry in the Kona district, pulping and drying it into coffee parchment and milling it into green coffee beans. We help with education and even facilitate labor to assist farmers in the rigorous and proven CBB control method that includes application of *Beauveria bassiana*.

HB 186 HD1 deserves this committee support. It will help the farmers combat this pest and afford this very expensive fungicide to control CBB.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Susan Dursin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair Gabbard, Vice-chair Riviere and Members of the Committee: I urge your support for HB186. The subsidies have been a great benefit in fighting coffee berry borer. It has helped farmers like me to deal directly with the borer on our own properties and has also meant that borer on nearby properties has been lessened with regular treatments. We seem to be making some headway, but in order to get ahead of the problem, we need continuing subsidies. Thank you for considering my testimony. Susan Dursin Captain Cook

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