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Testimony of  
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Friday, February 24, 2017  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 172, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

House Bill 172, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize a property owner or agent to enter adjacent property under certain conditions to control *Albizia* trees. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

Due to their extreme height and brittle branches, *Albizia* trees pose a threat not only to properties on which they are rooted, but on adjacent properties where branches and other debris may fall during high wind events. The Department recognizes that the ability of landowners to control *Albizia* on adjacent properties may decrease health and safety risks associated with this species.

The Department suggests that the term "eradicate" be replaced with the term "control," as "eradicate" denotes the complete and total removal of a species from a given geographical region, and is typically used in Hawai'i to refer to island-wide or statewide removal. The actions described in this measure are specific to property boundaries, and the term "control" is more appropriate.

The Department further suggests that health and safety concerns be addressed in the measure through the following amendment to proposed language for §708- (a)(1) found on page 2, line 14:

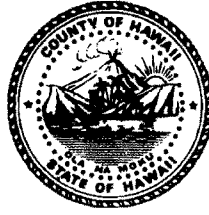
- (1) Reasonably believes Has consulted with a certified arborist to confirm that the albizia trees on the adjacent property:

- (A) Create a condition that could become hazardous to the entering owner's property or persons thereupon if left untreated;
- (B) May be felled and removed or otherwise treated according to current established methods **that minimize risk to human health and safety, and** without damaging any structure, utility pole, or utility line;
- and

The Department notes that it may be beneficial to address in the measure issues of liability for any injuries or damages resulting from the removal of an *Albizia* tree.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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February 23, 2017

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Members:

**RE: HB172, HD1**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 172, HD1.

Entering property of another person is always tricky, but albizia trees are a menace to surrounding areas, and HB 172, HD1 would seem to have achieved an appropriate balance between competing interests of adjacent landowners.

One amendment that might be considered would be a requirement that the person eradicating the trees would also be obligated to remove the cut trees. HD1 requires a belief that removal can be done without causing damage, but actual removal is not mandated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim  
Mayor



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TESTIMONY OF THE BIG ISLAND INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTING H.B.606 RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AND  
H.B. 172 RELATING TO PRIVATE PROPERTY  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, 2:00 PM, ROOM 325

The Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) is a partnership of private citizens and public agencies working to address invasive species issues on the island of Hawaii. Our mission is to prevent, detect, and control the highest risk invasive species threats to the Big Island environment, economy, and way of life.

*DEAR CHAIR NISHIMOTO AND VICE CHAIR SAN BUENAVENTURA:*

Aloha. **BIISC strongly supports HB 172 and HB 606**, which could be game changers in the fight against invasive species. Each year our program contacts 400-500 land owners to request access to control some of the highest-risk invasive species threats in our community. These include albizia along major roadways prioritized for hazard mitigation, little fire ants and coqui in neighborhoods with active control programs, illegally introduced Axis Deer, and 12 emerging invasive plant species that are targeted for island-wide eradication.

Generally, if we can speak to the landowners, they cooperate. Unfortunately, in most cases we are never able to reach the landowner in person or by phone. In response to targeted mailings requesting permission for specific projects, we receive responses from just 10-40% of property owners we contact—168 last year. The rest never respond.

Importantly, BIISC is rarely explicitly *denied* access. For example, throughout the albizia hazard mitigation program for highways and powerlines, only one land owner (a mainland celebrity) ever told us “No.” But dozens never responded at all. Those that live out of state, out of country, or hidden behind trusts or LLCs make our job impossible. That is not fair to the hundreds of cooperative, responsible taxpayers who are trying to keep their communities and residences safe and free of pests.

Our community albizia control volunteers (“Albizia Assassins”) give their free time and sweat to hunt down emerging stands of albizia throughout East Hawaii neighborhoods—over 1,200 volunteer hours invested in removing future hazards before they become costly threats. More than 200 miles of privately owned roads are impacted by albizia, but absentee landowners thwart community efforts—a few uncooperative landowners can prevent eradication of albizia from an entire community, or prevent the protection of a powerline from albizia strikes—just by failing to respond.



