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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE &
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

FEBRUARY 7, 2017
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 252
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chairpersons Creagan and Lee and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 252 that appropriates funds to implement the findings and recommendations of the joint-fact finding study group's ("JFF") report on pesticide use by large agribusiness on Kauai. The JFF strove to address specific concerns regarding pesticide use by certain entities on the island of Kauai and identify any data gaps regarding pesticide exposure and adverse effects to humans and the environment. The Department supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the Department's priorities submitted in the Executive Budget and appreciates the potential of supplementary funding to address those concerns. The Department has already begun implementation of many of these recommendations, working closely with other state and federal agencies.

The Department would also like to point out, however, that there are concerns with the potential implication that the Department will implement all of the recommendations published the JFF's report, as many of these recommendations are not within the purview of the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!!!!

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Larry HInds	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are fields nearby my house where workers wear HazMat suits to spray chemicals. My neighbors dogs have died. Help Us and control the use of dangerous pesticides

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Janet Mercer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the passage of this bill. I truly believe it is in the best interest not only of the children of Hawaii but for all Hawaii's residence. Please vote to support the passage of this bill. Mahalo

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April Sasaki	Individual	Support	No

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Dear lawmakers,

I am writing in strong support of HB252 . As a farmer and agriculture researcher/educator, I recognize both the need for pesticides and the dangers of under-regulation. We desperately need to responsibly move our agriculture towards practices that reduce pesticide use (including crop rotation, planting of beneficial insectaries, planting of adapted crop varieties, etc). Thus we need the voices of those with other perspectives represented on decision-making and oversight entities. We also need to push agriculture away from the most dangerous chemicals by tightening regulations. The ecological and public health dangers of many pesticides are no longer in dispute. We must not allow habits and entrenched financial interests drive policy in this area, but rather let science and the cautionary principle be our guide. Please strongly support the many pending legislative bills aiming to accomplish this during this session. Our keiki, our water ways, our soils, and the future of a more innovative agriculture deserve it.

Thank you for your time and work,
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Elizabeth McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please follow through on implementing the results of the fact finding study on Kauai.

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Susan Heitmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please appropriate funds for the JFFG.

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andrew huey	Individual	Support	No

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**House Committee on Agriculture
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action strongly supports: HB252

Gary L. Hooser

President

Dear Chair Creegan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committees,

Andrea N. Brower

Joshua D. I. Mori

Co-Vice Presidents

My name is Anne Frederick and I am the Executive Director for the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA). HAPA is a statewide environmental, social and economic justice organization. HAPA emerged out of the community-led movement on Kaua'i to enact greater regulations around pesticide use and disclosure, which led to the passage of Bill 2491. HAPA's fair and sustainable food systems work focuses on protecting Hawai'i's environment and the health of its residents from the potentially harmful pesticide impacts. HAPA engages over 10,000 local residents annually through our work.

Ikaika M. Hussey

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Secretary

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates \$3 million in general revenues to implement the findings of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding study group (JFFSG). These recommendations are the result of a year and a half in-depth exploration of the literature on the impacts of pesticide exposure. The report's recommendations are intended to guide Hawai'i lawmakers and leaders in their work to advance much-needed reforms.

Paul Achitoff

Malia K. Chun

Bart E. Dame

The data gathered during the JFFSG process indicate that Kauai west side residents suffer from numerous health conditions at higher rates than residents living anywhere else on Kauai.

Laura Harrelson

Kim Coco Iwamoto

Katie McMillan

These health conditions/indicators include: Developmental Delay (3 to 8 year olds), ADHD, Easter Seals Enrollment (age 0 to 3), Infant Mortality, Mothers Pre-Existing Health Conditions, Cancer Mortality, Stroke Mortality, Admissions for Bacterial Pneumonia, COPD or Asthma (elderly), Dialysis Patients (per 1,000) and other disabilities.

Walter Ritte Jr.

Karen Shishido

These are all conditions or health indicators in which the incidence of occurrence by people living on the west side exceed all other Kaua'i communities.

Leslie Malu Shizue Miki

Kekaulike Prosper Tomich

Cade Watanabe

The Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is a public non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. HAPA's mission is to catalyze community empowerment and systemic change towards valuing 'aina (environment) and people ahead of corporate profit.



It is important to note that due primarily to the presence of 4 large research based agrochemical companies, the annual pesticide use both in terms of quantity and variety is greater on the West Side of Kauai than in any other community in Hawaii.

The JFFSG's report urges the Hawai'i Governor, state lawmakers, and several state agencies to work in collaboration to better protect residents from exposure to harmful chemicals in the air and water, and to improve the monitoring of both pesticides and chronic illnesses associated with pesticide exposure. The report also calls for the implementation of a consistent, no-spray buffer policy around sensitive areas like schools to protect children from pesticide drift, and mandatory public disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. We feel these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative as only regulation will adequately protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations

This is why it is critical that the JFFSG recommendations actually be funded and implemented by the State. The comprehensive and regular testing of soil, air and water is essential to determining the potential health risk associated with the pesticide use and drift that we know is occurring.

HB252 is a critical component necessary in fulfilling the objectives and recommendations contained within the State sponsored JFFSG and I strongly encourage this committee to pass this measure and other related measures today.

Best Regards,

Anne Frederick
Executive Director, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action

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Deborah EUdene	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Protect the "Aina & uphold the Public Trust Doctrine

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roman Dycus	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this. I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data. I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

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Lisa Hallett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you in advance for protecting the people and the environment

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**TESTIMONY ON HB 252
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Room 325
8:30 AM

Aloha Chairs Creagan and Lee, Vice Chairs DeCoite and Lowen, 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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau opposes HB 252, to appropriate funds to implement the recommendations of the joint fact finding study group's report on pesticide use by large agribusinesses on Kauai.

At a time of scarce State resources but many valid and competing needs for funding, the proposed **6 million dollar** allocation to implement the scientifically unwarranted and roundly criticized JFF's recommendations that did not even comport with the group's own study findings, does not appear to be justifiable.

JFF's recommendations are not a logical result of its findings

Despite the fact that the JFF group was mainly comprised of non-expert volunteer community members who came into the process already believing that large agriculture was causing problems on the west side of Kauai, and who carefully scrutinized every available source of information regarding pesticide usage, including studies, data, and public input, the group's conclusions regarding health and environmental impacts on the west side of Kauai reassure the public that large agriculture on Kauai is NOT causing problems.

JFF group conclusions:

- The Kauai health data **does not** show a causal relationship between pesticides used by the seed companies and health problems found on the west side or any other part of Kauai.

- There is **no evidence** that shows causality between seed companies' pesticide use and any harm to Kauai's flora and fauna.
- Data gathering should continue.

DOA has taken significant action to address the JFF recommendations

Both DOA and DOH have already initiated activities to address the JFF group's recommendations to assess existing environmental data and identify gaps in information required to make informed policy decisions.

To determine what activities would offer the greatest benefit to local communities, they sought guidance from and formed partnerships with federal, state and research partners including: U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. EPA and the Migrant Clinicians Network, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Western States Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, Hawaii Poison Control Center, Hawaii Birth Defects Registry, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii School of Nursing, Hawaii Emergency Physicians Association, and Kauai Veteran's Memorial Hospital.

The result of this collaboration with experts was to initiate programs to increase environmental sampling, conduct interagency emergency response exercises for pesticide incidents, and increase public health education and outreach.

1. Recent **environmental monitoring** of air, surface water, drinking water, and sediment has shown that there is no threat to people or wildlife from agricultural pesticides. However, to obtain more data, DOH has contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey and it is currently conducting a \$500,000 comprehensive pesticide surface water quality monitoring project over two years, with DOH providing technical and scientific assistance.
2. To **train first responders** to be adequately prepared in the case of a pesticide emergency, interagency pesticide tabletop exercises will be conducted in each county through the Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission with other organizations including Fire Departments, HAZMAT, Emergency Medical Services, Department of Education, Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health (HIOSH) and other county representatives.
3. **Public health education and outreach** is being conducted. A team from DOH has already met with Kauai physicians to resolve birth defects registry discrepancies, noted in the JFF. Since the majority of pesticide exposures reported to Poison Centers nationwide and the Hawaii Poison Center occur *in the home* and not from large-scale agricultural incidents, DOA is re-starting its "Pesticide Poisoning Prevention Services for Households" outreach program to educate families and communities about how to better protect their children and how to reach out for help in the event of potential exposure. Physicians and other healthcare professionals are being helped to recognize and manage pesticide incidents and a children's environmental health symposium on Oahu is planned for March 2017. DOH is also working with the Hawaii Poison Center to offer Hawaii-specific information on how to report and respond to pesticide exposure through a free hotline service, operated by medical professionals 24/7. DOH conducted an Emergency Medical Services/physician training on hazardous chemicals in partnership with Kapiolani Community College and the Louisiana Poison Center with participants attending from all islands. Additional pesticide-specific trainings for each of the counties are currently being developed.

4. The “**Good Neighbor Program**” that more stringently restricts farmers’ use of pesticides than programs in any other state has been extended from Kauai statewide.

Funding DOA pesticide programs

HFB supports a robust pesticide regulatory program under the Department of Agriculture, as delegated by the U.S. EPA. To that end, we respectfully suggest that DOA receive adequate funding and positions to accomplish its duties. We also support the reasonable increase of pesticide licensing fees and the removal or raising of the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund cap on what DOA can retain to support its programs. As the safe use of pesticides is a priority within the department, funding should be allocated to programs found to require more attention: pesticide education for the general public and for immigrant farmers, and improvements made to liaison with and augment the complementary University of Hawaii CTAHR's Pesticide Safety Education Program.

HB 252, allocating 6 million dollars to implement unreasonable and scientifically invalid JFF recommendations is not warranted

DOA and DOH are already addressing concerns raised in the JFF recommendations. We should focus our limited resources on real issues that do harm in our communities.

HFB is concerned that, along with other pressures that make farming in Hawaii extremely challenging, further unwarranted restrictions on farming will be the demise of commercial agriculture in Hawaii, and with that, the end of any hope for self-sufficiency, while providing no additional safety for our communities.

We hope you will take our concerns into consideration as you deliberate on this bill.

Thank you very much for your support of Hawaii’s farmers and ranchers.

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Comments: You need to listen to the people who elected you. You are merely a representative of the people and the people have made a very loud statement.

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Tera Paleka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill!

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Comments: I support this bill. It's about time this passes, as we have long needed and deserved this bill.

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megan powers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We must protect our population from pesticide poisoning!

