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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

JANUARY 27, 2017  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 186  
RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 186, 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.

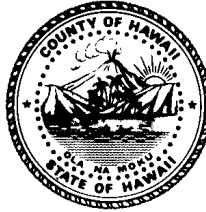
HB186 is needed because the original bill enacting the legislation would have sunset on June 30, 2019. The bill adds an additional 2 years to the program which will enable most coffee farmers who want to use the product but who have not yet become aware of the program. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture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

**Karen Eoff**  
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January 26, 2017

House Committee on Agriculture  
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Re: **Testimony Supporting HB186**; A BILL RELATING TO COFFEE  
BERRY BORER BEETLE  
Hearing Date and Time: January 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 312

Dear Committee:

On behalf of myself and constituents of Council District 8, North Kona, support for the above referenced Bill is expressed, with brief testimony provided as follows:

It is well known that the coffee borer beetle infestation severely threatens the viability of Hawai'i's entire coffee industry and that the efforts to control the borer beetle is necessary to strategically rid our island of this pest.

We need further assistance from the State of Hawai'i to provide subsidies to coffee growers to offset costs of purchasing the pesticide needed to control the fungus that allows the beetle to survive. Extending the sunset date and appropriating funds for the Coffee Borer Pesticide Subsidy Program to combat the borer beetle will protect the livelihood of our island coffee farmers.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide support. I strongly recommend the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

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KAREN EOFF, Council Vice Chair  
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January 27, 2016

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 186  
**RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE**

Room 312  
8:30 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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 186**, 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.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Friday, January 27, 2017  
8:30 AM  
Conference Room 312

**RE: Testimony in Support of HB 186 with amendments**

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair 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 with amendments.** 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.

We ask that the per-grower cap be amended in favor of a cost-per-acre formula. There are numerous farms in Hawaii that are larger than 10 acres and the bill as written would place farms with over 10 acres at a disadvantage. 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 with amendments.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
LEE Y SUGAI	Sugaikonacoffee	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sirs, I am a strong supporter of Bill HB186. Without the subsidy I would not be able to afford the Botanigard I use to spray to combat the Coffee Boar Beetle. This would result in substantial crop lose on put me out of business. Best Regards, Lee Y Sugai Sugai Products, Inc P.O. Box 783 Kealakekua, Hawaii 96750

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Louise Hanna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a coffee farmer I am struggling to deal with the increased cost of coffee production due to the infestation of the coffee berry borer insect. The spray required to fight this pest, Botanigard, and the effort to apply it is expensive in time and money; however it does help to control the infestation. Please extend the subsidies to June 30, 2021, so that I can continue to produce Kona Coffee. This help is greatly appreciated.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bruce corker	Kona Coffee Farmers Association	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Creagan and Members of the House Agriculture Committee: On behalf of the more than 300 members of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association, I am submitting this written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB186. The threat of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) creates a danger that Hawaii-grown coffee will join sugar and pineapple as lost Hawaii heritage agriculture crops. 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 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, is a reasonable step toward saving the coffee growing industry in Hawaii. Hawaii's coffee farmers ask for your support and urge passage of HB186. Respectfully submitted, Bruce Corker, President Kona Coffee Farmers Association

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Gridley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support bill HB 186 as we are still in the middle of the Coffee Berry Borer crisis as CBB has now spread to Maui. We need help from the state to get control of this pest before it devastates one of our most promising crops!!!

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
KATHLEEN DIXON	Individual	Support	No

Comments: reDear Chair Creagan and Members of the Agriculture Committee: I am a strong supported of Bill HB186. This is an important Bill that helps to offset the cost of fighting the Coffee Bore Beetle for Kona Coffee farmers. Many farms would not be able to afford the Botanigard to spray their crop with. This would sult in a substantial crop lose, in some cases, up to 100%. As a coffee roaster in Kona I see a large amount of green coffee that has so much insect damage that the coffee can not be roasted and sold as Kona Coffee. This is a huge lose of profit for the farmers as certified Kona Coffee sells for and average of \$30.00 a pound. The damaged coffee can only be sold as roasted coffee for an average of \$8.00 per pound. This lose has and will continue to put Kona Coffee farmers out of business. Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Dixon 87-343 Kaohe Road Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704