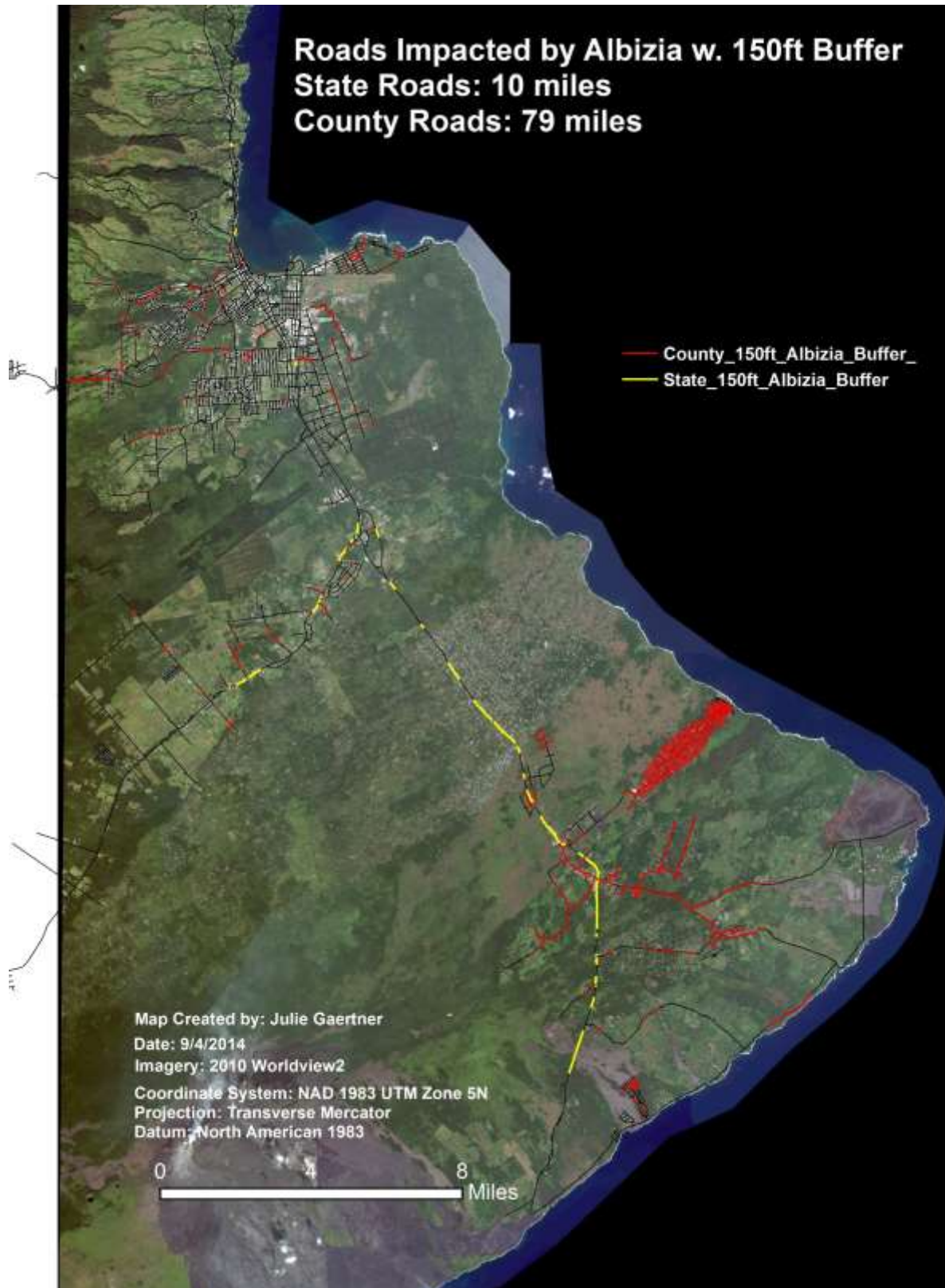
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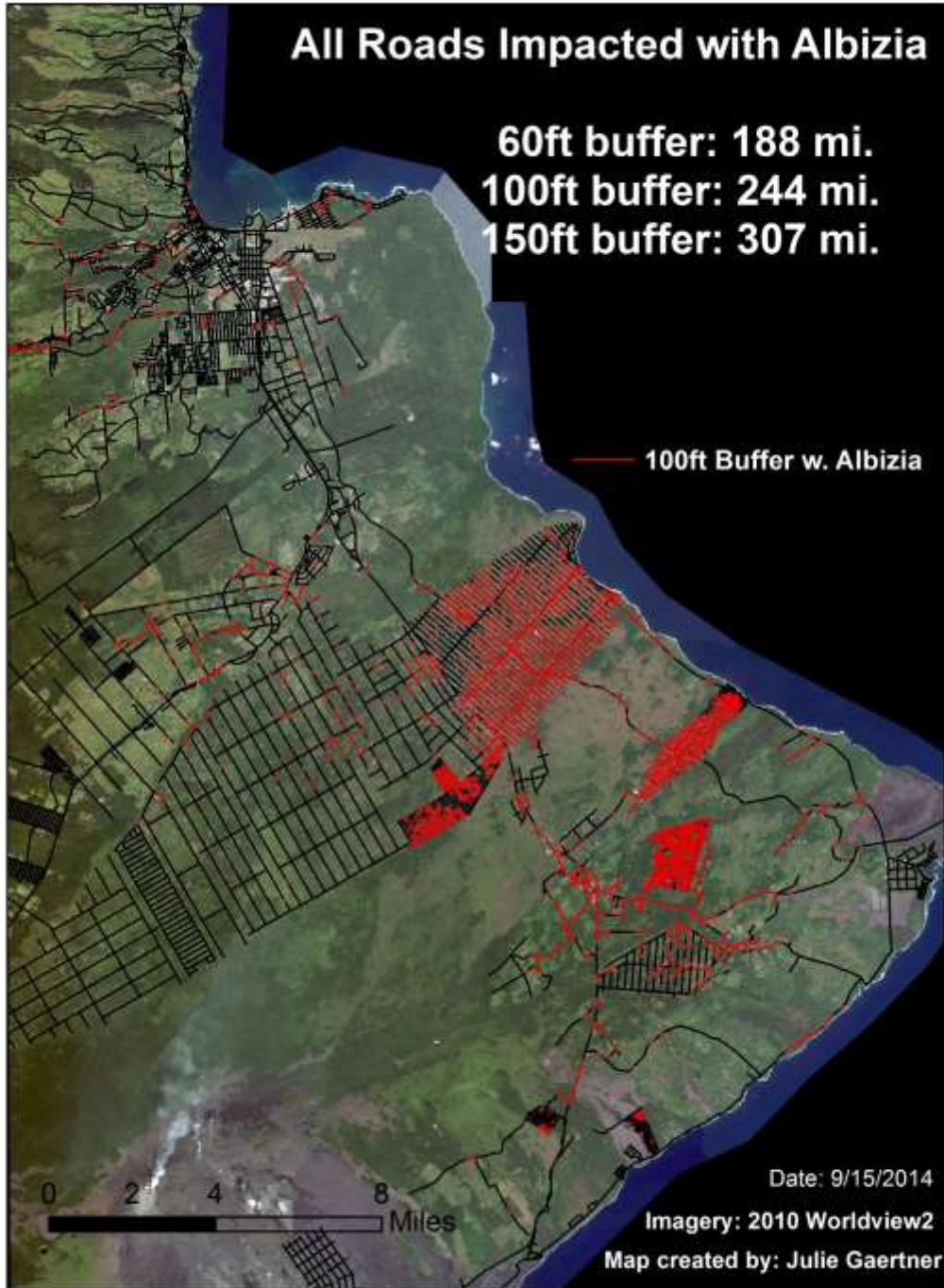
Albizia control is not the only invasive species program paid for by public, tax-payer dollars, and stymied by unresponsive landowners. The denial of access to eradicate Little Fire Ants on Maui was highly publicized, and despite heroic and ultimately successful efforts of the state authority to get a court order, the lack of access caused lengthy delays during which the risk of loss of containment increased every day. When axis deer were discovered, BIISC secured over 1,000 individual, voluntary permissions from ranches, farms, and residents within the search boundaries of deer reports across the island. Shortly after the deer were dispatched, some of these lands were foreclosed by mainland banks—and we have never again gained access. If that had been the case at the start of the axis deer response, we would not have been able to contain this multi-million dollar threat to agriculture. Not because the land-owner says “no” but because they don’t care, they don’t live here, and they don’t bother to reply.