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Ray Fatheree	Individual	Support	No

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COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Representatives Richard Creagan and Chris Lee, Chairs
Representatives Lynn DeCoite and Nicole Lowen, Vice Chairs

Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 325

HB252 – Relating to Pesticides: Pesticide Use; Large Agribusinesses; Appropriation (\$)
HB254 – Relating to Pesticides: Pesticide Advisory Committee; Membership; Powers and Duties

TESTIMONY

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

Chairs Richard Creagan and Chris Lee, Vice-Chairs Lynn DeCoite and Nicole Lowen, committee members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB252 and HB254, bills that would, respectively, make an appropriation to implement the recommendations of the joint fact finding study group's report on pesticide use by large agribusinesses on Kauai and would expand the membership of the pesticide advisory committee.

When the League submitted comments to the Joint Fact Funding Study Group in April 2016, we expressed our disappointment that the Department of Agriculture declined to act on the group's recommendations, citing the lack significant evidence that pesticide use by large agricultural companies has harmed Kauai's residents or its environment. At the time, our position was that the lack of data necessary to determining the existence of significant harm put Kauai residents, and the rest of the state, for that matter in a Catch-22 situation, caught between a serious lack of data and a state agency unwilling to act to collect it.

It is therefore gratifying to see the number of pesticide-related bills that have not only been introduced but have advanced in this legislative session.

With an authorization of \$3 million, **HB252** would be a critical first step in supporting the relevant state agencies with resources to implement the study group's recommendations as well as perform their existing pesticide-related responsibilities while cooperating with each other.

HB254 would follow the group's recommendation to expand the existing HDOA Pesticide Advisory Committee to include representatives from the County Mayors Offices, medical experts, the DOE, communities near major agricultural operations, and knowledgeable NGO scientists with appropriate backgrounds and to broaden its mission.

We urge you to pass these bills. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Oppose	No

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Janet Mason	League of Women Voters of Hawaii	Support	No

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Graham Chelius	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I appreciate the immense amount of work that went into the JFF report, however I found the report to be amateur, incomplete, biased and irresponsible. Here are some areas that need to be rectified: 1) As stated in the AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) policy "Pesticide Exposure in Children" which you cite, the greatest source of pesticide exposure for most children is food. Your report completely ignores this. Where are the recommendations to test for pesticides in school meals which many Westside children eat twice a day during the week? Who is monitoring for pesticide residue at Big Save, Costco, etc? Who is educating the public about the greatest risk of exposure? The report should clearly state this fact. The report found virtually all testing for pesticides on Kauai to be very low level if found at all, suggesting that while monitoring should continue, the exposure risk to humans from agricultural use is lower than from other sources. 2) Even mentioning a non-peer reviewed unpublished high school science project smacks of desperation. This pathetic level of biased disregard for scientific integrity pervades the entire report. Only high quality data should be included. Including the opinion of a retired EPA employee from Chicago who did no original research on the Waimea Canyon School events is another example of laughable lack of scientific rigor. 3) Much of the report focuses on RUPs (Restricted Use Pesticides), without addressing if they are a greater health and environmental risk than GUPs (General Use Pesticides). Then GUPs, such as glyphosate "Round-Up", are discussed at length without any data regarding the use pattern on the island, which certainly includes significant home, golf course and governmental use (such as that huge tank of pesticides on the back of the Kauai County truck they use to spray the sides of highways). 4) The explanation of the difference between causation and correlation in the appendix apparently did not translate to the report. As the report shows there are high rates of smoking, obesity and diabetes on the Westside. These exposures are known to be causative regarding a number of cancers, birth defects and developmental problems in offspring. Using your own language in the appendix, it is implausible that the low levels of pesticide exposure that the numerous studies have demonstrated on the Westside are responsible for the burden of disease found here. That is the difference between causation and correlation, and it is irresponsible to confuse the public by creating the impression that pesticides have caused disease on the Westside.

An epidemiologist should have sat on the panel and one is needed to rewrite the health section. Also it needs to reflect the reality that it is very unlikely that the low levels of pesticide exposure that have been measured are causing any health effects when compared to the known risks of high rates of smoking, obesity and diabetes. 5) There are a number of residents on the Westside who suffer with kidney failure, all of whom have a known causative exposure, mostly diabetes and hypertension. It is important to note in the report that the one study you cite did not show low level pesticide exposure to cause kidney disease, it is only a correlation, and can be explained by changes in modern lifestyle and agribusiness. More pesticides of certain types are being used and people are generally more sedentary and eat differently causing more obesity, diabetes and hypertension. This again shows a level of bias that is irresponsible. First off, one study doesn't mean anything. Second, there are obvious other causative factors at play. It is so unlikely that pesticide exposure has anything to do with kidney disease on the Westside that even including it without clearly stating that is ridiculous. 6) Finally, \$3 million is a huge amount of money that could be spent on far greater threats to the health of our community. In the last few years, there has been three motor vehicle deaths within a 1 mile radius of my house, but no pesticide related deaths. Where is the \$3 million for traffic cameras and police patrols? There is a very busy dialysis unit and frequent early deaths caused by diabetes on the Westside, where is the \$3 million for case management and prevention? The children on the Westside have high rates of poor dental health, obesity and diabetes, where is the 1000 foot buffer zone for sugar around the school? Not addressing that there are well documented causes of disease which are more common and threatening than the minuscule pesticide exposure you found is shameful. Wasting our limited resources on what has essentially become a witch hunt against Westside Agribusiness is disgusting. Yes, monitor for continued compliance with the law but clearly state that you came up empty handed, all of the tests show low levels, often due to legacy (sugar cane) agricultural use, there is absolutely no scientific evidence of actual harm to humans or the environment, and the most likely exposure most people will have is from the store through food or home use of pesticides. As a comparison, we soon will have Zika virus spreading to Hawaii. Zika very likely causes birth defects and is not some long shot correlation based on sketchy data like much of the JFF report. Are we going to be so overwhelmed with fear of pesticides that people will resist mosquito control efforts? It will be interesting to see if we come full circle and embrace vaccines and pesticides when we see what an actual threat looks like. Please do not spend our precious state tax dollars on this highly flawed JFF report. Please do increase funding for substance abuse treatment, diabetes prevention, motor vehicle accident prevention, increased access to dental care for Medicaid patients, improved access to psychiatric care on neighbor islands, and science education. Graham Chelius MD Board Certified Currently in Practice in Waimea, Living in Kekaha

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Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Daniel Bishop	Individual	Support	No

Comments: strongly support

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Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I live in Waikiki. As a constituent and concerned citizen, I support this bill. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Paul Solomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill to protect our environment from further pollution and to protect the health of our people. Mahalo, Paul Solomon 808-633-3009
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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

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Joan Kutzer	Hawaii Nurses Association, OPEIU local 50	Support	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Nurses Association is in strong support of HB252. As nurses we see first hand the devastating effects of exposure to pesticides. Please appropriate the funds needed to implement the findings and recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Group's report on Pesticide use. Please vote in favor of HB 252.

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Shelley Muneoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It doesn't make good sense to fund a study, but not fund a means to act on the recommendations that came out of that study. We need a food system that doesn't make us, or the natural resources we depend on, sick.

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William Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Kristin Hamada	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations. In order to safeguard our communities buffer zones should be established to prevent further health issues. Children and adults are at risk of developing diseases like asthma, cancer, and autism, but can also contribute to birth defects in new born children. Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts. It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place. I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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DJ Star	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Protect the aina not the corporations.

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Michaels testimony on SB778, January 29, 2017

I fully support the appropriation of sufficient funds to fully implement the recommendations made in the Joint Fact Finding Task Force (JFFTF) report on pesticide use by large agri-businesses on Kauai.

It is my belief that the people of Kauai were strongly in support of the attempts the County took to address some of the impacts of pesticide use by large agri-businesses in 2014, including the recommendation that an independent assessment be made of probable impacts of pesticide use by these operations on the health of those who live, go to school and/or work in or nearby the fields where pesticides are applied. Fortunately, this work was initiated before the Federal court struck down the County Ordinance/Bylaw. The scientific literature compiled and reviewed by the JFFTF was extensive, but mostly addressed studies of individual pesticides on specific aspects of human health and wellbeing. The Task Force found very little solid data on the human health impacts of pesticide use by large agri-businesses on Kauai – and that can be described as a product of benign neglect on the part of government and industry. This situation is no longer acceptable to the people of Kauai.

SN778 represents needed action by the State of Hawaii to ensure that the results and recommendations of the JFFTF receive the follow-up they warrant. This is a matter of public trust. The courts have spoken; it is up to the State to appropriately regulate the use of pesticides on behalf of its citizens and those who visit Hawaii. The actions recommended by the JFFTF are but one step that the State should take to protect the people of Hawaii from the unintended consequences of large scale pesticide use.

The enactment of SB778 is necessary. I urge all State Legislators to support this Bill.

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Oppose	No

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

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Hillary Palmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Come on already. Do what your constituents want instead of the lobbyists!

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Braxton Tabb	Individual	Support	No

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Alice K. Carter	Individual	Support	No

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Robin Warren	Individual	Support	No

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Lawrence Koss	Individual	Support	No

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Support	No

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Christina Fisher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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jennifer thompson	Individual	Support	No

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joan Levy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. I am a kauai citizen very concerned about pesticide use. Since we have a fact finding committee lets use the information they bring us!

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clare loprinzi	Individual	Support	No

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Merle Hayward	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

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Fern Rosenstiel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pleasure support the protection of our community and environment and pass this bill.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
TO HB 252

Submitted by Allan Parachini

In 2013, I was among the first people to call and advocate publicly for the research approach that ultimately became codified as the Kauai County Joint Fact Finding Group. I did this by providing to the Kauai County Council a marked up revision of Bill 2491 that eliminated a series of outrageous claims about GMOs and made creation of a competent research function a core element of the bill. I supported this effort by writing opinion essays for The Garden Island and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

While the JFFG process initially had great promise, its ability to make the fullest possible contribution was significantly harmed by questionable decisions to include in the final report (in the face of urgings by many observers) "research" that pretended to treat a high school science project as the equal of peer-reviewed science; elevated one woman's use of a commercial hair analysis service to the level of research that credibly questioned premises relating to pesticide use and reliance on political advocacy organizations, including the Pesticide Action Network and Center for Food Safety, to contribute propaganda that was characterized as science. In truth, political circumstances led the JFFG's mission to be severely compromised.

For example, a supposed project to capture air samples to analyze pesticide content became a fiasco of incompetent execution of the research plan that resulted in no study ever being published, or even publicly released.

Many of the JFFG's final recommendations have been the subject of mischaracterization, especially a recommendation that valid research be undertaken to determine whether buffer zones would be of any health benefit and, if so, what such buffer zones would look like.

Nevertheless, the objective of this bill is laudable. The JFFG final report advocated for funding for continued research and other work to flesh out, validate and focus the group's objectives. The amount in question, \$3 million, is beyond question a reasonable expenditure if it can help bring to a conclusion a controversy of GMO agriculture and pesticide use that has hamstrung Hawaii for five years.

Thank you.

