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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

MARCH 28, 2017
9:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

HOUSE BILL NO. 186 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 186 HD1 SD1, relating to coffee berry borer beetle. The Department supports this measure provided it does not impact the Department's priorities submitted in the Executive Budget.

The Department's Coffee Berry Borer Pesticide Subsidy Program has helped support coffee farmers on the island of Hawaii to purchase and use two insecticide products that can be effective, in combination with other Integrated Pest Management techniques, in controlling the Coffee Berry Borer. The two products are *Botanigard* and *Mycotrol-O* with the active ingredient of *Beauveria bassiana*, a fungus that is very specific for insect pest control and is not associated with off-target complications. Both insecticides contain the exact same amount of the active ingredient at 11.3% but one of them is OMRI approved, *Mycotrol-O*, for use on organic farms. This assures that all farmers have access to a product that will aid in combating the pesky beetle.

HB186 HD1 is needed because the original bill enacting the legislation would have sunset on June 30, 2019. The bill adds an additional 2 years to the program which will enable most coffee farmers who want to use the product but who have not yet become aware of the program. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture is continuing to



reach out to coffee farmers statewide and making them aware that this cost share program exists. The more farmers that have access to the product(s), the more the Coffee Berry Borer will be reduced and assist in area wide management of the pest. This program is available to coffee farmers throughout the islands and comes at a time when the pest insect has been recently discovered on the island of Maui. Moving this bill forward will allow further research to continue into Integrated Pest Management of the Coffee Berry Borer.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Tuesday, March 28, 2017
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

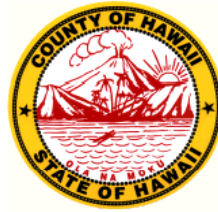
HOUSE BILL 186 HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE

House Bill 186 House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 proposes to extend the sunset date for the Coffee Berry Borer Pesticide Subsidy Program and appropriates funds to continue this program. **The Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) supports this measure.**

The Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan recommends increased resources to mitigate invasive species impacts to farmers under action items PosTifs1.12, PosTifs 1.14 and PosTifs1.15. Passage of this measure would facilitate timely implementation of the Biosecurity Plan. The HISC supports passage of this measure provided that it does not impact other requests relating to invasive species in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Dear Chair Tokuda and Members:

Re: HB186, HD1, SD1 Coffee Beetle

Thank you for this opportunity to urge that funding to fight the coffee berry borer beetle, HB186, HD1, SD1, be approved if at all possible. I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that this pest threatens the entire coffee industry in Hawaii County, and potentially the State.

Beyond that, I want to thank you for the focus you have put on the issue of invasive species throughout the legislative session. The Council of Mayors has identified invasive species as a top-priority that deserves all our attention. Even our best efforts are often inadequate to protect our islands from harmful pests, and limited resources make it imperative that we work together in pursuing solutions to what often seem intractable problems.

With the possible exception (so far) of the parakeet problem, it seems that Hawaii County has suffered a disproportionate share of the damage caused by invasive species, including coffee berry borer beetle, little fire ants, coqui frogs, rapid ohia death, and probably others. But all our islands, and all our constituents, are at risk. My primary request to you would be "Please don't give up." As a county, we do not have the resources or expertise to fight these devastating invaders on our own. We need as much assistance from you as you can offer.

Please act favorably on HB186, with a suitable appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim

Mayor
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Written Testimony of
Daniel Dinell
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before the
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
March 28 2017; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: HB 186, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Coffee Company (HCC) **supports** HB 186 HD1 SD1, 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 SD1 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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HB186

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kathy gedeon	mrbeankonacoffee.com	Support	No

Comments: I am a Kona coffee farmer in the North Kona District of Hawaii Island and am a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. I strongly support the passage of HB186. The threat of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) creates a danger that Hawaii-grown coffee will join sugar and pineapple as lost heritage agriculture crops for the State of Hawaii. CBB is now present on three of our islands—Hawaii, Oahu and Maui. The most effective way to reduce the damage caused by CBB is the application of the fungus *Beauveria bassiana*. The current HDOA-administered subsidy program for *Beauveria bassiana* is assisting farmers to develop more effective systems to mitigate CBB damage and to protect the economic viability of Hawaii-grown coffee. The extension of the current HDOA subsidy through June 30, 2021, and additional funding are reasonable steps toward saving the coffee growing industry in Hawaii. Hawaii's coffee farmers ask for your support and urge passage of HB186. Respectfully submitted, Kathy Gedeon Mr Bean Kona Coffee

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HAWAII STATE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
9:30 AM
Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 186 HD1 SD1

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee,

I am Chris Manfredi, President of Hawaii Coffee Association.

The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry, including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers located throughout the State of Hawaii. The HCA's primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffees. A major component of HCA's work is the continuing education of members and consumers.

