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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 1, 2017  
8:45 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1006  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1006. This bill provides continued funding to the Hawaii Ant Lab project. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

This project deals directly with education and eradication efforts, where possible, in order to contain and inhibit the movement of the Little Fire Ant into areas around the State where the invasive insect does not currently inhabit. This insect pest is so severe that it has greatly altered the way people and their animals interact with their outdoor environment. The good work of the Hawaii Ant Lab needs continued funding to preserve its efforts to achieve the goals of eradication, where possible, and containment and restriction of the ant pest within those areas that are overwhelmed by the insect. In those places where the ant is fully established, outreach to homeowners and householders on what their options are for managing the pest in and around their homes continues to be a goal of the Hawaii Ant Lab.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
8:45 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1006  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

House Bill 1006 proposes to provide funds to support research and control of invasive ants under the direction of the Hawaii Ant Lab, a project of the University of Hawaii. **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 has a long history of working with the Hawaii Ant Lab. The Hawaii Ant Lab employs the foremost experts on the little fire ant and is the lead coordinating entity for little fire ant eradication projects on Kauai, Oahu, and Maui. The Hawaii Ant Lab is also a resource for public education and support in mitigating widespread little fire ant infestations on Hawaii Island. The Department supports the critical work being done by this lab.

The Department notes that the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan describes the need for increased research and control of established pests, such as the little fire ant, under action item #121 (PosTifs2.3). Providing stable funding to the Hawaii Ant Lab is a recommendation of the Biosecurity Plan described by action item #114 (PostTifs 1.11).

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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House Committee on Agriculture  
HB1006

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 8:45 pm State Capitol, Conference Room 312

**Submitted on Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawaii**

The Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports HB1006 “Relating to Invasive Species” mitigation and eradication efforts in collaboration with the University of Hawaii. **Addressing invasive species problems is one of the Democratic Party’s environmental legislative priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 1, 2017

Testimony To: House Committee on Agriculture  
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE  
Executive Director

Subject: H.B. 1006 - Relating to Invasive Species

Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association, an organization composed of around 85 companies who perform structural pest control.

One of the pests that we commonly run into is the little fire ant. As you know, this is a new pest that our operators have had to deal with and it is research such as that conducted by the Hawaii ant lab that provides our operators with the kind of information that we need in order to best control this invasive pest for the benefit of Hawaii's residents.

Based on that, we highly recommend your support of this \$360,000.00 appropriation.

Thank you.





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February 1, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1006**  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Room 312  
8:45 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.

**HFB strongly supports HB 1006**, which appropriates funds to the Hawaii ant lab for personnel and equipment to support mitigation of the little fire ant.

HFB recognizes the harm that the little fire ant has caused to farms, businesses, and the quality of life of those affected by the pest. We agree that continued measures must be undertaken to stop its spread to other areas.

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

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Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support from the Legislature for education and eradication of the Little Fire Ant on Hawai'i Island is imperative. We cannot do this without the help of government. We recently formed a LFA Coalition in West Hawai'i, and are moving forward with our strategic plan. If LFA is not stopped now, at some point families will leave, property will lose all value, and tourists will stay away. Whole islands in the South Pacific have been abandoned to the LFA according to E.O. Wilson. The LFA is a formidable foe, and if not stopped now will be knocking on the door of every home on every island in the Hawaiian Islands. Mahalo!

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**LATE**

The House of Representatives  
Committee on Agriculture  
February 1, 2017  
8:45 a.m., Conference Room 312  
State Capitol

### **Testimony in Support of HB 1006**

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Committee Members,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **is in support of HB 1006, *Relating to Invasive Species***. The aim of this measure is to provide funding to the Hawai'i Ant Lab (HAL). We offer the following comment:

Providing direct funding to support HAL through the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit of the University of Hawai'i would enable HAL to continue to work towards eradicating little fire ants on Kaua'i, Oahu, and Maui, while providing control education and assistance to residents and property owners on Hawai'i island. As with HB 1005, CGAPS agrees that there is a great need for additional funding for invasive species work, and that as bills move through committees, that funding can be provided for these important programs. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,  
Christy Martin  
CGAPS



**Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i**

*Hawai'i's voice for wildlife*

*Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Agriculture  
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:45 am  
Room 312

**LATE**

Support for HB 1006 Relating to Invasive Species

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 10046, which appropriates funds to the Hawai'i ant lab for personnel and equipment to support mitigation of the little fire ant.

This dangerous pest harms humans, and babies are especially vulnerable. The ants also sting and can blind pet dogs and cats.

Please consider increasing the proposed allocation of \$360,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018 to support programs to prevent the little fire ant from spreading.

- Little fire ant infestations are widespread throughout the windward side of Hawai'i Island, including in Hilo, the Puna district, and along the Hamakua Coast, and in and around nurseries and properties that purchased plants from infested nurseries. Smaller infestations have been found in the Kailua Kona area.
- On Kaua'i, one infestation is known in the Kalihiwai area.
- On O'ahu, it was first detected in December 2013 in a shipment of hapu'u (tree fern) logs from Hawai'i Island. Numerous additional infestations have been found.
- On Maui, it was first found in Waihe'e in 2009, then in Nahiku in 2014, and in Huelo and Hana in 2015.
- It is not known to be present at this time on Moloka'i, Lana'i, or Kaho'olawe.

Please pass HB 1006 and ask for more money. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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