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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**In Opposition to HB 252
Relating to Pesticides
Appropriate Funds to Implement Recommendations
of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Committee**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

February 7, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 325

Chairs Creagan and Lee and members of the committees:

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) **opposes HB 252**, which seeks to appropriate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

Foremost, HCIA supports the legislature fully funding the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA). We have confidence in their ability to scientifically assess and implement the appropriate measures required to ensure that both public health and the environment are protected.

Our primary concern is that the JFF's findings do not support the report's recommendations. To follow are the key conclusions:

- There is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with the industry's pesticide use.
- Incidence of cancer among the island's population in areas rumored to be contaminated by the use of pesticides was similar to or lower than that of the rest of the state.
- Two incidents of purported pesticide exposure at Waimea Canyon Middle School were found not to be pesticide related.
- Kauai's seed companies were responsible for less than 25 percent of restricted use pesticide (RUP) use on the island.

In addition to the JFF, numerous other studies and investigations further outline why the recommendations listed in the JFF report are overreaching:



- A Hawaii Department of Agriculture Pesticide Branch investigation into 16 school evacuations over 8 years due to complaints about pesticides found that none of the incidents were due to activities of seed companies.¹
- A report prepared by the Hawaii Tumor Registry for the Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH) concluded that there is no evidence of higher incidence of cancer on the island of Kauai overall or for specific geographic regions of the island, as compared to the state of Hawaii.²
- A State Department of Health study of 136 different pesticides in surface water samples from 24 sites across the state found only a trace detection of pesticides, with the majority representing minute concentrations that fall far below state and federal benchmarks for human health and ecosystems.³
- In 2016, the Kauai Department of Water tested four water sources for pesticides and found no detectable levels of any of the 525 pesticides/herbicides, including chlorpyrifos. The independent lab also reviewed the Department's 2015 testing of several other on-island water sources, and found the same results.⁴

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture has the authority and expertise to promulgate additional pesticide regulations to protect the public if it determines that further regulations are warranted. It is our hope that both HDOA and HDOH will be properly engaged to assess the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Committee and prioritize any implementation, based on scientific fact and available resources.

It is for these reasons we oppose HB 252. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director

¹ Memorandum to Scott E. Enright, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture from Ken H. Kakesako, Legislative Coordinator regarding Information Requested by School Evacuations Due to Pesticide Drift (March 3, 2015)

² Kauai Cancer Cases Report, prepared by the Hawaii Tumor Registry for the Hawaii State Department of Health (April 2013 / revised September 2013)

³ Letter from Gary Gill, Deputy Director, Environmental Health, Hawaii Department of Health regarding synopsis of statewide scan to identify presence of pesticides in environment (May 20, 2014)

⁴ Memo from Kirk Saiki, Manager-Chief Engineer, Department of Water County of Kauai to Councilmember Gary Hooser regarding request for data regarding testing for chlorpyrifos (March 29, 2016)

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Tina Wildberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, please pass this bill. Kaua'i has waited too long for support and protection by our state government in the face of predatory practices committed by agricultural companies.

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clare loprinzi	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn B. Wilson, PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Lynn B. Wilson, and I have focused research on the impact of environmental toxins and agrochemical pesticides on young children for many years, working primarily with the pediatric and early childhood communities. I am writing in strong support of HB252 that appropriates \$3 million to implement the findings of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding study group. As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect our families who live, work, and play next to these operations. The importance of this bill is underscored by the American Academy of Pediatrics report and policy statements on pesticides: with a 400% increase in childhood chronic diseases over the past 50 years, we need to REDUCE the RISK OF EXPOSURE for pregnant women and young children. Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts. It's time for the state of Hawaii to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Department of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area, and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place. I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure. Mahalo + Aloha, Lynn B. Wilson, PhD Waipahu, HI

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need funding to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding study group findings from Kauai.

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, ban all GMOs!

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

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John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Judith White	Individual	Support	No

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Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: we need to use research and common sense to protect our environment and keiki from pesticide exposure.

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February 4, 2017

The Honorable Richard Creagan
Chair, House Committee on Agriculture

The Honorable Chris Lee
Chair, Energy & Environmental Protection

The Honorable Members of the Joint Agriculture and Energy &
Environmental Protection Committee

RE: HB 252; RELATING TO PESTICIDES (OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED)

Dear Chairman Creagan and Chairman Lee:

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), please accept our comments regarding HB 252, which would allocate \$3,000,000 to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee. WPHA represents the interests of fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, agricultural biotechnology providers, and agricultural retailers in Hawaii, California, and Arizona.

WPHA supports the legislature providing the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) with the financial tools to conduct scientifically valid assessments in the use of pesticides that HDOA determines is needed to insure public and environmental safety. However, we strongly believe that as part of the allocation of funds, clearer criteria should be included as part of the bill. To assure that HDOA can undertake or establish scientifically valid programs that will truly be useful to communities, WPHA suggests the following amendments:

SECTION 2.1 The prioritization and establishment of any programs or projects based on the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding committee, must be validated by the scientific findings of the report.

SECTION 2.2 The department of agriculture will use discretion in establishing projects and programs based on the scientifically validated findings of the Joint Fact Finding report that demonstrated risk due directly to pesticide use.

WPHA hopes that HDOA will work in consultation with its appropriate sister agencies to determine which scientifically valid findings should be implemented and to prioritize any project implementation.

WPHA supports providing HDOA with resources to further determine and implement the scientifically valid recommendations of HB 252 and to enhance the efforts of HDOA in assuring that all pesticide products are assessed and used safely. However, we believe that the department moving forward must be based on scientifically valid findings. We believe that without greater clarity, the department will be at risk of being required to undertake costly projects that will not enhance the health and well-being of communities on Kauai. To assure that funds are not utilized inappropriately, we cannot support this bill and must **oppose unless amended**. We thank the committees for its commitment in helping HDOA fulfill its mandate. We thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pinel', written over a horizontal line.

Renee Pinel
President/CEO

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Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members, Please support HB252 It is high time that the large agribusinesses disclose to the public what they are spraying on our land and in our water and air. It is a disgrace that this information is not available. Please support this measure for Kauai. Thank you. Angela Huntemer Kahuku HI

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Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a resident of Kaua'i, and I and my family are in full support of HB252. We were proud of the thorough and insightful work done by the Joint Fact Finding Committee, and believe its recommendations to be very reasonable and positive. It is vitally important that funding be allocated to support the implementation of the recommendations immediately. All the issues addressed have been ignored for too long, to the detriment of the health and safety of Hawai'i's residents, visitors, and environment. We need the state to overhaul pesticide and herbicide regulations, and to have adequate numbers of staff to oversee, monitor, and enforce the regulations that are designed to protect our people. Buffer zone and drift monitoring policies that are consistent across the state are critically important. Here on Kaua'i, testing of pollen and honey has proved to us that chlorpyrifos, glyphosate, and other chemicals are present in bee hives across the state, and are still waiting for official release of information about this. Without this kind of monitoring, these findings would not be known. We need much more of this work to protect our people, pollinators, soil and water. Thank you for hearing my testimony. Sincerely, Maria Walker PO Box 33 Kapa'a, HI 96746

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME IN OUR HISTORY OF MANKIND.....& HAWAII..... TO BECOME THE VOICE OUR DEMOCRACY...(is a system of government in which the citizens exercise power directly or elect representatives from among themselves to form "THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE"... WE DEFIANTLY NEED TO "STOP"...THE "POWER AND THE CORRUPTION" CAUSED BY THESE CORRUPTED BY MONEY CORPORATIONS.... HAWAII is at a threshold....."ALLOWING MORE & MORE POISONS"...(the corporations call pesticides & herbicides)...to POLLUTE & DESTROY our daily lives has to END now...!! Its finally time to END the "OPEN AIR" EXPERIMENTING" on our lives and the Aina..... Poison (a substance with an inherent property that tends to "DESTROY LIFE".. or impair health.) THESE CORPORATIONS ARE TAKING "MONETARY ADVANTAGE" OVER OUR LIVES AND WE IN HAWAII....DEMAND THIS TO FINALLY END...!! SINCERELY DONNIE BECKER MAUI, HAWAII.

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STATE OF HAWAII HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: Strong Support for HB 252

Dear Chairs Lee and Creagan, and Vice Chairs Lowen and DeCoite, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Madeline Reed, and I am a resident of Kamuela, on Hawai'i Island. I am writing to **urge your strong support of HB 252**. As recent events have proven – the people of the neighbor islands want accountability from the multi-national corporations using the land in our communities. And as we have seen in the past year, **we need the state legislature to protect us**, because our best efforts to protect ourselves at the county level have failed.

I understand that appropriations are difficult, but even beyond being the morally right thing to do, protecting children's health also makes financial sense. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. So many of the children in this state are on state-funded medical insurance that spending money to keep them from becoming chronically ill or disabled is not only the obvious right thing to do, it is also makes long-term fiscal sense.

Thank you for your time and for the work that you do,



Madeline M. Reed

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Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

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Committee on Agriculture and the Environment

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: HB252

Dear Chair Creagan, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Decoite, Vice Chair Lowen and members of the committee,

My name is Dr. Ashley Lukens and I am the Director for the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on furthering the public's right to know how their food is produced, through labeling and other means. We have over 800,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 10,000 in Hawai'i. On behalf of CFS and our members, I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today regarding this important bill.

CFS has been dedicated to addressing the human health and environmental impacts of our increased reliance on pesticide use in food production, both in the State of Hawai'i and nationally. We were instrumental in providing legal and communications support in the passage of numerous ordinances relating to pesticide use and disclosure, such as Kaua'i's Bill 2491. Since 2014, as the inaugural director here in Hawai'i, I have worked closely with community members across the state, in all counties, and have played an instrumental role in the passage of Maui's moratorium on GE production until companies submit environmental and public health impact assessments.

I am also a former adjunct professor of Political Science at UH Mānoa and UH West O'ahu, where I have taught classes on food, agriculture, and policy from 2006-2016.

I am writing in strong support of SB778 which appropriates \$3 million in general revenues to implement the findings of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding study group. These recommendations are the result of a year and a half in-depth exploration of the literature on the impacts of pesticide exposure. The report's recommendations are intended to guide Hawai'i lawmakers and leaders in their work to advance much-needed reforms. The JFFSG's pivotal report urges the Hawai'i Governor, state lawmakers, and several state agencies to work in collaboration to better protect residents from exposure to harmful chemicals in the air and water, and to improve the monitoring of both pesticides and chronic illnesses associated with pesticide exposure. **The report also calls for the implementation of a consistent, no-spray buffer policy around sensitive areas like schools to protect children from pesticide drift, and mandatory public disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state.** We feel these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative as only regulation will adequately protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

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Children can be exposed to pesticides applied on school grounds, pesticides that drift onto school grounds from neighboring agricultural lands, or from pesticide residues.^{i,ii} **It is critical that the state take action to reduce childhood pesticide exposure because toxic exposure to pesticides during fetal,ⁱⁱⁱ neonatal,^{iv} and infant life can disrupt critical developmental processes.**^v Early life pesticide exposure has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer,^{vi} decreased cognitive function,^{vii,viii,ix} behavior problems,^{x,xi} birth defects and other adverse birth outcomes,^{xii,xiii} and asthma.^{xiv}

Specifically, according to a 2012 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) entitled “Pesticide Exposure in Children,” children exposed to chronic, low-level exposure to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of neurodevelopmental disabilities like autism and ADHD^{xv,xvi,xvii,xviii}, leukemia^{xix,xx,xxi}, and asthma^{xxii,xxiii,xxiv}.