The HCA supports HB186. Valued at more than \$62MM, the Hawaiian Coffee industry is conservatively ranked as the third highest value crop in Hawaii - not accounting for retail sales. The advent of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) in Hawaii has threatened our industry to its core. Working together with commodity groups, HDOA, UHCTAHR, USDA, SHAC, CBB Task Force, lawmakers, administrators, countless volunteers and stakeholders, together, we averted the collapse of Hawaiian coffee - one of Hawaii's signature crops.

The full impact of CBB on Hawaii's farmers and related industries is not yet fully known. Its recent discovery on Maui is alarming to many of our members. While we have largely adapted to a post-CBB environment, we expect our colleagues on Maui and elsewhere to benefit from lessons learned on Hawaii Island, indeed around the world.

The HCA applauds the introducers and supporters of HB 186 - that will extend the sunset date of HDOA's Coffee Berry Borer Pesticide Subsidy Program until 2021. You may recall it was the HCA who worked closely with the aforementioned for the initiation of this program, as well as for resources and personnel to implement and administer it.

Were it not for the support of the legislature, many more farms would have failed, with resulting unemployment and loss of revenue. The CBB subsidy program represents a modest investment in the Hawaiian Coffee Industry - one that also contributes to the tourism industry.

Experience has taught us that when CBB is introduced into a farm community, it becomes everyone's problem. The beetle does not respect boundaries and it must be treated holistically for management and control measures to be effective.

Thank you for your support of HB 186 HD1 SD1 with amendments.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 186, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE

Room 211
9:30 AM

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, 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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 186, HD1, SD1, which extends the sunset date for the Coffee Berry Borer Pesticide Subsidy Program.

Coffee is one of Hawaii's signature crops; one that helps bring fame and tourists to Hawaii. Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) threatens the entire Hawaiian coffee industry. While the full tally is yet to be made, farms on Hawaii Island have experienced deep losses. Some have failed. Moreover, large quantities of coffee have been downgraded due to insect damage, reducing the value of the remaining crop. CBB is a serious threat to Hawaii's agriculture industry and the state's economy. While CBB is battled worldwide, no other coffee growing origin shares Hawaii's high labor costs and restrictions on pesticides that may be used elsewhere to fight this destructive pest. This places the industry at a competitive disadvantage when compared to the rest of the coffee-growing world.

Fighting CBB is a priority in other coffee-producing countries. The USDA has expressed its support targeted toward research, education and mitigation. The industry's response has been immediate and multi-faceted. A non-profit CBB task force has been formed, including growers, processors, HDOA, UH, USDA and county government. CTAHR and HDOA have been responsive and effective in their combined efforts. Industry has committed countless private sector dollars and has leveraged both State and Federal funds. The State must continue to do its part.

A recent CTAHR economic analysis estimates FY2013 crop losses due to CBB at \$7.68 million, with a resultant \$571,000 annual loss in state tax revenues. The extension of the CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program should be viewed as a modest investment one of the state's largest and most important agricultural industries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure of great importance.

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Regular Session of 2017

STATE SENATE
Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
Tuesday, March 28, 2017; 9:30 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 186 HD 1 SD 1
RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 186 HD 1 SD 1, which extends the sunset date of the Coffee Berry Borer Beetle Pesticide Subsidy Program until June 30, 2021, for the purchase of pesticides containing *Beauveria bassiana* to combat the coffee berry borer, and appropriates funds.

The ILWU represents almost 200 workers at Kauai Coffee. They are part of a highly valued industry that not only plays a key role in Hawaii's agricultural economy, but also has a positive impact on Hawaii's tourism industry.

Currently, there is evidence that the coffee berry borer beetle has been found in all four counties. As a consequence, it becomes more important to continue and to ramp up our efforts to better manage the beetle if not eradicate it entirely. Therefore, continuing the current program and providing adequate funding to at least maintain the on-going efforts is imperative.

Passing H.B. 186 HD 1 SD 1 would also support the Administration's attempt at achieving greater sustainability by increasing the production levels of all crops that are grown locally. Passing this bill will provide for the two-year extension, that would also achieve the five-year period for implementing the original pesticide subsidy program, since it took longer to develop and make the program available to assist coffee growers.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 186 HD 1 SD 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
randal merrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha My wife Cheryl and I have a small coffee farm in Captain Cook. We strongly support the passage of HB186. We have been trying hard to fight the coffee borer beetle in order to maintain a good yield of Kona coffee. The subsidy program that gives us access to Beauveria Bassiana at a reduced price is a great help in our efforts to keep the bug in low numbers. mahalo, Randal Merrick Try Wait Coffee Farm