These property-access bills will address the problem of absentee landowners, and those few residents, who neglect the reasonable management of their properties by

1. Allowing immediate neighbors to enter vacant property to address albizia-- at no cost to the taxpayers or the owner of the albizia infested lot; and
2. Authorizing the Counties to enter private properties to address invasive species.

Authorizing the Counties and their agents to enter private property to control invasive species through a fair, reasonable, and streamlined process is critical. The island-based Invasive Species Committees lack statutory authority to enter. HDOA lacks the enforcement capacity to ensure that landowners are taking responsibility as they should, and may not view a county-level priority as a state enforcement priority (e.g. coqui frogs, LFA). Although Hawaii County enacted legislation in 2013, allowing itself to enter private property to remove neglected albizia under certain conditions, it has proven difficult for the County to act on its own rule. In a 2016 annual report, the **County Dept of Public Works stated that they had received 299 formal albizia complaints and had cut down just one tree—which was on County property.** Just 16 other complaints had made it as far as a court proceeding in the three years the law was in place. Imagine if these trees had been removed when the law took effect—eight months before Tropical Storm Iselle hit! Similarly, although HELCO and HDOT have made great strides in managing albizia along their infrastructure routes, Hawaii County is bogged down with their greater share of impacted roadways—at least 79 miles, and growing. Clarifying that the county has the authority to enter property to control albizia before they become large, costly hazard trees will allow proactive, cost-effective management to commence, starting with critical roads and infrastructure. Mahalo for your time and consideration.





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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bruce K. Kuamo'o	Nanawale Community Association Ltd.	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am the General Manager here at the Nanawale Comm. Assn. I have been working here for a little more than 8 years now and know first-hand how dangerous these trees are. This Bill would definitely help with issues we have with owners who do not respond and vacant lots. We are in full support of this Bill. Mahalo!

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Russell F. Jones	Individual	Support	No

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**Testimony before the House Judiciary Committee**

**by  
The Hawaiian Electric Companies**

**Friday, February 24, 2017  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325**

**House Bill 172, HD 1 –Relating to Private Property**

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Electric Companies are submitting this written testimony in support of HB 172, HD 1.

HB 172, HD 1 authorizes a property owner or agent to enter adjacent property under certain conditions to eradicate albizia trees before they become hazardous. It further provides a defense to criminal prosecution. The Hawaiian Electric Companies support the bill for the following reasons:

- Albizia trees are a hazard to public safety and critical infrastructure.
- Stands of brittle, invasive Albizia trees up to 250 feet tall grow on many public and private properties. Tropical Storm Iselle brought down many Albizia trees, blocked roadways, and caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and important electric utility lines. Broken tree trunks continue to send out new growth creating even more unstable conditions, while seedlings are rapidly germinating in disturbed areas.
- There are many landowners that either refuse or fail to respond to repeated notices to control or eradicate albizia trees on their property.
- The ability for an owner of real property to enter vacant real property that is privately owned and directly adjacent to the entering owner's property to eradicate one or more albizia trees located on the adjacent property (after reasonable attempts to contact the owner), is essential to mitigating issues caused by Albizia trees, and ensures that Hawai'i's public safety and critical infrastructure needs are met.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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

Comments: I support this bill. Makes sense if neighbors are not willing or are just not able to do anything [elderly/not financially able]. Thank you!

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dwight suzuki	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
linda willaby	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please take all means necessary to control albezia trees.

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Albezias.