Nine of the ten studies examining pesticides and brain cancer that have been conducted since 1998 demonstrated an **increased risk estimate of brain tumors with maternal and/or paternal exposure to pesticides**, though not all achieved statistical significance. One study, which involved 321 cases, demonstrated that **maternal exposure to insecticides before or during pregnancy was associated with a 90% greater risk of astrocytoma** (a type of brain cancer) in the child, as well as a trend to higher risk in exposed fathers^{xxv}.

The direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on public health regarding the long-term intensive commercial agriculture and associated use of pesticides have not been properly or independently evaluated. Existing federal oversight of pesticide exposure do not take into account chronic exposure to local pesticide use. Information pertaining to the intensive use of pesticides in large-scale commercial agriculture within the State is not readily available to the public. Thus, the public is unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts accruing to the residents and environment of Hawai‘i.

The people of Hawai‘i have the right to decide that the risks associated with the use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable, and take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The state has spent \$200,000 studying this issue in order to for it to take informed action. THE TIME FOR THAT ACTION IS NOW.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony, and I am happy to provide further analysis or respond to any follow-up questions from the Committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. S. Q.', written in a cursive style.

Ashley Lukens, PhD
Director, Hawaii Center for Food Safety

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Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: We know what to do. Implement the recommendations immediately. Mahalo

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Melodie Reyes	Individual	Support	No

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Nathan	Individual	Support	No

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Dr. Cindy Goldstein, Ph.D
Aiea, Hawaii

HB252 Relating to Pesticides and Kauai Joint Fact Finding
House AGR/EEP committees
Tuesday, 02-07-17 8:30AM in House conference room 325

Chair Richard Creagan and Vice Chair Lynn DeCoite, Chair Chris Lee and Vice Chair Nicole Lowen

Position: Opposed

HB 252 would allocate funding for implementation of the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding group. The original concept for the Kauai Joint Fact Finding group was well intended and positive, and could have resulted in findings and recommendations to address concerns that have been raised related to pesticide use, genetically engineered crops, and farming. The Kauai Joint Fact Finding group participants were asked to be thoughtful, open minded, and be willing to read and review available information to address the many topics that had been raised.

Rather than evaluating and basing conclusions on existing data and reporting, scientifically sound research publications, and actual medical information that was available; the final report and findings were based more on the viewpoints of the individual members of the JFF group held prior to the implementation of the discussions. No funds should be provided for implementation of the findings and the recommendations made because during the process factual information and existing data were ignored in the findings and the final report reflected this.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to the funding proposed in HB252.

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Marisa	Individual	Support	No

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autumn ness	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this common sense measure to implement the findings of the State and County funded Joint Facting Finding Study.

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Dan Clegg	Monsanto	Oppose	Yes

Comments: My name is Dan Clegg, Monsanto Hawaii Business Operations Lead. We oppose HB 252 as we believe funding the Department of Agriculture overall efforts for pesticide education, outreach and enforcement would be a better approach to assist all farmers, ranchers and the general public statewide. Thank you.

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Julie Pittman	Individual	Support	No

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J Ashman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I respectfully oppose the expenditure of \$6 million dollars (over two years) from my tax contributions for this unnecessary measure. The JFF group findings found no link between pesticide use by large agriculture on Kauai and health or environmental problems. The recommendations did not align with the group's findings and should not be implemented. It is my understanding that the DOH and the DOA have initiated projects and programs to address public concerns about pesticides.

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Julie Pittman	Individual	Support	No

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Subject: Support for H.B. 252, H.B. 254, and H.B. 790 (Pesticide Exposure and Safety)

From: J. Milton Clark, Ph.D.

University of Illinois School of Public Health

Former Senior Health and Science Advisor

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Chicago

The passage of H.B. 252, H.B. 254, and H.B. 790 are necessary (1) to determine by the collection of environmental and human data (e.g., urine testing) if residents living near agricultural operations (e.g., west side Kauai residents) are at risk from exposures to pesticides and (2) to provide adequate buffer zones for pesticide applications as adopted by the State of California. As the former senior health and science advisor for U.S. EPA in Chicago, I led or participated in more than 150 federal investigations regarding human exposures to toxic chemicals and pesticides working directly with agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and health and environmental departments in the States of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. I served as a pro bono liaison expert for the JFF committee.

Only a portion of the 2016 JFF recommendations has been fulfilled by State agencies to address public health issues. *Passage of these bills will fund critical data collection (soils, dusts, air, and human biological) to assess if unsafe pesticide exposures are occurring and to prevent future potential pesticide exposures as strongly recommended in the 2016 JFF report.* The JFF properly concluded there is inadequate pesticide data to determine if residents most proximal to agricultural operations (e.g., Waimea area) are at risk. It is not technically difficult to collect the proper data to assess risks to public health as such information has been collected and evaluated in numerous published studies (see references).

Peer reviewed literature indicates associations with adverse health effects (e.g., autism, autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, fetal defects) and proximity (up to 0.9 mile) to California agricultural fields or known pesticide exposures within ¼ mile. Some of these California studies directly measured the amount of pesticides in the human biological samples (e.g., urine, blood) finding strong statistical correlations with adverse health effects in children. There are numerous areas in Hawaii where residential properties are within ¼ mile of major agricultural operations using highly toxic pesticides. *The JFF report strongly recommended the collection of urine samples to assess human exposure, but no funding mechanism has been established by the State. Without environmental and urine data from communities nearest agricultural fields it will not be possible to assess the risks of agricultural pesticides to public health and put the proper measures (e.g. buffer zones) into place that will protect public health.*

On Kauai and at other Hawaiian locations a number of restricted use pesticides, with known adverse human health effects documented in the literature, are frequently applied to fields. Chlorpyrifos, associated with adverse health effects in children in several studies, is heavily used, as is glyphosate, now classified by IARC as a probable human carcinogen. It has been well documented that dusts and soils are transported from fields into nearby residential properties. A comprehensive review of 35 publications (published 1995–2013) found that

agricultural drift, as measured by proximity to treated farmland, was associated with higher detection rates and concentrations of common agricultural pesticides in residential indoor dust. Photographs of some Waimea agricultural operations have shown wind blown dusts from fields and photographs document deposited soils/dusts (e.g., found on window sills) on nearby residences as well as interior dust accumulation possibly emanating from proximal fields. Yet no testing of soils or dusts has been conducted.

The historical incidents at Waimea Canyon Middle School (WCMS) and the 2016 chlorpyrifos pesticide exposure case involving workers for Syngenta resulting in a \$5 million EPA fine, demonstrates that serious pesticide safety issues remain. For the record, there is no technical evidence to support the invalid conclusion that stinkweed caused the adverse health effects among children at Waimea Middle School. There is no published literature on stinkweed odors causing adverse health effects. Data from an unpublished UH study clearly shows that methyl isocyanate, a toxic air component of stinkweed, was 230 times below a California Air Health Criteria and 12 times lower than at an active stinkweed site on Maui. Some have suggested that mass hysteria (psychogenic illness) as the probable cause of the WCMS events because of stinkweed odors. In my 30 years investigating chemical-related health cases in conjunction with state and federal health agencies we never came across a mass psychogenic event. The repeated events at the Kauai school, the severity of the symptoms, and no such determination of hysteria by attending health providers make the psychogenic hypothesis unlikely.

Definitive conclusions could have been more readily drawn in the WCMS episodes and in the recent 2016 Syngenta case if blood and urine samples had been analyzed for pesticides. Pesticide residues may have been missed during the WCMS analytical testing because comprehensive pesticide analyses were not conducted. Field test kits to assess pesticide exposure (cholinesterase depression) should be provided at health care centers near major agricultural operations and a State funding mechanism is needed to test blood and urine in unusual, acute pesticide episodes. Human samples should be sent to CDC for testing and environmental samples to EPA certified mainland laboratories to verify results obtained by State laboratories. *At this time, it is unclear if HDOH and HDOA will fund and implement these much needed approaches as routinely done in California.*

The concentrations of pesticides in air, soils, and exterior/interior dusts in Hawaiian residential areas nearest agricultural operations are unknown. Based upon my experience and a review of the west side Kauai situation, an environmental sampling study of residential properties and testing of urine samples, should be undertaken by State agencies in conjunction with national pesticide experts, especially those at the University of California at Berkeley. The passage of bills H.B. 252, H.B. 254, and H.B. 790 will fund those studies as recommended in the JFF report. Without passage of these bills, pesticide issues will continue to arise and it will not be known if the public is adequately protected.

J. Milton Clark, Ph.D.

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Robert Bence	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB252 to implement the findings of the Kauai JFF and please go beyond this measure to support the will of voters in Maui.

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Kaylene Sheldon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha no! My name is Kaylene Kauwila Sheldon, I am the Founder of JKM Foundation and I ask that you please protect our keiki from harmful chemicals, please help allocate monies to the Department of Agriculture to regulate pesticides. We need more protection. Mahalo, Kaylene Kauwila Sheldon

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Comments: We must do research before allowing pesticide use to continue!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elle Cochran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

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Jeri Di Pietro	GMO Free Kaua'i	Support	No

Comments: Aloha House Agriculture Committee and House Energy and Environmental Protection Committee, I strongly support HB 252 asking to implement the JFF report recommendations. I was invited to the JFF to present our Drift Catcher project and was pleased to see the dialogue being facilitated by Peter Adler. I believe that citizens have been waiting too long for disclosure of chemical cocktails and environmental impacts, as well as attention to the health impacts on those closest to these experimental, open air field tests. GMO Free Kaua`i would like to see the JFF recommendations carried out across our island chain. 17 years has been too long for many of our residents and visitors to be exposed, while the Governor, Mayors, Representatives and the community to be kept in the dark about what is being sprayed where and when, as well as the true nature of the transgenic plant breeding tests. Please help us by supporting HB 252. Mahalo to the state for helping to fund the JFF study. Aloha, Jeri Di Pietro, Hawai`i SEED and GMO Free Kaua`i

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Kaliko Amona	Individual	Support	No

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cheryl	Individual	Support	No

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marta greenleaf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill to implement the recommendations of the joint fact-finding study group's report on pesticide use by large agribusinesses on Kauai.

