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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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Before the House Committee on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1013
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

House Bill 1013 proposes to restructure the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority (HISA), an agency attached administratively to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) with expanded board membership that would allow for participation from non-governmental stakeholders. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration measure.**

The Department has acted as the administrative host of the interagency HISC since its creation in 2003 and serves as co-chair along with the HDOA. Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requires the HISC to perform a broad spectrum of policy and coordination duties associated with invasive species. The HISC also manages an annual interagency budget to support innovative interagency projects that fill gaps between agency mandates. Chapter 194, HRS, establishes the HISC as a board only, comprised of chairs or directors of state departments, and does not provide staff or funding for the operation of the HISC. As such, the Department has provided existing staff resources to effectuate the directions of the HISC.

This measure would add three non-ex-officio seats to the voting board, to be appointed by the Governor, to represent the interests of stakeholders outside of state government including agricultural and horticultural stakeholders, conservation stakeholders, and an individual with expertise in Native Hawaiian cultural practices. This measure would also authorize the HISA to hire staff necessary to effectuate the direction of the board, and provides an appropriation for this purpose. Rather than being administratively hosted within an existing agency, the HISA would function as a semi-autonomous attached agency.

With regard to attachment to HDOA, the Department notes that HDOA has broad mandates regarding invasive species and biosecurity and would be an appropriate agency to which the HISA could be attached. As proposed, both the Department and HDOA would continue to act as co-chairs on the board of directors.

This measure also appropriates funds for an interagency budget to support gap-filling projects, similar to that currently operated by the HISC. The amount of funding requested for this appropriation matches the need identified by invasive species practitioners for interagency projects in Fiscal Year 18. Pre-proposals describing potential uses of appropriated funds were developed by researchers and project leads across various agencies, and can be found in detail on the HISC website.

In preparation of an attached agency concept for invasive species coordination, HISC staff conducted a stakeholder survey to gather input on desired components of an enhanced coordinating entity. Stakeholder input was broadly supportive of the HISA concept.

Establishing the HISA is a key recommendation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan (2017-2027), which is part of the Governor's Sustainable Hawaii Initiative. Biosecurity Plan action item #82 (PosPol 2.1) describes the need to enact legislation restructuring the HISC as the HISA, and item #104 (PosTifs 1.1) describes the need to fund the operating cost and interagency budget needs of this program. The HISA would be the primary entity responsible for facilitating implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and would be responsible for tracking progress toward implementation and providing reports to the legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1013
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1013. This bill will provide the vehicle for the restructuring of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority (HISA). The restructuring will attach the HISA to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture which will coordinate the implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. HISA will become the vehicle to organize the State's Invasive Species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement and outreach activities. The Department strongly supports this measure.

At the Department of Agriculture, we are keenly aware of the economic impact that invasive pest species has on our farmers. Additionally, new pest species affect the outdoor environment that we live, work, and play in. The establishment of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority places the efforts of controlling and managing invasive pests under one regulatory authority with dedicated staff and resources. HISA will also have a board comprised of vested stakeholders, including a member from the agricultural industry, natural resource conservation, and the Native Hawaii cultural community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 8:30 am

By

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 1013 – RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1013 which restructures the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority, administratively attached to the department of agriculture, to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii interagency biosecurity plan and to improve coordination of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs; and appropriates funds to implement the authority and relevant interagency invasive species projects.

The University of Hawai'i is a member of the interagency Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, and will remain a member under the restructuring proposed in HB 1013. We support this restructuring and attachment to the Department of Agriculture, and believe that it will strengthen efforts to prevent and control invasive pests, plants, and plant diseases in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the effort to testify in support of HB 1013.

DAVID Y. IGE
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H.B. 1013
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill as long as it does not replace priorities requested in the Executive Budget.

This bill expands the authority of the existing Hawaii Invasive Species Council and the DOT finds its membership on this council useful in providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 8:30 AM - Room 325

**RE: HB 1013 - Relating to Invasive Species Program
Administration – In Support**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition supports HB 1013, which restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture, to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawai'i's food supply.

Invasive species threaten agricultural production. In addition, they threaten the natural environment, the health of Hawaii's residents and the State's economy. The State needs enhanced coordination of its invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs. We support HB 1013 as it will provide the leadership, staffing and funding to help mitigate current and future threats and impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

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HB1013 RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

TESTIMONY

Nancy Davlantes, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Lowen, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB1013, which would restructure the Hawaii invasive species council into a new entity, the Hawaii invasive species authority, attached administratively to the department of agriculture. The authority would have the responsibility of coordinating implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and improving coordination of the state's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs.

