



Senate Committees on Agriculture & Environment and Higher Education

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: HB889 HD1

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee,

My name is Dr. Ashley Lukens and I am the Director for the Hawaii 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.

I am writing in strong support of HB889 HD1 which increases the pesticide licensing fee and requires annual renewal of the license. Additionally, I would suggest that this committee revise the bill and relevant provision (HRS §149A-13.5) of Hawaii pesticide law to allow some of the monies to be directed to **Department of Health** for staffing and monitoring capacity in the areas of toxicology and epidemiology. Insofar as the increasing community advocacy around pesticides is directly related to their impacts on human health, and assuming this bill is a response to this pressure, it seems prudent to ensure that the DOH is also sufficiently resourced to respond to these concerns. Having the pesticide users, through their licensing fees, cover the cost of their externalities is just common sense economics.

Respectfully,

Ashley Lukens, PhD
Director, Hawaii Center for Food Safety

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March 21, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**TESTIMONY ON HB 889, HD1
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Room 414
1:55 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Kahele, Vice Chairs Riviere and Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

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 889, HD1, especially as it would substantially increase the pesticide licensing fee for use by the department, and remove the cap on the amount of money the department is authorized to use from the pesticide use revolving fund. We respectfully offer **the following comments noting our concerns about other aspects of the bill.**

HFB supports a robust state pesticide regulatory and education program and believes that, in order to carry out its duties, DOA must be funded adequately. Part of this funding comes from the pesticide registrants' fees that are deposited to the pesticide use revolving fund and should be used to support the department's pesticide programs.

We have concerns about some of the proposed amendments to the current law:

- We believe that the current 3-year pesticide licensing schedule is preferable to an annual licensing period. The substantially increased burden on DOA to administer an annual program will take staff away from more important duties and will provide no greater benefit to the public or industry.
- We respectfully question expanding the authorized uses of the fund for some purposes while eliminating its use for other essential purposes. For example,

- We do not support elimination of funding for training workshops, educational programs, and other services for the general public that also uses and sometimes misuses pesticides, the agricultural pest control industry, and the structural pest control industry.
- We do not support elimination of funding for staff pesticide training workshops.

- And while we agree that UH CTAHR should certainly be staffed and engaged in programs related to safe pesticide use, we question whether its funding should be drawn from the DOA pesticide use revolving fund or whether it is more appropriately funded through the University system.

- Even with the elimination of the cap on the revolving fund, we are concerned that there will not be adequate funding for the added positions, and the current and greatly expanded responsibilities that this bill imposes.

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

From: [Cynthia Owen](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:08:22 AM

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Mahalo,

Cynthia Owen

From: [Raymond K. Kawahakui Jr.](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
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Mahalo,

Raymond K. Kawahakui Jr.

From: [Masayuki Shimizu](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:35:35 AM

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Masayuki Shimizu

From: [Connie Nagata](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Connie Nagata

From: [Ellyson Williams](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Mahalo,

Ellyson Williams

From: [David Somers](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
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Mahalo,

David Somers

From: [Russell Bernat](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
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Russell Bernat

From: [Joyna Willard](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Joyna Willard

From: [Heather Kilar](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
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From: [Bonnie Brayton](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Bonnie Brayton

From: [Tiffani Hull](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 889, HD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES (SUPPORT)
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Tiffani Hull

From: [Deeshane Sablan](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Deeshane Sablan

From: [silvia barber](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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