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ane takaha	Individual	Support	No

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Mahalo

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Anthony Piscitelli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this!

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Mahalo

scot Delacruz

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Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment

Re: SB779

In support

January 30, 2017

It is an honor to testify for this committee on SB779. My name is Marghee Maupin. I am a primary care provide and a Nurse Practitioner on the island of Kauai. I have lived most of my life on Kaua'I and I have worked in health care for more than 30 years. I have worked on all sides of Kauai island as a health care provider.

I am in strong support of SB779. There needs to be an expanded membership of multiple disciplines on the states Pesticide Advisory Board. The tasks to establish state chronicity standards are complicated and require input from a wide and key members in the community, especially in the medical field. This has especially come to my attention as I have attempted for years to ascertain guidance from the two state agencies, DOH and DOA.

.Something that I found interesting and troubling in the JFFG report from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health is that they said that Department of Agriculture totaled fewer that 100 pesticide exposure incidents.

I have made at least 30 calls to the Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture (each agency said that the other was tasked with taking reports of pesticide exposures). I have told both of these agencies (phone calls, emails, letters) that I wanted to file a complaint/report about patients that I felt (for various reasons) were ill from pesticide exposure. Both of these agencies would not take a report from me. They told me that the patient had to make the report and that I was not in any position as a health care provider to file a report of suspected pesticide illness. This included one patient who started to lose consciousness in my office and fell into a coma for several days. The DOA and DOH answered in kind that they will take a report from the patient (if the patient wants to report) when they come out of the coma ". For 2 years I tried to file pesticide exposure reports. I finally demanded (in a more public setting) that I be given a pesticide report to file formal complaints. The DOH finally did send me a report form from California. I suspect now that there is likely a Hawaii report form.

I did encourage patients to file reports, but they were 1) afraid they'd lose their job, 2) be ostracized by family and friends, 3) their bosses had reassured them that they would never be put in harm's way. I was successful with one patient who recently filed a formal report with the DOA.

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The "Good Neighbor Policy" was a volunteer effort by the agrichemical companies to offer some transparency. To this day I do not know of any health care provider (including myself) who has found this program helpful to treat or test their patients who they think could be ill because of pesticide exposure. The problem with the policy is it does not show what chemical was sprayed where and when it was sprayed. Also the chemical names in the "Good Neighbor Policy" are long and unfamiliar. They are of no help to me.

If there is a pesticide report advisory board already in place I have no knowledge of it. I think I would know about it since I am a health professional working in the community where there is high pesticide exposure. Something that I found interesting and troubling in the JFFG report from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health is that they said that Department of Agriculture totaled fewer than 100 pesticide exposure incidents.

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I did encourage patients to file reports, but they were 1) afraid they'd lose their job, 2) be ostracized by family and friends, 3) their bosses had reassured them that they would never be put in harm's way. I was successful with one patient who recently filed a formal report with the DOA. However, from reviewing the JFFG Report, it's clear that my reports to DOH and DOA have not been recorded.

I am sharing my experience largely because it validates the importance of having a comprehensive pesticide advisory board that has members of diverse backgrounds

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that are all key to approaching the problems from their differing perspectives. I also believe that there should be more than one medical consultant, considering the substantial health concerns for possibly thousands of people.

Again, I am in strong support of passing SB779 for the protection of Kauai's people and the environment.

Sincerely,

Margaret Maupin, APRN

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kami carter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this extremely important issue, Hawaii's families deserve better.

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

In opposition to HB 252 – Relating to Pesticides

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 8:30 am – House Committees on Agriculture and
Energy and Environmental Protection

Aloha Chairs Creagan and Lee and members of the committees,

CropLife America (CLA) 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 opposed to HB 252.

In a December press statement, the State Department of Agriculture (DOA) reported on three statewide initiatives including environmental sampling, interagency emergency response exercises for pesticide incidents, and public health education and outreach. The DOA is working closely with the Department of Health and other state, county and federal agencies to get these initiatives underway. A \$3,000,000 appropriation from the DOA's budget to address only the needs of Kauai is excessive given the competing priorities of the DOA which includes statewide water sampling and voluntary expansion of the Good Neighbor Program. Rather we would support the provisions of HB 889, which increases the fees of the pesticide manufactures and directs the resources to the DOA's regulatory, compliance and monitoring activities through the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Joan Conrow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HDOA and DOH already are working to implement the most useful recommendations of the JFFG. The other recommendations do not reflect the findings of the JFFG, which determined there was no evidence of any misuse of pesticides by the seed companies. Again, please devote time and money to real issues and stop catering to groups that have been established solely to eliminate agricultural biotechnology.

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I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Alex Franco

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Mahalo

Russell Bernat

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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From: Tulsi Greenlee <Tulsigreenlee@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:13 PM
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Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group.

As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

Children can be exposed to pesticides sprayed on school grounds and those that drift from neighboring agricultural lands. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. Buffer zones around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals makes sense as a place to begin protecting the public.

The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals.

Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts.

It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that the report was not conducted using objective techniques. I believe the Committee was a biased group and did not come to valid conclusions.

I wholeheartedly support the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's need for resources and tools that fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Iris Iwami

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Mahalo

Piilani Augustiro

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David Makaiwi

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Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

My name is Dean Okimoto. I am the owner of Nalo Farms and have been a farmer for over 35 years.

I am writing in opposition to HB 252 and all of the bills regarding pesticides that only focuses on agriculture.

Farmers are most concerned about pesticides and how it used. It is really expensive for farmers to purchase pesticides and only used when and if it is absolutely necessary.

All of these pesticide bills only discourages farming in Hawaii. We should be using scientific based and accurate information that the federal and state government already utilize. More regulation and not enough incentives makes it very difficult for anyone to want to farm. We need to educate and encourage farming in Hawaii.

I agree that we need to fund the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, but we need to fund all aspects and not just one part. These measures move Hawaii agriculture backwards.

I oppose HB 252.

Mahalo,
Dean Okimoto

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Kali Arce

AGRtestimony

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Editha Acerador

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AGRtestimony

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HB252

Submitted on: 2/5/2017

Testimony for AGR/EEP on Feb 7, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

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HB252

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
niki miller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: SUPPORT

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AGRtestimony

From: Cliff DeVries <cliff.devries@gmail.com>
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

Cliff & Mary DeVries
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It is apparent by the actions of Monsanto, Dow, Bayer and other chemical companies that they are more interested in their profits than protecting the children and the people of Hawaii. We need to see exactly what chemicals are being used in Hawaii by these companies and their effect on public health. These seems reasonable doesn't it?

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

AGRtestimony

From: colleen Wallace <cmauigirl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:18 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Colleen O'Shea Wallace

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Mahalo for nui loa for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely, Colleen O'Shea Wallace, MPH (Makawao, Hawaii)

AGRtestimony

From: Harvy King <Pv.h20king@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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AGRtestimony

From: Anita Yokota <anita96795@gmail.com>
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [Anita Yokota]
[Waimanalo]

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From: Nathan Leo Braulick
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From: Mary Stancill, Kamuela, Hawai Island

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Mary Stancill



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AGRtestimony

From: Malia Chun <maliac@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:08 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Malia Chun
Kekaha, Kauai

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Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Judith Carroll <Silkangelmaui@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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

I am writing to urge your strong support of HB 790. This bill requires that the state protect our keiki's health by requiring disclosure and notification of toxic pesticides around schools, healthcare facilities, childcare facilities, elder care facilities, and other environmentally sensitive areas.

I am deeply concerned with the effects long-term pesticide application and pesticide drift are having on our keiki at schools. According to a 2012 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) entitled "Pesticide Exposure in Children," children exposed to chronic, low-level exposure to Restricted Use Pesticides are at a risk of neurodevelopmental disabilities like autism and ADHD, as well as leukemia and asthma.

Currently there are at least 27 schools in Hawai'i located within a mile of fields where agrichemical companies like Monsanto and Dow Chemical spray restricted-use pesticides. Our keiki and faculty in these schools are at a heightened risk of exposure to pesticides that drift from these industrial operations. There is nothing more important than the health and safety of our keiki, which is why we must demand that these agrichemical companies say what they spray and give us space.

Advanced notification disclosing pesticide use would give the school officials a chance to close windows and even move class locations to avoid direct drift contact. While the voluntary Kaua 'i pesticide disclosure program will ultimately be "expanded" by the state Department of Agriculture, voluntary programs are an unreliable compromise to mandatory disclosure. There is neither outside verification nor a no hard deadline for submission, so it's impossible to know if the data is accurate and valid.

Please give us a chance to protect our keiki. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Judith Carroll
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AGRtestimony

From: Lisa Kerman <hike2heaven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:15 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Lisa Kerman

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Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Lisa Kerman
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Kilauea, HI. 96754

AGRtestimony

From: Seena Clowser <zertle13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:04 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Seena
[Honolulu]

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From: Nicole Lawrence <hnicl23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony; EEPtestimony
Subject: Support of Pesticide Disclosure and Buffer Zones

Aloha;

I support Bills: HB790, HB1571, HB252! It is time to step up and protect our residents and keiki of the islands.

The pesticide companies are major corporations, it is no hardship for them to disclose what they are using. With chemicals like these, time is of the essence - and armed with this information, emergency services can act quickly and appropriately to any accidental exposure. Engaging in a legal tug-of-war to find out what chemical(s) a person was exposed to could literally cost them their lives. Disclosing to our community what they are spraying is not costing them future income - it's not like we are going to go into competition with them to use these chemicals. They say they are spraying pesticides, but without disclosure, how do we know what they are really using?

These companies could afford to purchase an uninhabited island somewhere and conduct experiments to their heart's content. But they are here on Kauai, in a community of people, insisting on their right to spray chemicals next to schools, playgrounds and public places, which sounds suspiciously like arguing for the right to experiment on humans. They have other choices. They can go elsewhere. Yet, they continue to argue for this one scenario and fight us on buffer zones. Think about it.

Funding for further study needs to be passed. It is bad enough for them to be damaging the environment, wildlife and watershed, but they are damaging the lives of people too. Long term studies need to be set in motion. Seriously, how much of these extremely dangerous pesticides are in widespread use on vast areas of food cropland in other places? I'd wager, hardly any at all because of the danger. So ask yourselves, what is the use of these extreme chemicals? Why have them at all? And why here?

Please pass these bills and allow the proper State and County Departments to work for the good of our communities and assert their protective powers to care for the 'aina and the people of our islands.

Thank you,
Nicole Lawrence
Kaua'i, HI

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: [NAME]Sayuri Handa,Govinda Rubin
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Douglas Wilmore
Kilauea HI

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Douglas Wilmore and I am a retired physician living on the island of Kauai. I was a member of the Joint Fact Finding group (JFF) which investigated the relationship between health and the environment and pesticides.