The League has long-held positions that both promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems and preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment. This bill recognizes invasive species as the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people.

When the legislature created the Hawaii invasive species council for coordination purposes in 2003, it did not establish dedicated staff or funding. This bill would establish a 9-member interagency board of directors authorized to hire staff as necessary, and sets out new duties relating to the coordination of interagency invasive species and biosecurity efforts.

A total of \$10,500,000 would be appropriated out of general revenues for each of the next two fiscal years for positions and other operating expenditures of the invasive species authority and for interagency projects and research related to invasive species.

This bill addresses an issue of vital importance to not only Hawaii's unique environment and agriculture and visitor industries but to its citizens as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



February 13, 2017

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SUPPORT FOR HB1013
“RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION”
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Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Representative Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

Submitted on Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports HB1013 “RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION” which restructures the Invasive Species Counsel and establishes an Invasive Species Authority within the Department of Agriculture, with additional staff and funds. This legislation is one of DPH’s legislative priorities for the 2017 legislative session.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tim Vandever (tim@hawaiidemocrats.org)
Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

/s/ Margaret Wille (margaretwille@mac.com)
/s/ Sean Smith (simashang@yahoo.com)
Legislative Committee Co-chairs



**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 Energy and Environmental Protection
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Wednesday, February 14, 2017 8:30 am
Room 325

Support for HB 1013 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 1013, which restructures the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority, administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture, to coordinate implementation of the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan and to improve coordination of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs, and appropriates funds to implement the authority and relevant interagency invasive species projects.

The proposed restructuring will help save wildlife and wild places, help protect agriculture, and support our economy. HB 1013 will also likely result in better coordination between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and more buy-in on the part of the Department of Agriculture.

Please pass HB 1013. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Invasive big-headed ants attack
wedge-tailed shearwater chick

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The House of Representatives
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
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State Capitol

Testimony in Support of HB 1013

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Committee Members,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **is in support of HB 1013, *Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration***. The aim of this measure is to restructure the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) as an Authority administratively attached to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA), and appropriate funds.

For decades, agencies and non-government organizations have not only tried to address individual invasive species and impacts, but also the underlying issues that continue to place Hawai'i at risk. It is important to stop and count the many policies and programs that have been instituted over the years through the efforts of leaders and partnerships. The creation of the Invasive Species Committees, the Watershed Partnerships, the Hawai'i Ant Lab, and the HISC itself are all great examples. The HISC in particular has been an amazing success, so why change it? The answer is because we are still not where we need to be with regard to biosecurity policies, programs, public participation, and funding, and we must continue to advocate for what is necessary to do the job. The 2002 Filling the Gaps in the Fight on Invasive Species LRB report listed the need at \$50 million per year, some of which included necessary capital improvement costs such as planning and constructing a new biocontrol facility. While we are happy to see that funding is being requested to begin planning for the facility, there are many, many issues that must be addressed, and as this committee is well aware, new invasive species are arriving all the time. For these reasons, we ask for your support of HB 1013. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,
Christy Martin
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bill lucey	kauai invasive species committee	Support	No

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 1013 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 8:30AM, Room 325

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 1013 to restructure the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, attached administratively to the Department of Agriculture.

The Legislative Reference Bureau recently released its update to the 2002 report *Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species*. The 2015 update, *Can't See the Forest for the (Albizia) Trees: An Invasive Species Update*, can be found at: <http://lrhbhawaii.org/reports/legrpts/lrb/2015/invasive.pdf>. One of the LRB's recommendations in this new report is that the Legislature consider amending the structure of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) to provide clearer authority to direct interagency coordination and provide resources and support for priority actions necessary in the fight against invasive species. While the HISC has had many successes, we agree that raising the status of the HISC to become the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority, including an increased base budget for consistent staffing and programs, would be an important step forward in further addressing Hawai'i's invasive species challenges.

We also note that the LRB's report repeatedly states that a major gap in the fight against invasive species has been insufficient funding for invasive species work on the ground and for the operations and staffing of the HISC. Amongst the LRB's recommendations are a statewide biosecurity plan and for stable—even dedicated—funding to address invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, research, and outreach priorities across the state. We agree and are pleased that the Department of Agriculture recently completed a comprehensive biosecurity plan.

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TESTIMONY ON HB 1013
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Room 325
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, 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 a robust Biosecurity Plan, and provides the following comments on HB 1013.

