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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 8, 2017  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 503  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 503 that appropriates funds to support three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch. The Department supports the intent of this measure and offers comments.

The department appreciates the support for these new inspector positions on Oahu. However, we would like to point out that currently there are 4 Oahu inspector positions and that the more pressing and urgent need is funding positions for a chemist and 2 additional case developers.

Recently added enforcement positions, including Oahu, will nearly double the number of pesticide Inspectors Statewide. This will result in an increase of inspection files to be reviewed by case developers for compliance. Currently, there are 2 case developers that review the work of 6 inspectors, statewide, in order to substantiate suspected violations of the pesticides law and issue enforcement actions. Case developers also respond to Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) requests for information for which there has been a substantial increase in the last 2 to 3 years.

There is also the need to fund one additional chemist position in support of the Pesticide's Branch Chemical Analysis Laboratory (CAL). The additional chemist will help to improve on the safety concerns and work flow in the lab itself. Two individuals are required during the time when environmental samples are being prepared and analysis is underway. A third chemist will help with the staff rotation and ensure that at least two individuals are present during the work day. This will also prevent delays in



running environmental samples. Additionally, the CAL is seeking to pursue an ISO certification (International Organization of Certification) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> chemist will allow for one of the other chemists to become a Quality Assurance Officer, thus ensuring the accuracy of every sample that is submitted to the lab for processing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**Hawai'i Center for Food Safety Supports HB503: Relating to Agriculture**

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Decoite, and members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Ashley Lukens and I am the Hawai'i Director for the 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 820,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 11,000 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.

HB503 "appropriates funds to support three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch." Currently, the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture Pesticides Branch has four restricted use pesticide inspectors for the entire state, one for each major island. These inspectors are overwhelmed with land to inspect, which leads to inadequate oversight of high-volume pesticide users.

As an organization dedicated to the preservation of human health and the environment, this lack of oversight is particularly concerning to our members because of the expanding footprint of the GE-Seed industry. In 2009, for the first time, Hawai'i had more acres planted to seed crops than to fruit (excluding pineapples) and vegetables combined<sup>1</sup>. Records from the Kaua'i 'Good Neighbor Program' show that, between December 2013 to Augusts 2015, a total application of 4,018.51 gallons and 2,389.86 pounds of concentrated Restricted Use Pesticides only on Kaua'i, by the five participating companies (Syngenta, Pioneer (DuPont), Dow AgroSciences, BASF and Kaua'i Coffee). These acres are thought to be located within the 15,000 acres leased or owned by the companies participating in the program; however, information regarding the locations of where these pesticides are applied is not reported by this program. We wonder whether or not the department has the capacity to ensure proper oversight of this industry if it does expand along with it.

Hawai'i has a rich history in protecting the community and island interests. Pesticide exposure and drift, in utero and early life, has led to children developing neurodevelopmental disabilities

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<sup>1</sup> HASB (various years) Hawai'i Agricultural Statistics Bulletins. Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and US Dept. of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on data from various annual bulletins. [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Hawaii/Publications/Annual\\_Statistical\\_Bulletin/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Hawaii/Publications/Annual_Statistical_Bulletin/).

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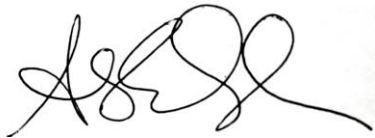
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like autism and ADHD<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>, leukemia<sup>6,7,8</sup>, and asthma<sup>9,10,11</sup>. Give the significant risks associated with pesticide exposure and drift, increasing the number of inspector positions is a step in the right direction.

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety applauds the bill's potential to increase the desperately needed oversight of pesticide application. Nonetheless, I submit this testimony to point out that this bill does not resolve the lack of transparency and mandatory disclosure that is currently lacking at the state level. Aside from increasing the number of inspectors, the bill does not otherwise regulate pesticide use and monitoring within the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I am happy to answer any follow up questions or provide additional analysis.

Respectfully,



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<sup>2</sup> Rauh VA, Garfinkel R, Perera FP, Andrews HF, Hoepner L, Barr DB, Whitehead R, Tang D, Whyatt R (2006) Impact of prenatal chlorpyrifos exposure on neurodevelopment in the first 3 years of life among inner-city children. *Pediatric* 118(6): e1845-e1859. [www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/118/6/e1845](http://www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/118/6/e1845).

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<sup>4</sup> Eskenazi B, Marks AR, Bradman A, Harley K, Barr DB, Johnson C, Morga N, Jewell NP(2007) Organophosphate pesticide exposure and neurodevelopment in young Mexican-American children. *Environmental Health Perspectives* 115(5): 792-798.