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Testimony for AGR/EEP on Feb 7, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

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Mailyn Gabold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hope the agriculture around west side Kauai change, to a cleaner one don't using this strong poisons , they smell for days... and so close to recidencial area and national park like Polihale.

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Subject: Please support HB252



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Comments: Dear Distinguished Law Makers, I support all your very good bills which will legislate ethically and medically required pesticide shielding, and implementing medical testing for saving our Keiki. Regarding medically determined pediatric (Keiki) damage from neuro-toxicants like chlorpyrifos, methyl mercury, glyphosate, lead, organophosphates, Please click on: [View Large Image](#) | [View Hi-Res Image](#) | [Download PowerPoint Slide Figure 2: Functional MRI scans show abnormal activation in the brain Average activation during finger tapping with the left hand in three adolescents with increased prenatal methylmercury exposure \(A\) and three control adolescents \(B\). The control participants activate the premotor and motor cortices on the right, whereas participants exposed to methylmercury activate these areas bilaterally.](#) What if Tom Brady, as a child, had eaten and/or breathed in enough lead, chlorpyrifos, methyl mercury, or glyphosate? If both left and right premotor and motor cortices were activated by the fingers of his right hand, then his footballs would have a very high likelihood (probability) of incomplete and intercepted. However high intelligence scores are correlated to faster and more integrated correct left/right brain to right/left fingers, Thus Tom Brady has a very high probability of making completed passes, and consistently winning. Chlorpyrifos, and glyphosate effect intelligence in a similar way as DDT. "Recent studies have shown INVERSE CORRELATIONS between serum concentrations of DDT or DDE (which indicate accumulated exposures), and neurodevelopmental performance (Lancet Neurol, 2014). Dr. Jim Yong Kim, MD., President of the World Bank wants Hawaii to know: "Evidence from worldwide sources indicates that average national IQ scores are associated with gross domestic product (GDP)—a correlation that might be causal in both directions.⁹⁹ Thus, poverty can cause low IQ, but the opposite is also true. In view of the widespread exposures to lead, pesticides, and other neurotoxicants in developing countries, where chemical controls might be ineffective compared with those in more developed countries,¹⁰⁰ developmental exposures to industrial chemicals could contribute substantially to the recorded correlation between IQ and GDP (Lan Neurol, 2014). "Thus, each loss of one IQ point has been estimated to decrease average lifetime earnings capacity by about €12 000 or US\$18 000 in 2008 currencies.... Prevention of developmental neurotoxicity caused by industrial chemicals is highly cost effective. A study that quantified the gains resulting from the phase-out of lead additives from petrol reported that in the USA alone, the introduction of lead-free petrol has generated an economic benefit of \$200 billion in each annual birth cohort since 1980,¹⁰³ an aggregate benefit in the past 30 years of over \$3 trillion (Lancet Neurol, 2014) These "exposures in early life

to neurotoxic chemicals can cause a wide range of adverse effects on brain development and maturation that can manifest as functional impairments or disease at any point in the human lifespan, from early infancy to very old age (Lancet Neurology, 2014)." Such molecular chaos (physiological disorder) has also created, as in the case of glyphosate, "a multitude of cancers that are reaching epidemic proportions, including breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, kidney cancer, thyroid cancer, liver cancer, bladder cancer (J Biological Physics and Chemistry, 2016). US glyphosate spraying of foods, may be a major contributor to aggression in US schools (bullying and school violence) since 1990, because this toxin depletes serotonin and tryptophan in the human brain, reports the prestigious physics journal, Entropy, 2013. As the proposed Bill No. 790 states, restricted use "pesticides may volatilize, or change from a solid or liquid state into a vapor state, into the lower atmosphere for days, weeks, or months after the application," and as the US Geological Survey (2011) indicates will continue to drift around at very great distances, from atmospheric and wind dynamics. These are governed by the laws of meteorology, including atmospheric turbulence, the vorticity (swirling atmospheric eddies) theorem, adiabatic (vertical rising & falling of gas from densities changing from heat) lapse rates, etc., which have not been properly analyzed. These effects may average out, but with a likelihood (probability) of at least some collateral health damage. Tom Brady minimized liabilities by conforming to ethically created laws for required football inflation pressures to maximize smooth swirling pass performance and be victorious. The US Geological Survey Report of 2011, finds measured amounts of (neuro-toxicant glyphosate-surfactant induces reversible encephalopathy, Lancet Neurology, 2014; J Clin Neuroscience, 2010) glyphosate falling from the US Midwest's heavenly clouds and contaminating Midwest rivers and ground waters. By not urgently and immediately passing pesticide safety bills, the Kauai County and Hawaii State treasuries may be probably (more likely) emptied by impending law suits. Again we have an inverse correlation, like an X. As pesticide concentrations rise inside Keiki [please see the rising line in the x], available county and state treasury funds will minimize [please see the falling line in the X]. Here are related pending urgent law suits against multinationals, who unlike the state of Hawaii and county of Kauai, have unlimited funds for settlements in litigations. 11/9/2016 - GMO king Monsanto has another legal problem heading its way. A federal judge has said that the city of Spokane, Washington's lawsuit against the agro-chemical behemoth over pollution in the Spokane River can move ahead. Learn more: <http://www.naturalnews.com/lawsuit.html#ixzz4XRXYwnT> 11/4/2016 - Monsanto is finally being held liable for genetically engineered wheat that was found growing illegally on an Oregon farm in 2013. The "Roundup Ready" wheat genetically modified to withstand applications of glyphosate has been tested in 16 states, including Oregon, from 1998 to 2005, Learn more: <http://www.naturalnews.com/lawsuit.html#ixzz4XRarWBW> 8/31/2016 - General Mills is being sued for misleading use of the term "natural" on packages of Nature Valley granola bars, which have been shown to contain residues of the toxic herbicide glyphosate (Roundup). The lawsuit, filed by Moms Across America, Beyond Pesticides and the Organic Consumers Association, Learn more: <http://www.naturalnews.com/lawsuit.html#ixzz4XRmoMHq> Marc Fellous, former President of the Biomolecular Engineering Commission (CGB), has been found guilty of forger y and use of forgery to defame Prof Gilles-Eric S eralini. On 22 September a judge in the Criminal Court of Paris found Fellous guilty of forgery and the use of forgery in order to defame Prof Gilles-Eric S eralini and CRIIGEN, a research association which focuses on the risks of genetic engineering and pesticides and the development of alternatives. Learn more: <http://www.gmoseralini.org/seralini-attacker-found-guilty-of-forgery-over-monsanto-study-review/> These above court precedent documents, and many more are being transferred to the Hawaii State Judiciary. All we have to do is give Kauai what Dr. Lee Evslin, MD., is asking for to avoid the inevitable massive litigation battles, draining our treasuries, and our spirits. Thank you. Sincerely, Will M. Davis 4215 Hoala St., Apt. 101 Lihue, HI 96766 808-265-1854 willdavis108@gmail.com

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Aloha and Mahalo from Arika Rains

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 12:19 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

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Kaneohe, HI

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Aloha,
Brandi Wilson

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Mariya Gold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill.

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From: Sylvia Pope-Young, PO Box 88032, Honolulu, HI 96830

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Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Pope-Young

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claire howard	Individual	Support	No

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Boyd Ready	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Committee members: The Kauai recommendations are admittedly made without much evidence for their need. The vast majority of restricted-use pesticides are used in structural pest control or water purification and would be unaffected by the recommended actions, and the remaining ag uses are already mostly under voluntary disclosure. Approving this bill would not only be an unwise use of taxpayers' money, it would play into the hands of those for whom this issue has become one of confirmation-bias based agitation. I urge you not to throw taxpayer money at this imaginary problem. With respect, Boyd Ready

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Very Sincerely,

Robert and Marion McHenry
3609 Kaweonui rd
Princeville, HI 96722

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:46 PM
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Kalaheo Kauai

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Karene Kunimura

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sarah Styan <sarah.styan@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

My name is Sarah Styan and I am a resident of Hanapepe on the west side of Kauai.

I do not support HB252.

The recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding group are not warranted or consistent with the findings of the report. I am very familiar with the report and recommendations because I was a member of the JFF group.

Having participated in the year plus-long review of all data, reports, interviews, field visits, and other information, I would like to make it very clear that the report recommendations were actually written in August of 2015, well before the group even completed its investigation and report.

When the JFF group completed the draft report, I raised the issue that the previously drafted recommendations did not match our findings; however, the facilitator Peter Adler insisted that we had agreed to the recommendations months ago and they would not be revisited or changed to accommodate what the group had learned. This was extremely disturbing.

The JFF group also received a lot of feedback from the community and experts when the draft report was released for public comment. Many reviewers noted that the recommendations were not consistent with the findings of the report. Among these were the Hawaii Department of Health, as well as the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Despite this feedback, much of which was from experts in the fields of health, agriculture, epidemiology, and scientific research, Mr. Adler and some of the JFF participants did not want to change the recommendations to ensure that they were consistent with the findings. This was alarming since participants were previously promised that relevant comments from experts and the public would be taken into consideration and the report would be modified accordingly.

As a scientist, with a doctorate in a directly relevant field, I was astonished and sorely disappointed that the JFF group chose to ignore the excellent feedback from the many professionals who took the time to carefully review our citizen-group's work. It was one of the reasons that after more than a year of painstaking work combing through data and evidence, I decided to resign from the JFF group rather than put my name and reputation on this document.

As you consider this bill, I hope that you will take the JFF report and recommendations for what they are -- a vehicle for the pre-ordained and unsupported recommendations of its biased membership -- rather than what they should have been -- a good-faith effort to determine facts and develop recommendations to assist our community in making sound and well-informed policy decisions.

Since the report came out, I have followed the response by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and I was pleased that the agency and others, are already taking significant steps to address public concerns about pesticides. I sincerely believe that there are many more constructive ways that the State of Hawaii could use \$3 million dollars per year, over two years, to support community health while also supporting agriculture in Hawaii.

If you have questions for me, please feel free to contact me via email at sarah.styan@hawaiiantel.net

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Sarah Styan

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AGRtestimony

From: Carol Hart <hartshapekauai@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 5:48 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Carol Hart
Kekaha
Kaua'i

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From: paradisekauai@yahoo.com
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From: Eileen Conrad
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From: Tlaloc Tokuda <tlalocct@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Tlaloc Tokuda, Kailua Kona, 96740



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HB252

Submitted on: 2/6/2017

Testimony for AGR/EEP on Feb 7, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 325



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Brewbaker, Ph.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sari Shore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of supporting more independent scientific studies on the affects of pesticide uses and expanding the pesticide advisory committee.