Hawaii agriculture has a long track record of implementing biosecurity measures to protect Hawaii's ecosystem. It was a pioneer in proactive and protective quarantine laws, dating back to 1888, when King Kalakaua signed into law a prohibition on the introduction of coffee trees and shrubs. While addressing natural resources protection (for example, the prohibition of foxes and land crabs), agriculture was a focal point so that diversified crops could be encouraged for commercial production, rather than continue to have Hawaii's people rely on mere subsistence. HFB believes that as we work to improve biosecurity and invasive species management, **biosecurity in relation to agriculture must not be marginalized.**

HFB has long-supported the State's efforts in creating the infrastructure and mechanisms to foster coordination in prevention and control of harmful invasive species. Similar to the goals outlined in this bill, the mission of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HRS 194), created in 2003, is, "...to provide policy level direction, coordination, and planning among state departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful."

HFB also supported the addition and funding of the Biosecurity Chapter (HRS 150A Part VI), updating the Hawaii Quarantine Law, with objectives to (150A-52)

(1) Establish a multi-dimensional system to prevent the entry into the State and interisland movement of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms without a permit; and

(2) Respond effectively to eradicate, control, reduce, and suppress incipient pest populations and established pests and seize and dispose of prohibited or restricted organisms without a permit. [L 2008, c 236, pt of §2]

SB 776 envisions further statutory and regulatory changes. We are hopeful that prior to those changes, a review of existing laws and regulations, and funding mechanisms will be conducted to avoid duplication of efforts and expenditures.

Especially during fiscally challenging times, HFB is a firm believer in collaborative efforts to facilitate implementation of programs. To maximize Hawaii's potential for biosecurity success, we respectfully suggest coordination with experts at USDA, Bishop Museum, UH, and HARC, as well as private organizations with similar goals, in lieu of immediately hiring additional staff for the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critical issue. Hawaii Farm Bureau is a strong proponent of biosecurity; our farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of the battle with damaging and invasive species, while trying to meet Hawaii's goal of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability. The challenges of pervasive pests are serious and they are already threatening the viability of sectors of Hawaii's agriculture industry. We respectfully request that the needs of production agriculture and its role in protecting Hawaii from invasive species be recognized and addressed in any new invasive species and biosecurity program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Coqui frogs, Little Fire Ant, Miconia, just a few reasons

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Donni Gye Corrow-Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this vital legislation. I am a Democrat living in Maui and currently serving as acting Chair for District 10. I also do a lot of volunteer work with Maui Cultural Lands to remove invasive species from Honokowai Valley and Kaheawa above the wind farm and it is very important to preserve and protect these lands for future generations. Mahalo for your kokua.

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natalie forster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident on Maui I support the passing of hb1013. I am a nature enthusiast and enjoy the unique ecosystems of the Hawaiian islands. I feel it is important to protect the environment especially in a place where so many native and endemic species are threatened.

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Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a lifelong Maui resident, small business owner, and active Democrat and I strongly support HB1013 “Related to Invasive Species Program Administration.” This bill restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to become the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority. The Authority will be given more resources such staff, board members, and additional funding in order to fulfill the goals of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. I am greatly disappointed in Hawaii’s historical response to the threat of invasive species. It sickens me that the Big Island’s East Side seems terminally doomed to be ridden with Little Fire Ants and Coqui frogs. I visit Hilo monthly for business and am always disturbed by the calls of the coqui frogs and am paranoid that I’m getting bit by LFA or accidentally bringing them home to Maui in my luggage. I wish we could go back in time to intercept the LFA and coqui on their way to the Big Island. As a second best option, once these species were discovered we should have given more resources towards their early eradication. Now it seems like it is too far gone for those East Hawaii Island communities to ever be free of these pests. I think this mentality of defeat on the Big Island needs to change and we should go to war with the LFA, coqui and other invasives by being better organized, funded and focus our efforts on biocontrols. Until biocontrols are properly developed for eradication we must give adequate resources to mitigation and containment. We cannot let the invasive species on the Big Island get a hold on the other islands. It will be cheaper, in the long run, to focus now on the interception and early detection vs the economic toll of losing whole industries to invasive species such as nurseries, farms, and orchards. Also if LFA spread to our beaches it will be detrimental to our tourism industry and locals' quality of life. Currently, it seems like the Hawaii Invasive Species Council is spread too thin putting out fires such as new outbreaks of existing invasive species problems. I fear that they do not have the infrastructure to respond to a totally new threat if one arises. Additionally, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council does not have the funding or tools to adequately carry out the plans of the Interagency Biosecurity Plan. Please do all in your power to help the Agencies succeed in following through with the Biosecurity Plan including creating the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority and significantly upping their budget. For the sake of our natural resources, economy and future generations, please vote in favor of HB1013. Mahalo for considering my testimony. Arianna Feinberg House

District 12 - Upcountry Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: For our future!