<sup>5</sup> Bouchard MF, Chevrier J, Harley KG, Kogut K, Vedar M, Calderon N, Trujilo C, Johnson C, Bradman A, Barr DB, Eskenazi B (2011) Prenatal exposure to organophosphate pesticides and IQ in 7-year-old children. *Environmental Health Perspective* 119(8): 1189-1195.

<sup>6</sup> Infante-Rivard C, Labuda D, Krajinovic M, Sinnett D (1999) Risk of childhood leukemia associated with exposure to pesticides and with gene polymorphisms. *Epidemiology* 10(5): 481-487.

<sup>7</sup> Roberts JR, Karr CJ (2012) Pesticide Exposure in Children. Council on Environmental Health. *Pediatrics* 130(6): e1757-e1763. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/130/6/e1757.full.html>.

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<sup>11</sup> Strina A, Barreto ML, Cooper PH, Rodrigues LC (2014) Risk factors for non-atopic asthma/wheeze in children and adolescents: a systematic review. *Emerging Themes in Epidemiology* 11(5). <http://www.ete-online.com/content/11/1/5>.

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February 6, 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 503; RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chairman Creagan:

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our **support** of HB 503, which would appropriate funds to support three additional inspector positions within Department of Agriculture's pesticide branch. 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 Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has additional inspectors available to oversee and enforce regulations that help assure the safe use of products we believe additional funds to increase the number of pesticide inspector is necessary. 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 503 will provide HDOA with increased staffing to more fully fulfill their statutory obligations.

WPHA **supports** the goals of HB 503 to enhance the efforts of HDOA 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 503 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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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**In Support of HB 503  
Relating to Agriculture  
Appropriates Funds to Support Three Additional Inspector Positions Within  
the Department of Agriculture's Pesticides Branch**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 8, 2017, 8:30 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 503**, which appropriates funds to support three additional inspector positions within the Department of Agriculture's Pesticides Branch.

Our member companies are very aware of their responsibility to use pesticides properly and they take this duty very seriously. They use trained employees who are experienced in pesticide application and who apply them only when necessary. The safety of our employees and the community is of utmost importance to us and we follow the strict federal and State pesticide laws and regulations carefully.

We have confidence in the ability of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to enforce pesticide laws and to ensure that the public is protected. We also recognize that increased funding and capacity will strengthen the Department and help it address community concerns. We support that mission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha  
Executive Director



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dennis boyd miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, I'm Dennis Miller, a Waikiki resident. I'm writing to urge you to support this bill. Pesticide use poses serious health risks. It is imperative that the state provide adequate resources for studying the soil, air, water, and people around areas of commercial pesticide use. Otherwise, when enough people get sick, the repercussions of not protecting the public will be far more costly than spending a little more upfront in order to prevent problems. Thank you, Dennis Miller

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

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George Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pesticides are such a dangerous poison and O’ahu is such a large place this is needed to regulate and enforce regulations relating to pesticides.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!

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Jeri Di Pietro	GMO Free Kaua'i	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee, Please support at least 3 additional Agricultural Pesticide Branch positions. We have waited too long to have an adequate numbers of inspectors. Mahalo, Jeri Di Pietro

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) SUPPORTS HB 503, which appropriates funds to support three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the Department of Agriculture's pesticides branch. LURF respectfully urges the favorable consideration of this measure by this Committee.

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Simon Russell	Individual	Support	No

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DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Appropriates funds to support three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch.

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marta greenleaf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Bellodgia Yamamoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please receive my testimony in support of HB503 to provide funding for the much needed positions of restricted use pesticide inspectors. Currently the general public is left to try and police and investigate on their own the illegal use of restricted pesticides and this is a role that the general public should not be responsible for. Having actual inspectors to routinely enforce the law in the event that there are complaints or otherwise is absolutely necessary to insure public safety is being upheld and enforced. There is overwhelming evidence that pesticides are hazardous to everything they come in contact with and we cannot continue to treat this matter informally. Pesticide use with blatant disregard for public safety can be reduced by funding this bill. Mahalo

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HB 503: RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 503**, to fund three additional pesticide inspector positions on Oahu, insofar as this appropriation comports with the needs and priorities of the Department of Agriculture in fulfilling its duties to regulate and ensure the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii.

HFB supports a robust state pesticide regulatory program and believes that in order to carry out its duties, DOA must be funded adequately.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and for your support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.

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