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From: Marcy Cayton <Marcycayton@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:26 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Marcy Cayton
733 n. Honokala rd
Haiku, HI 96708

AGRtestimony

From: George Hoffberg <kauaigeo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:25 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [NAME]George Hoffberg

[TOWN]kihei



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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:50 AM
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Ruth E. LEWIS, Ph.D.
KALAHEO, HI 96741

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From: Mrs. Woods <dbwoodsluv@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Denise Woods, RN
Kapa'a



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From: Barclay Hill <bhillmaui@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [NAME]Barclay Hill
[TOWN]Haiku

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From: Michal Stover <mfsleh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Michal Stover, Kilauea, HI 96754

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From: J Moss <moss.jade.e@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:22 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From Jade Moss
Kalaheo
Mother of 2&4 year olds

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:17 AM
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

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[TOWN] Lihue

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From: S Reha <sreha9999@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:02 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sandra REha
Pahala, HI.

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Sent from my iPad

From: Lewis Thompson <steenrod@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 6:56 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Lewis Thompson
Holualoa, HI

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From: David O'Quinn <doquinn@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 6:40 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: David O'Quinn
Kapaa, HI 96746

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Kauai Massage & Intuitive Services

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From: Greg Gatchell <greggatchell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 6:11 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From:
Gregory Gatchell
Aiea
Oahu
Hawaii

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AGRtestimony

From: Sylvia Cabral <sylviacabralmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:12 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

Syl cabral kihei

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From: Brooke Prim <nellelwick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 5:46 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Brooke Prim, Tucson, AZ/Glenwood/HI

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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: carolina visser moody]kealakekua]

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From: Joan Heller <myoho@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 3:53 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Joan Heller
Lawai

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Please support HB 252!

Thank you

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:31 AM
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Haiku, Maui

From: Theresa Casagram <tcasagram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:37 AM
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From: Theresa Casagram, Koloa

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Catherine Van De Veer, Hanalei

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From: Tamara Paltin, West Maui

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Aloha 'Āina!

From: tia pearson <tia.pearson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 1:51 AM
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I work at a school and am affected especially when they cut the grass because of release of pesticides or add fertilizer. Other kids get sick as well.

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po box 861697
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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Pohoiki, Hawaii



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From: Joel McDonald
Kapaa



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From: Michael Howells in Manoa

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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:58 PM
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From: Audrey Allencastre
Ha`iku, Maui



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From: [NAME timory Mcdonald
[TOWN]kapaa

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From: Cheter Mazurowski <chetkapaa@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:20 AM
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Chester Mazurowski
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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 11:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Jo Ann Hay
Princeville

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From: Wendy Raebeck
Kapa`a

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Mahalo,
W. Raebeck

From: Nino White <white_nino@yahoo.com>
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Nino White
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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From: Theresa Freund <freundtheresa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:24 PM
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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Theresa Freund and I live in Nuuanu. I am very concerned about the pesticides use in Hawaii and it's negative impacts on our health.

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From: Michael deYcaza
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Sent from my BLU smartphone device

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From: Bill Smith, Volcano, HI

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HB252

Submitted on: 2/6/2017
Testimony for AGR/EEP on Feb 7, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Tanouye	HFNA	Oppose	No

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From: Victoria Holloway, Princeville HI 96722:

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Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone... "Everything is as it should be"

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From: Jose Castillo
Kalaheo 96741

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From: [NAME]
michael greene

[TOWN]
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

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[TOWN]

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Kater Hiney
Kailua Kona

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From: Laurie Makaneole
work in Hanapepe and lived there for 25 years and now live in Koloa

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John Naylor
PO Box 1749
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From: Maria Maitino
Kilauea, Kauai

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Thank you for your time,

Maria Maitino

From: Andrea Brower <abro262@aucklanduni.ac.nz>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong Support, HB 252

Andrea Brower, PhD
Anahola, Kauai

Aloha Chair Creagan and members of the committee,

This statement is in strong support of HB252, appropriating funds to implement aspects of the JFFG. This year-long study group aimed to settle some of the controversy around agrochemical use in Hawaii. Its conclusions were very strong -- information and study is severely lacking, and it is the State's kuleana to insure proper environmental testing and health monitoring. This bill is a step in that direction.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and time on this critical matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
warren mayberry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Warren Mayberry Sr. Manager of Government Affairs DuPont Pioneer 1005 Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701 HB 252 Relating to Pesticides House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection Tuesday February 7, 2017 Room 325 at 8:30 a.m. Position: Opposed Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, DuPont Pioneer is a seed company with farming operations in four locations in Hawaii. DuPont Pioneer employs approximately 300 people in a wide range of types of jobs on Oahu and Kaua'i. Our farm management practices include the application of science and technology, and innovative farming techniques that include the responsible use of pesticides. Farmers understand the importance of good stewardship practices, including judicious use of pesticides and management practices that reduce pests. DuPont Pioneer opposes HB 252, which would allocate \$3,000,000 to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee. While we support the legislature in providing the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) with the financial tools needed to insure public and environmental safety, there is concern over the language in the bill. Clearer criteria for these recommendations should be included as a part of the bill to insure scientific integrity of current and future programs or projects. DuPont Pioneer hopes that HDOA will work with its appropriate sister agencies to determine which scientifically valid findings should be implemented and to prioritize any project implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 25.

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Devika Ghai	Pesticide Action Network North America	Support	No

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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Douglas Vincent

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From: Paul Poister <paul.poister@agrium.com>
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Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Paul Poister



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distin Barca	Individual	Support	No

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Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii

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Lauren Ampolos	Individual	Support	No

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From: Michele Oltramari <moltramari@yahoo.com.br>
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Michele Oltramari
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B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pesticide, including herbicide usage has been an access issue since their inception. For those of us disabled with MCS it can also be life threatening. There needs to be tighter regulations on these toxic chemicals, and, the sooner the better. Please protect us all.

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Drew Wilkinson	Individual	Support	No

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Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Oppose	No

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Clay Posner	Individual	Support	No

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ELIA BRUNO	Individual	Support	No

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C. Kai Lucas	Individual	Support	No

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Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Support	No

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Mae Fuimaono	Individual	Support	Yes

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Kate Griffiths	Individual	Support	No

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Kimberly Dukes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop the spraying of poisonous chemicals near schools and hospitals and homes. Please protect the keiki of Hawaii!!!

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From: Marco Perez Estrada <surfalatino@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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From: Rachel LaDrig <rladrig@asi-hawaii.org>
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From: chrystal dawn <chrystaldawnfitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 7:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 1571 being heard by AGR/EEP on 02-02-17 at 8:30 AM

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing to urge your strong support of HB 1571. This bill aims to protect Hawai'i's keiki from the impacts of large-scale agricultural pesticide use by establishing a pilot program of native and regenerative vegetative buffer zones around five schools across the State.

I am deeply concerned with the effects of pesticide application and pesticide drift on our keiki health while at school. There are at least 27 schools in Hawai'i within a mile of commercial agricultural operations that apply large volumes of restricted-use pesticides. The American Academy of Pediatrics finds there to be a significantly increased health risk for children exposed to pesticides, and additional precautions must be taken to protect them from unintended exposure.

It is critical that the state take action to reduce childhood pesticide exposure because toxic exposure to pesticides during fetal, neonatal, and infant life can disrupt critical developmental processes. Early life pesticide exposure has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, decreased cognitive function, behavior problems, birth defects and other adverse birth outcomes, and asthma.

Despite this danger, Hawai'i does not have legislation on the books regulating the application of pesticides around schools. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that under Hawai'i law, counties and municipalities do not have the authority to regulate pesticide use. The authority to ensure local protection rests with the State. It is clear that it is the State's responsibility to step up and protect our keiki and our environment from toxic pesticide use.

Our children suffer the most from the lack of sufficient precaution and regulation of pesticide use near schools. In addition to acting as a windbreak, vegetative buffer zones will provide habitats for critical native species and support soil, air, and water remediation. For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 1571 and protect our keiki.

Thank you for your time.

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AGRtestimony

From: anne Zellinger <azmole@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 7:11 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Nohea Marlow <noheam23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 5:42 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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Nohea Marlow
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AGRtestimony

From: Jacob Holcomb <jake@mailbox.org>
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From: Jeffrey and April Lee <April@KRE2.com>
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From: Matthew Ortiz <matthew.kawika.ortiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:00 PM
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AGRtestimony

From: Matt Lyum <matt@performancels.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: matt@performancels.com

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools to enforce actions, this is a distraction and diversion of resources to research practices that are already well studied.

Mahalo

Matt Lyum

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AGRtestimony

From: Steve Whitesides <sw.whitesides@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:34 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Steve Whitesides

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AGRtestimony

From: Debra Carr <carrmdl@hawaiiantel.net>
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Debra Carr
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From: Kimiko LaHaela Walter <klahaela@gmail.com>
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AGRtestimony

From: Nadia Garcia <asmathematics2@gmail.com>
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Subject: Please support HB252



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AGRtestimony

From: Matt Lyum <matt@performancels.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: matt@performancels.com

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools to enforce actions, this is a distraction and diversion of resources to research practices that are already well studied.

Mahalo

Matt Lyum

AGRtestimony

From: Steve Whitesides <sw.whitesides@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:34 AM
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Mahalo

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AGRtestimony

From: Marco Perez Estrada <surfalatino@gmail.com>
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AGRtestimony

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Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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From: chad moran <ikaikamoran@yahoo.com>
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Mahalo

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AGRtestimony

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From: Vernon Yoshida <vyoshida1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Vernon Yoshida

AGRtestimony

From: Philipp LaHaela Walter <p.lahaela.walter@posteo.org>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

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It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Debra Carr <carrmdl@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:30 PM
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AGRtestimony

From: ross lucas <rosstamon9@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:23 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

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Aloha,
Lucas Ross

AGRtestimony

From: Kimiko LaHaela Walter <klahaela@gmail.com>
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AGRtestimony

From: Aileen Yeh <ayeh@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:47 PM
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Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Aileen Yeh

AGRtestimony

From: Trudy Elkins <trudyelkins@hotmail.com>
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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Nadia Garcia <asmathematics2@gmail.com>
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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Rachael Roehl <rachroehl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:24 PM
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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Christine Keogh <Cacipolla@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:17 PM
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Subject: Please support HB252

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AGRtestimony

From: Kim Kozuma <kimkdvm719@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Kim Kozuma

AGRtestimony

From: Leslie Witten <Lesliewitten2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:57 PM
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Subject: Please support HB252

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Joanna Wheeler <joannaction@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

In reality I would like to see that the Poison Cartel is stopped and not allowed to poison the land and the people. They deceived everyone posing as farmers to instead test poisons banned in Europe in the same reckless way they have done their polluting and poisoning in other parts of the World.

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Mahalo in advance trusting what you will do what is best for our children and their children.