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christin Matsushige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Legislators: Please oppose this bill unless amended with language that specifically excludes dogs and cats. The matter of dogs and cats being considered invasive species is an issue that must be considered separate from this bill. Thank you, Christin Matsushige

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
shaun_hawaii	hawaii opae ula	Oppose	No

Comments: Must state specific exclusion of feral dogs and cats.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Pele Lani Farm LLc	Oppose	No

Comments: I will SUPPORT if you specifically exclude feral dogs and cats from this bill noting that they are not and will not be on the invasive species list. Mahalo.

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In Support of HB1013 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration

House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

14 February 2017, 8:30 am, Room 325

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports HB1013 to restructure the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority, providing new board seats for non-governmental stakeholders and providing the ability to hire staff to better coordinate interagency programs that implement the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan.

Invasive species are a cross cutting issue that threaten the health of Hawai'i's economy, ecosystems, agricultural production and people. The recent spread of the Little Fire Ant, outbreak of dengue fever on Hawai'i Island and Rapid 'Ohia Death are a couple examples of the severe consequences that invasive species can have. Continued state leadership and funding are essential for rapid, coordinated response to current and future threats.

While the Hawaii Invasive Species Council has been successful, restructuring as an attached authority to the Department of Agriculture would be an important step to elevate this critical issue for increased impact. The Department of Agriculture's broad mandates regarding invasive species and biosecurity make it an appropriate agency for this important statewide priority.

Hawai'i Green Growth partners agreed that biosecurity is an important priority to support implementation on Hawaii's *Aloha+ Challenge* 2030 sustainability goals. The *Aloha+ Challenge* is a joint leadership commitment launched by the State Legislature (SCR69), Governor, four County Mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Hawai'i Green Growth public-private partners. This statewide framework outlines six ambitious 2030 sustainability goals in the areas of clean energy, local food, natural resource management, solid waste, smart sustainable communities, and green education and workforce. The Aloha+ Challenge has been recognized nationally and internationally as model that can be scaled to support the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement.

With leadership and support from the State Legislature, Hawai'i hosted the first U.S. held IUCN World Conservation Congress with over 10,000 global partners from 190 countries in 2016. **HB1013** is an opportunity to continue important local action on sustainable development and resiliency. As a public-private partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports **HB1013** and appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Bambara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Representatives, Please oppose unless feral cats and dogs are explicitly not considered invasive- the language of the bill MUST add wording that feral/community/outdoor cats are excluded. Thank you for this very important change or opposing this bill.

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Frances Pueo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose HB1013 as my previous entry was as comment only was in error. Again I oppose. I truly understand a need for appropriate funds for an invasive species prevention program. My problem with this Bill for an Act is it much too broad as over 99.9 percent of all living things on our islands is "an Invasive species" including us. Here on the Big Isle, we have "The Rat Lung Disease" caused by slugs and spread by rats affecting us humans. There is no cure and resulting in death. Cats have been the only effective control in decreasing the rat population, and we owe our better health to these felines. Plus, they keep my organic orchard pesticide free. I am afraid this broad word bill would allow cats to be classified as an invasive species. Frannie Pueo 769-1128 P.O. Box 943, Mt. View Hawaii 96771

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary James	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The bill is very open-ended in describing what "invasive species" includes. I cannot support such a bill unless it provides more specificity and includes a specific exemption for dogs and cats. There has been an ongoing effort by many organizations and individuals at no cost to the government to control the population of outdoor cats. The method of trap, neuter, return, and manage to control colonies of outdoor cats has been very successful with the effort continuing as long as necessary. One example is the spay/neuter clinics run by the Hawaii nonprofit Hawaii Cat Friends which currently neuters close to 4,000 cats per year with this number on the rise. Please amend this bill to exempt cats and dogs from the definition of "invasive species".

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ellen jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill unless the wording is changed to exclude feral cats. Thank you.

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

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Angie Ali	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As long as cats are excluded. Do. I own a single cat but understand that they are domesticated species and that I would support this bill if it would focus on real threats to our way of life like the fire ants, which have already evacuated villages in Tahiti. Please make sure the wording of this bill is clear. No cats or wild dogs on this list.

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