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Dr. Hans F Eckert	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Franz Weber	Hawaii Democratic Party, District Chair	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Coffee has been economically and culturally a backbone of the Hawaii communities, not only in West Hawaii. Tourism, Ag Tourism, and Ag business depend on this staple. To eradicate the Coffee Borer Beetle is crucial for the communities

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Colehour Bondera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members: As a Kona coffee farmer who has worked extensively to help farmers receive State support for the CBB pest damage that has affected so many of our incomes in recent years, it is with all due respect that my request is that you fully support this extension! It is not so simple for the State to engage in such an effort to help farmer residents, and for that reason other groups have tried, however the neutrality and willingness to treat all equally is never easy when coming from a group who is making decisions for their own well-being instead of for the needs of those affected. For this reason, the State can and should continue this program which provides both neutrality and also best service to all affected parties and therefore coffee can continue as a primary crop of Hawaii. Please continue the funding for this program which took too many years to ut into place! Yours, Colehour Bondera KANALANI OHANA FARM PO Box 861 Honaunau, HI 96726

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Agriculture.  
Friday, January 27, 2017**

RE: **Support For HB186** – Coffee Berry Borer; Pesticide Subsidy Program.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Committee Members:

Greenwell Farms is a coffee farming, processing, and marketing company in Kona, Hawaii. We export Kona Coffee to locations in Europe, across the Mainland, USA, and all around the Pacific Rim. For decades, we have relied upon the coffee produced by many farmers in North and South Kona to supply us with the highest quality coffee.

The farming community in Hawaii continues to struggle against the coffee berry borer (CBB) infestation. This insect poses a real threat to the viability of the specialty coffee industry in our State. Continuing the State's subsidy program supporting the adoption of effective controls for this pest is desperately needed.

Further, we are hopeful that the committee will consider limiting the subsidy CAP to a "per acre basis". The current language of the bill will penalize farms in excess of 10 acres.

Our industry is in real trouble with CBB. Passage of HB186 will greatly contribute to the long term solution to CBB mitigation and the protection of our coffee industry.

**PLEASE PASS HB 186**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Thomas F. Greenwell, President

Steve Hicks, CFO

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Lorie Obra	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Faith Chase	Individual	Support	No

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Written Testimony of  
**Daniel Dinell**  
**President, Hawaii Coffee Company**  
before the  
**House Committee on Agriculture**  
Friday, January 27, 2016; 8:30 a.m.  
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RE: HB186 RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Hawaii Coffee Company (HCC) **supports** HB 186, 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 our products around the globe.

HCC does not own or operate any coffee farms, but we enthusiastically 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 that includes application of *Beauveria bassiana*.

HB 186 deserves this committee support. We hope this measure will gain support too with the House Committee on Finance as well as the full House and ultimately the Senate and the Governor. 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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Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My husband and I own a small coffee farm in Upcountry Maui. We support extending the sunset date of HDOA's CBB Pesticide Subsidy program until June 2021, with the amendment that the \$6,000 per year cap be removed in favor of a cost-per-acre formula. With the discovery of CBB on Maui in November 2016 it is imperative that we support this measure to help eradicate this terrible pest, which is now on 3 islands.

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Donna Woolley	Individual	Support	No

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Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312  
Friday, January 27, 2017; 8:30 a.m.

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

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 186, 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 an impact on Hawaii's tourism industry.

Currently, while there seems to be no evidence that the coffee berry borer has reached Kauai or Oahu, eradication of the pest on Hawaii Island and Maui will help to prevent its spread to other islands. Therefore, continuing the ongoing efforts to control this pest is imperative.

Passing H.B. 186 would also support the Administration's attempt at achieving greater sustainability by increasing the production levels of all the crops that are grown locally. Passing the two-year extension would also achieve the five-year period for implementing this 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. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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