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**HB655** 

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kauai County Farm Bureau	501(c)5 ~ agricultural Not-for-profit	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators on the AEN-WTL committee. I am hoping your on-line system to testify is up and running again. Kauai County Farm Bureau would like to go on record as strongly supporting HB655. WE need to get a handle on this invasive species eating all of our crops! Mahalo for the opportunity to email testimony.

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From: <u>Michael Rogers</u>
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Subject: Regarding HB 655, HD 1: Relating to the Rose-Ringed Parakeet (Support)

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 17, 2017, 2:15 p.m. Conference Room 224

Regarding HB 655, HD 1: Relating to the Rose-Ringed Parakeet

Please support HB 655, HD1, which will provide funding to better assess the impacts of the rose-ringed parakeet and to begin a control program on Kauai. Although beautiful, these parakeets are damaging commercial crops and orchards on Kauai. We need a cost-effective way to control them for the benefit of our farmers, natural resources, and residents.

Flocks of parakeets have infested many major cities around the world. Paris, Moscow, Tokyo, and Honolulu. When I lived in Japan in 2004, there was a huge flock in my neighborhood in Tokyo and they would land on a cherry blossom tree and rip off every flower petal in a matter of minutes. They are pests that disrupt local ecosystems. Please proceed to fund the study so that we can deal with them now. The flocks are only going to get bigger and bigger every year. They are such powerful birds that operate in huge flocks. The environmental impact is enormous!

Mahalo

Michael Rogers

From: Charles Roy Berger
To: WTL Testimony

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Regarding HB 655, HD 1: Relating to the Rose-Ringed Parakeet

Please support HB 655, HD1, which will provide funding to better assess the impacts of the rose-ringed parakeet and to begin a control program on Kauai. We've seen the devastating effects this invasive bird has had on Oahu's natural resources and important crops. Kauai still has a chance to control the relatively small population of this bird.

Mahalo

Charles Roy Berger

From: <u>Luana Beck</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: Support HB655, HD1- Relating to the Rose-Ringed Parakeet

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From: hooluanaranch@yahoo.com <Luana Beck>

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 17, 2017

Conference Room 224 @ 2:15 PM

SUPPORT for HB 655, HD1

Relating to Rose-Ringed Parakeet

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair/Vice Chair

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment; and the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

RE: HB 655, HD1 – Relating to Rose-Ringed Parakeet (SUPPORT)

Dear Chairman Gabbard, Rhoads, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of AEN and WTL:

I support HB 655, HD1, which appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to assist with and provide supplemental funds to the National Wildlife Research Center to research the negative impacts of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai and develop and implement a control plan to reduce the negative impacts.

Although beautiful and appealing, these parakeets are damaging both commercial farmers' crops and backyard growers' orchards on Kauai, especially of lychee, longan, and rambutan.

We need a cost-effective means to control the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai that will benefit economically important crops, reduce the potential for damage to natural resources, and avoid any negative effects on the health and safety of Kauai residents.

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

Luana Beck

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