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Thomas Dempsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate AEN Committee: I am a Kona coffee farmer in the North Kona District of Hawaii Island and am a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. I strongly support the passage of HB186. The threat of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) creates a danger that Hawaii-grown coffee will join sugar and pineapple as lost heritage agriculture crops for the State of Hawaii. CBB is now present on three of our islands—Hawaii, Oahu and Maui. The most effective way to reduce the damage caused by CBB is the application of the fungus *Beauveria bassiana*. The current HDOA-administered subsidy program for *Beauveria bassiana* is assisting farmers to develop more effective systems to mitigate CBB damage and to protect the economic viability of Hawaii-grown coffee. The extension of the current HDOA subsidy through June 30, 2021, and additional funding are reasonable steps toward saving the coffee growing industry in Hawaii. Hawaii’s coffee farmers ask for your support and urge passage of HB186. Respectfully submitted, Thomas Dempsey Holualoa, Hawaii County bouldert@hotmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Scarr	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To:Chair Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee I have been a Kona coffee farmer for 17 years. I am a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. I strongly support the passage of HB186. The arrival of the CBB pest made growing coffee much more expensive, because we must spray beauveria bassiana frequently throughout the year to reduce infestation. If we do not spray frequently, the coffee becomes unsalable. Spraying is very expensive -- for my 5 acres, about \$200 every 2 to 3 weeks. Justifying such a cost on top of labor and growing costs, such as fertilizer, makes coffee farming difficult to maintain. Subsidies to purchase beauveria bassiana are very helpful. Kona coffee and other regional coffees are important to the state's agricultural economy. With the state's continued help, we can continue to grow this heritage crop. Hawaii's coffee farmers ask for your support and urge passage of HB186. Sincerely, Sandra Scarr

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
greg knowles	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee, I am writing in support of HB186. I am a coffee farmer growing Kona Coffee in Captain Cook, HI and fully support the need for you all to support this bill. It is difficult enough just farming coffee but has become even more difficult by the intrusion of the Coffee Berry Bore. The expense involved with fighting this pest has been significant and your support in extending this bill will be very helpful. Thank you for support, Greg Knowles

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David Bateman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Tokuda and Members - Kona coffee farmers continue to struggle with the blight of CBB. We have made substantial progress over the last seven years in combating this destructive invasive species. However, the battle is not over. Farmers need the continuing financial assistance from the state to afford the only known effective but very expensive product necessary to mitigate this infestation. Many coffee farmers could be forced out of business if they don't get this financial assistance. And a farm that is not treated properly for CBB becomes a breeding site that threatens all other coffee farms in the vicinity. Please pass this bill out of committee. Coffee farmers are depending on you to help continue their fight against this very devastating infestation. Thank you, Dave Bateman, Heavenly Hawaiian Farms 78-1136 Bishop Road Holualoa HI 96725

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Michael McMullen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HB186 and request that you fully fund the farmer support aspects of the bill. My wife and I farm coffee, avocados and macadamia nuts in South Kona. Coffee berry borer is the most important issue in growing coffee in Kona today. The subsidy program is important in making coffee farming viable economically while CCB control methods are improved. By encouraging farmers to spray often for CBB the subsidy program contributes to area-wide suppression and therefore aids all coffee farmers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Woolley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a coffee farmer we have experienced a great deal of hardship with the discovery of CBB here on the Big Island. Not all of our fellow farmers take care of their farms, this increases our cost of the Botanigard. Coffee is our lively hood and the extension of the on the State Pesticide Subsidy program would help our industry to continue our fight

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Gloria Biven	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I am a Kona coffee farmer in the North Kona District of Hawaii Island and am a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. I strongly support the passage of HB186.

The threat of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) creates a danger that Hawaii-grown coffee will join sugar and pineapple as lost heritage agriculture crops for the State of Hawaii. CBB is now present on three of our islands—Hawaii, Oahu and Maui.

The most effective way to reduce the damage caused by CBB is the application of the fungus *Beauveria bassiana*. The current HDOA-administered subsidy program for *Beauveria bassiana* is assisting farmers to develop more effective systems to mitigate CBB damage and to protect the economic viability of Hawaii-grown coffee.

The extension of the HDOA subsidy through June 30, 2021, and additional funding are reasonable steps toward saving the coffee growing industry in Hawaii. **Meaningful funding for the two-year extension should be at least equal to the annual funding level of the original 5-year program.**

Hawaii's coffee farmers ask for your support and urge passage of HB186.

Respectfully submitted,

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Colehour Bondera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee: As a Kona coffee farmer in the South Kona District of Hawaii Island and as a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association, this testimony is in support of the passage and funding allocations of HB186. Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) threatens Hawaii-grown coffee becoming a lost heritage agriculture crop for the State of Hawaii, which would hurt the farmers such as myself and hurt Hawaii as a reason that tourists come here! CBB is already present on three of our islands—Hawaii, Oahu and Maui. The most effective way to avoid the damage caused by CBB is the application of the fungus Beauveria bassiana. The current HDOA-administered subsidy program for Beauveria bassiana is assisting farmers to develop more effective systems to mitigate CBB damage and to protect the economic viability of Hawaii-grown coffee. The extension of the current HDOA subsidy through June 30, 2021, and additional funding are reasonable steps toward saving the coffee growing industry in Hawaii. Hawaii's coffee farmers ask for your support, and urge passage of HB186. Respectfully submitted, Colehour Bondera KANALANI OHANA FARM Honaunau, HI 96726

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Bill Dwyer	Individual	Support	No

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