It is important to authorize neighbors to enter vacant properties and control albezia. There are many absent owners here in Puna and too many albezia trees that are a threat to power lines, homes and property. I was without electricity for 2 weeks during Hurricane Iselle and it is not something I want to repeat.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jay Bondesen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this. Community and homeowners associations are an excellent and low cost way to fight Albizia.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James B Friday	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Overgrown albizia trees pose a hazard to dwellings, powerlines, and roads on our islands. Absentee landowners are often unaware of the dangers these trees pose and unresponsive. This bill will help protect homeowners.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nancy Knight	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a resident of Hawaiian Paradise Park, my lot is surrounded by absentee owner lots--all with Albizias in various stages of growth--some dangerously close or with limbs projecting over my electric line. Ownership has changed three times on one lot in a 3 month period--even the tax records can not keep up with accurate information. HB172 is needed to address this situation before falling limbs create a legal and safety situation.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicola Reiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! I am a property owner in Hawaiian Paradise Park. I have undertaken training to eradicate Albizia trees on my property and have succeeded in killing all the Albizia on my own land. However, I am surrounded by eight (8) acres of vacant (undeveloped) property, all of it containing Albizia trees. Despite repeated efforts, I have only been successful in contacting the owners of one property. I am dismayed on a daily basis watching the rapid growth of Albizia on adjacent properties, knowing that there is nothing I can do to stop them. Their seeds are being continuously spread onto my land, and throughout the surrounding area. We desperately need more measures that will allow us to eradicate and prevent the growth of Albizia trees. Without bills such as this one, all current efforts to eliminate Albizia on the Big Island are doomed to failure.

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Benjamin Duke	Individual	Support	No

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Taira Yoshimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Preemptive control of potential problem trees and fire ants on neighboring lots is essential in managing threats.

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July Hasegawa	Individual	Support	No

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Daniel Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is really important.

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John Begg	Individual	Support	No

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zigmund pippin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: So important to our community!

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Zoe Whitney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am currently a nineteen-year-old college student who aspires to create environmental solutions like the one provided in this bill. So often, we feel helpless in the face of invasive species. If you are to represent me, a born citizen of Hawaii, please don't pass-up this rare opportunity for sustainable progress.

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cheryl carocci	Individual	Support	No

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Timothy Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dennis Kleid	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Albizia on my neighbor's property is of concern to me and my property. I have been "battling" these weeds for years. The small trees (under 15 feet), must be cut down near the roots and then the little stumps treated with Roundup. Otherwise, they grow back faster than one can imagine. Thank you for this proposal, and please do not ban Roundup, as that product is extremely safe and effective against Albizia stumps, in my experience, as It inhibits a plant enzyme involved in the synthesis of the aromatic amino acids. Therefore, it is effective only on actively growing plants and is not effective as a pre-emergence herbicide. The roots are too strong to pull out and very difficult to dig out because they do well in rocks. Please, Roundup is my only hope to keep these invasive weeds at bay and off my own property as they produce many many seeds that easily germinate and dozens grow up in a short amount of time.

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Bruce K. Kuamo'o	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I own several Acres in the Hawaiian Acres Subdivision. I have albizia trees on all sides of my property, some that were planted in the 60's by the original owner. No response? I would be happy to treat them at my own effort and expense. I am also the General Manager for Nanawale Comm. Assn. and have submitted testimony on their behalf. It's even worse there! Mahalo for your efforts.

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spencer	Individual	Support	No

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Marilyn Begg	Individual	Support	No

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Rebecca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an environmental studies PhD student who spends part of the year in Hilo and Puna. Through my research, I've talked with dozens of residents who complain about the danger posed to them by albizia on neighbors' property. They have tried to contact the owners but have received no response. This bill is crucial for ensuring such residents can take action without fear to address the vast socioeconomic and ecological threat caused by albizia.

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Bill Buckley	Individual	Support	No

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David Currier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Access to private land for the purpose of eradicating albizias should be as easy as possible. Home owners' associations should be able to enter private lots and kill trees.

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Tom Laucik	Individual	Support	No

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Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

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Ursula Snover	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill will be a huge relief to residents who are threatened - or soon to be threatened - by Albizia owned by unresponsive neighbors. LFA are tree-nesting ants who love Albizia. Fire ants are constantly spreading onto neighboring lots area through wind, rain and population growth. There is no way to control LFA if Albizia are not controlled also! How can the rights of property owners who do not take on responsibility for their land mean more than the misery of their neighbors? Truly, allowing the control of all Albizia, not only on adjacent lots, has to be the goal. Thank you for your consideration.

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