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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER & LAND & AGRICULTURE &
ENVIRONMENT**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2017
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 636
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Chairpersons Rhoads and Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 636. This bill provides funding for rapid response to new Invasive Pest Species. The Department of Agriculture supports this bill and offers a comment.

The passage of Senate Bill 904 will be useful in trying to address eradication of a new invasive pest species at a time when establishment has limited range and dispersion. Some of our most serious invasive pest species, such as coqui frog and little fire ant, would be minimized by rapid response to new invasive pest species detection. A dedicated fund will ensure resources for a quick and effective response. The Department would like to note the support for HB1013, relating to the creation of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, which would repeal Chapter 194 and create a new authority to carry out the duties of biosecurity and invasive species. Should HB1013 move forward this session, the Department would like to see this rapid response fund carry over to the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony of
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Friday, February 10, 2017
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 636
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Senate Bill 636 proposes to establish an invasive species rapid response special fund to facilitate invasive species detection and control in situations where the Governor has declared an invasive species emergency. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this initiative, as long as it does not replace our priorities requested in the Executive Budget.**

The Department manages a variety of invasive species programs and is the administrative host of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC). For both departmental programs and interagency projects supported by the HISC, project costs are assigned at the beginning of a fiscal year. There is no source of funding that specifically supports new emergency responses to invasive species incursions that happen after the start of the fiscal year. The presence of an invasive species rapid response fund would better enable the state to respond to threats at the time of first detection, when the likelihood of success is highest and the cost of eradication is lowest.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

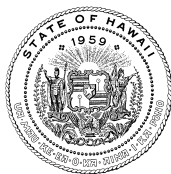
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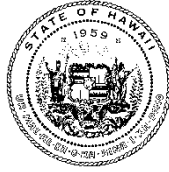
Senate Bill No. 636 expedites the response to newly detected invasive species in the State of Hawaii by establishing procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures. The bill creates the Invasive Species Rapid Response Special Fund to mitigate or eradicate invasive species that would generate revenues through legislative appropriations and investment earnings. The bill appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for FY 18 and FY 19 for deposit into the new fund. The Invasive Species Council will administer and expend moneys from the special fund.

The Department of Budget and Finance takes no position on procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures for newly detected invasive species. However, the department does have concerns with the Invasive Species Rapid Response Special Fund. As a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need that cannot be

implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to Senate Bill No. 636, it is unclear why response efforts for newly detected invasive species cannot be addressed through the general fund appropriation process and whether the proposed fund would be self-sustaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES
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WATER AND LAND
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February 10, 2017, 2:45 p.m.

SENATE BILL 636
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Chairs Rhoads, Chair/Vice-Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Riviere, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 636. The State Procurement Office's (SPO) comments are limited to Section 2, lines 16 through 20 on page 2:

(c) Upon declaration by the governor pursuant to subsection (b) that there exists an invasive species emergency, the council may take action in response to the emergency and make expenditures from the fund without legislative approval and without regard to chapters 36, 37, 89, and 103D.

Exemption from HRS Chapter 103D is unnecessary as the Governor already has the ability to suspend the requirement to follow HRS Chapter 103D pursuant to HRS 127A-12 (b)(8) which states:

"...Chapter 103D and sections 103-50, 103-53, 103-55, 105-1 to 105-10, and 464-4 shall not apply to any emergency management functions of the governor to the extent that the governor finds that the provisions, in whole or in part, impede or tend to impede the expeditious discharge of those functions, or that compliance therewith is impracticable due to existing conditions;..."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
And Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2017 2:45 pm
Room 224

Support for SB 772 Relating to Invasive Species

Chair Rhoads, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committees,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 636, which establishes the invasive species rapid response special fund within DLNR, establishes procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures, and appropriates moneys.

Experts recommend a minimum investment of \$50 million a year to, essentially, implement the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan. The plan includes the most important actions we can take to prevent invasive species from entering the islands and prevent the spread of invasive species already here. We have a ways to go, and we appreciate this bill.

Invasive species are the most significant environmental and economic threat in Hawai'i. If you bathe or drink water, you should be concerned about the destruction of essential watersheds on ceded lands. Invasive species are responsible for the loss of habitat for native plants and animals, and contribute to species endangerment and extinctions in Hawai'i. Invasive species degrade cultural and public recreation areas, rendering these areas unusable (e.g., invasive strawberry guava in Hawaiian forests). The introduction of biting flies and stinging midges (for example) could destroy our visitor industry.

Please pass SB 636. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Ants attacking sooty tern chick

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J. Wolf	Best Friends Animal Society	Oppose	No

Comments: On behalf of Best Friends Animal Society and our many supporters throughout the Hawaiian Islands, I urge you to oppose SB636 as written. The bill's current language is so broad that it would easily allow for domestic cats (owned and unowned) to be targeted for lethal control by the various organizations that make up the Hawaii Invasive Species Council—"without legislative approval" in the case of an "invasive species emergency" (the criteria for which remain unspecified). Such concerns are well-founded considering, for example, the listing of feral cats as "invasive species" on the Department of Land and Natural Resources website. If it is true, as we've been told about other bills being heard this year, that SB636 is not intended to target cats, then the solution would seem to be straightforward: an amendment that clearly exempts cats from the bill's provisions. While we appreciate the need to protect Hawaii's native plants and animals, the broad discretion outlined in SB636 poses a significant threat to outdoor cats throughout the Hawaiian Islands. As a result, the bill is drawing considerable opposition from the animal welfare community and general public. If all of this sounds familiar, it's because a similar story played out during the 2016 Legislative Session, with "invasive species" bills getting tangled up in the controversy surrounding outdoor cats. All of which does little to address the Islands' legitimate conservation and environmental concerns. We would all be better served if "invasive species" legislation exempted cats from the outset, thereby garnering the broad support necessary for the public policy needed to protect Hawaii's native plants and animals. As written, SB636 raises serious concerns about the humane treatment of domesticated animals, government overreach, property rights, and due process. Please oppose or amend this harmful bill. Thank you for your time and attention.

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TESTIMONY ON SB 636
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Room 224
2:45 PM

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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.

HFB supports the intent of SB 636 which establishes the invasive species rapid response special fund within DLNR.

Invasive species have become one of the most challenging problems impacting Hawaii. Many invasive species are damaging Hawaii's environment and the state's economy. Agriculture has a vested interest in this matter. Agriculture is one of the major casualties when invasive species are introduced. Every year, numerous new pests are introduced into the State, such as the coqui frog, coffee berry borer, macadamia felted coccid, little fire ant, coconut rhinoceros beetle, small hive beetle and varroa mite, to name a few.

In the 2002 LRB study on invasive species, it was reported that the estimated cost of financing all invasive species programs was \$50 million. The report estimated that the lost revenue to agriculture was \$300 million per year. It also states that the invasion of unwanted pests has the potential to economically devastate the State by keeping tourists away from the island and that invasive species can affect tourism indirectly by altering or displacing Hawaii's environmental assets.

HFB appreciates the intent of this measure and the many other bills that seek to address invasive species. However, we respectfully request that the Legislature fund the DOA's Biosecurity Program which is a comprehensive strategy that addresses the increasing amount of invasive species entering the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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