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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2017  
1:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 804  
RELATING TO HAWAII PESTICIDES LAW**

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to Testify on Senate Bill 804. The purpose of this Bill is to increase the amount the pesticides use revolving fund can maintain in order to allow the department to have the necessary funds to carry about its statutory mandate. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this Bill.

The pesticide use revolving fund is comprised of funds collected by the Department from pesticide license fees, restricted use pesticide dealer license fees, and training fees. The purpose of the revolving fund is to support the pesticide program's registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities. The revolving fund may also be used to establish pesticide training workshops, educational programs, development of integrated pest management strategies, and other services to benefit the user of pesticides, such as the structural pest control industry, agricultural pest control industry, and consumer users of pesticides. This may include collection, disposal, and recycling of pesticide containers and other pesticide services.



Section 149A-13.5(e) currently allows the pesticide revolving fund to keep all unobligated, unencumbered, and unexpended funds remaining in the fund up to \$250,000. The proposed Act would increase this amount to \$1,000,000.

Increasing the cap from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 will increase the ability of the department to conduct training and outreach. Pesticide outreach and education is critical in ensuring pesticides are not misused, as the misuse of pesticides is not only illegal, it may endanger the health of people and the environment. There has been an increase in demand for the Department to assist in the disposal of pesticides and pesticide containers. With this increase, the department will be better able to conduct and coordinate these disposal services. These additional funds can also be used to supplement environmental studies, such as groundwater reviews and water sampling activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



# WPHA

Western Plant Health Association

February 24, 2017

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 207  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: SB 804; RELATING TO HAWAII PESTICIDES LAW (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chairman Tokuda:

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our **support** of SB 804, which would allow the raising of the amount of funds the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is able to retain in the pesticide use revolving fund. 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 HDOA has the resources available to oversee and enforce regulations that help assure the safe use of products we believe raising the pesticide revolving fund ceiling is needed. 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. SB 804 will allow HDOA to thoughtfully assess and utilize resources to better fulfil their statutory obligations.

WPHA **supports** the goals of SB 804 to enhance the efforts of DOA 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 SB 804 and asks the committee for a **yes** vote. We thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO



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February 24, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**TESTIMONY ON SB 804**  
RELATING TO HAWAII PESTICIDES LAW

Room 211  
1:30 pm

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, 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 **strongly supports SB 804**, which would increase the amount of moneys from the pesticide use revolving fund that the Department of Agriculture may retain to carry out its statutory mandate.

The Department of Agriculture Pesticides Branch, under the supervision of the United States EPA, has broad duties that include the regulation of the manufacture, sale, and safe use of pesticides in the State of Hawaii.

HFB supports a robust state pesticide regulatory program and believes that in order to accomplish its duties, DOA must be funded adequately. It makes sense that the moneys from the pesticide use revolving fund should be used by the DOA pesticide branch, as that money comes from pesticide licensing and registration fees and would otherwise revert to the general fund.

Among other things, this increased access to the fund will allow DOA to conduct the additional environmental monitoring for pesticides that has been demanded by members of some special interest groups.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure and for your continued support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.



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## TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### In Support of SB 804 Relating to Hawaii Pesticides Law Increase pesticide use revolving fund monies

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 24, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

Conference Room 211

Chair Tokuda and members of the committee:

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.

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) **supports SB 804**, which seeks to increase the amount of pesticide use revolving fund monies the Hawaii Department of Agriculture can maintain (HDOA).

HCIA recognizes the importance of pesticides as a tool to protect both agricultural product and Hawaii's citizenry. We support efforts that help maintain and assess the proper regulation and enforcement of these tools. HCIA supports fully funding HDOA and the pesticide use revolving fund that maintains registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha  
Executive Director



Testimony from Jeff Case, Senior Director Government Affairs, CropLife America

In support of SB 804 – Relating to Hawaii Pesticides Law

Friday, Feb. 24, 1:30 pm – Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Committee Members,

CropLife America represents the manufactures and registrants of pesticide products that are used for agriculture production. We and our farmers are committed to using these valuable crop protection products in a manner that is safe for agricultural community as well as our neighbors. We are in support of SB 804.

A strong state pesticide regulatory program is essential to assuring the public that valuable pesticide products are used properly. We believe that SB 804 provides that support to the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture by ensuring that funding continues to remain available in the revolving fund, instead of being rolled over to the general fund due to an arbitrary cap. Hawaii's agricultural community is sincere about addressing public safety. We believe we can do this best by supporting the pesticide branch of the Dept. of Agriculture through SB 804 and other bills that will provide them with the necessary funds.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strong support. The community has concerns about pesticides (apparently due to misinformation or no information). Accessing more of its PURF will enable DOA to conduct monitoring and fund other activities to support its programs and to demonstrate to the public, through reasonable means, that those concerns are misguided.

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Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:

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