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AGRtestimony

From: David Christopher <dchr@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: dchr@hawaii.edu

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

David Christopher

AGRtestimony

From: Hayde Sim <hpbsim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:21 PM
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AGRtestimony

From: Eve Dion <eadh2o@pacbell.net>
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AGRtestimony

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From: james bailey <kinohine@gmail.com>
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james bailey

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AGRtestimony

From: Shyla Moon <shyla.moon@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:44 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Shyla Moon

AGRtestimony

From: Les Wynne <organicsurf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:41 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Les Wynne

AGRtestimony

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Mahalo

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AGRtestimony

From: Robert Gandia <robert.gandia@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Robert Gandia

AGRtestimony

From: elizabeth freeland <bettyhay@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:20 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

elizabeth freeland

AGRtestimony

From: Stu Nicholls <snicholls@hawaii.rr.com>
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Mahalo

Stu Nicholls

AGRtestimony

From: Michele Oltramari <moltramari@yahoo.com.br>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:10 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group.

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AGRtestimony

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AGRtestimony

From: Kylie Matsuda-Lum <kylie@kahukufarms.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 6:53 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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Mahalo

Kylie Matsuda-Lum

AGRtestimony

From: Tyler Jones <tylercjones@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Tyler Jones

AGRtestimony

From: peter martin <peter@westmauland.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 6:46 PM
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Mahalo

peter martin

AGRtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 6:42 PM
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Subject: Submitted testimony for HB252 on Feb 7, 2017 08:30AM

HB252

Submitted on: 2/6/2017

Testimony for AGR/EEP on Feb 7, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
warren mayberry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Warren Mayberry Sr. Manager of Government Affairs DuPont Pioneer 1005 Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701 HB 252 Relating to Pesticides House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection Tuesday February 7, 2017 Room 325 at 8:30 a.m. Position: Opposed Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, DuPont Pioneer is a seed company with farming operations in four locations in Hawaii. DuPont Pioneer employs approximately 300 people in a wide range of types of jobs on Oahu and Kaua'i. Our farm management practices include the application of science and technology, and innovative farming techniques that include the responsible use of pesticides. Farmers understand the importance of good stewardship practices, including judicious use of pesticides and management practices that reduce pests. DuPont Pioneer opposes HB 252, which would allocate \$3,000,000 to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee. While we support the legislature in providing the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) with the financial tools needed to insure public and environmental safety, there is concern over the language in the bill. Clearer criteria for these recommendations should be included as a part of the bill to insure scientific integrity of current and future programs or projects. DuPont Pioneer hopes that HDOA will work with its appropriate sister agencies to determine which scientifically valid findings should be implemented and to prioritize any project implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 25.

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AGRtestimony

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

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Mahalo

Paul Poister

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Daven Hashimoto

AGRtestimony

From: Greg Swartz <swartzg001@hawaii.rr.com>
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Greg Heyd

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From: Silvia Barber <gianetti.barber@gmail.com>
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Mahalo

Silvia Barber

AGRtestimony

From: Rodney Chin <rchin@hcsugar.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 5:04 PM
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Mahalo

Rodney Chin

AGRtestimony

From: Sandra Toliver <artstoliver@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:56 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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AGRtestimony

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Stephanie Iona

AGRtestimony

From: Rhonda Smith <Rhonda.k.smith@monsanto.com>
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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Rhonda Smith

AGRtestimony

From: Chelsie Onaga <chelsieonaga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:25 PM
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AGRtestimony

From: Diane Koerner <dianekoerner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:06 PM
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AGRtestimony

From: HELENA ORRIS <helenaorris@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:01 PM
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Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

HELENA ORRIS

AGRtestimony

From: sylvias-space@att.net
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Sylvia Pope-Young, PO Box 88032, Honolulu, HI 96830

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group. As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations. Children can be exposed to pesticides sprayed on school grounds and those that drift from neighboring agricultural lands. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. Buffer zones around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals makes sense as a place to begin protecting the public. The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals. Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts. It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Pope-Young

AGRtestimony

From: jan TenBruggencate <tenbrug@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 3:59 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I write to voice my opposition to HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report.

The JFF study found no significant evidence of danger in our community, and relied largely on supposition and problems elsewhere to paint our farming community as a hazard.

JFF recommended expensive and extensive regulatory solutions, after admitting that it could find no evidence of actual harm.

Here is the actual language of the report: "Currently there is not enough information to conclude if pesticide use by the seed companies plays any role in the health of Kauai's residents."

It may make sense to do more studies to see if there is, in fact, anything to worry about, but it does not make rational or financial sense to enact new regulation on the basis of no evidence.

jan TenBruggencate

AGRtestimony

From: Charles Iona <charlieiona@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 3:55 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Charles Iona

AGRtestimony

From: Ming-Li Wang <mwang@harc-hspa.com>
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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Ming-Li Wang

AGRtestimony

From: Olivia Watkins <oliviaw94@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 2:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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AGRtestimony

From: Gwen Morinaga-Kama <naonem4812@gmail.com>
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AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Finney Bryant <nser@hawaiiantel.net>
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While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Melissa Rhoden

AGRtestimony

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Joan Lasua

AGRtestimony

From: Chifumi Nagai <chifumi@hawaii.rr.com>
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Mahalo

Chifumi Nagai

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From:
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AGRtestimony

From: Kathleen Hashimoto <kathyhashimoto@hawaii.rr.com>
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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Kathleen Hashimoto

AGRtestimony

From: Cliff DeVries <cliff.devries@gmail.com>
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It is apparent by the actions of Monsanto, Dow, Bayer and other chemical companies that they are more interested in their profits than protecting the children and the people of Hawaii. We need to see exactly what chemicals are being used in Hawaii by these companies and their effect on public health. These seems reasonable doesn't it?

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

AGRtestimony

From: Johnathan Kauwenaole <johnathan.opunui.kauwenaole@monsanto.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 3:30 PM
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Rhonda Russell

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From: DON GERBIG <drgmaui@hawaii.rr.com>
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David Makaiwi

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Mahalo

Deo Rhoden

AGRtestimony

From: Tulsi Greenlee <Tulsigreenlee@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:16 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

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As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

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It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Laurie Ho <laurieho1@hawaiiintel.net>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:09 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Laurie Ho

AGRtestimony

From: Nathaniel Oswald <nloswa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Nathaniel Oswald

AGRtestimony

From: Editha Acerador <edithacera2@gmail.com>
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Mahalo

Editha Acerador

AGRtestimony

From: Stephen Scott <sjscott560@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Stephen Scott

AGRtestimony

From: Danielle Bicoy <mkkdiver@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Danielle Bicoy

AGRtestimony

From: Alex Franco <afrancokaupo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:59 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Alex Franco

AGRtestimony

From: Russell Bernat <Rebernat@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:56 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

Russell Bernat

AGRtestimony

From: Michael Glidden <glidden@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:54 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

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Michael Glidden

AGRtestimony

From: Dean Okimoto <deanjokimoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

My name is Dean Okimoto. I am the owner of Nalo Farms and have been a farmer for over 35 years.

I am writing in opposition to HB 252 and all of the bills regarding pesticides that only focuses on agriculture.

Farmers are most concerned about pesticides and how it used. It is really expensive for farmers to purchase pesticides and only used when and if it is absolutely necessary.

All of these pesticide bills only discourages farming in Hawaii. We should be using scientific based and accurate information that the federal and state government already utilize. More regulation and not enough incentives makes it very difficult for anyone to want to farm. We need to educate and encourage farming in Hawaii.

I agree that we need to fund the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, but we need to fund all aspects and not just one part. These measures move Hawaii agriculture backwards.

I oppose HB 252.

Mahalo,
Dean Okimoto

Dean Okimoto

AGRtestimony

From: Ed Ishida <edandshelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:51 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Ed Ishida

AGRtestimony

From: scot Delacruz <scto.c.delacruz@monsanto.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:45 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

scot Delacruz

AGRtestimony

From: Colette Augustiro <mkkcoco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:36 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

Colette Augustiro

AGRtestimony

From: Piilani Augustiro <bigfellahs@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

Piilani Augustiro

AGRtestimony

From: Robbie Silva <Robbie.silva@syngenta.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:31 PM
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Mahalo

Robbie Silva

AGRtestimony

From: Iris Iwami <irisiwami@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that the report was not conducted using objective techniques. I believe the Committee was a biased group and did not come to valid conclusions.

I wholeheartedly support the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's need for resources and tools that fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Iris Iwami

AGRtestimony

From: Tiffani Hull <yimti@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:44 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

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Jessica Murison

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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:50 PM
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Mahalo

Tristan Esmaque

AGRtestimony

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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:04 PM
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Mahalo

David Schell

AGRtestimony

From: Raymond Foster <rfoster252@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

As a member of the Hawaii Agricultural Industry for over 26 years, I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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Mahalo

Raymond Foster

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Mahalo

John Pazzelli

AGRtestimony

From: Maria Larriera <alejandralarriera@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

Maria Larriera

AGRtestimony

From: Rhonda Stoltzfus <stoltzfus34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:48 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Rhonda Stoltzfus

AGRtestimony

From: colleen Wallace <cmauigirl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:18 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Colleen O'Shea Wallace

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group. As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations. Children can be exposed to pesticides sprayed on school grounds and those that drift from neighboring agricultural lands. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. Buffer zones around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals makes sense as a place to begin protecting the public. The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals. Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts. It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place. I urge you to support HB252.

Mahalo for nui loa for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely, Colleen O'Shea Wallace, MPH (Makawao, Hawaii)

AGRtestimony

From: Laurie Yoshida <laurieyoshida@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:19 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Laurie Yoshida

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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [NAME] [TOWN] Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group. As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations. Children can be exposed to pesticides sprayed on school grounds and those that drift from neighboring agricultural lands. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. Buffer zones around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals makes sense as a place to begin protecting the public. The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals. Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts. It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place. I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

AGRtestimony

From: Travis Skelton <travisjskelton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:08 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Travis Skelton

AGRtestimony

From: Adam P Killermann <apkajar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Adam P Killermann

AGRtestimony

From: Joshua Uyehara <joshua.uyehara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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Mahalo

Joshua Uyehara

AGRtestimony

From: Gerardo Rojas <gerardorojasgarcia808@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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Mahalo

Gerardo Rojas

AGRtestimony

From: Helena Miguel <hekumi808@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Helena Miguel

AGRtestimony

From: Makani Christensen <Makani.christensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Makani Christensen

AGRtestimony

From: Walter Parada <wparada@rhomac.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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Mahalo

Walter Parada

AGRtestimony

From: Tai-Li Medeiros <tai_bran@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:41 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Tai-Li Medeiros

AGRtestimony

From: Mark Phillipson <reelrelaxed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:40 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Mark Phillipson

AGRtestimony

From: Seri Niimi-Burch <seri.niimi-burch@foodcorps.org>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:43 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group.

As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

Children can be exposed to pesticides sprayed on school grounds and those that drift from neighboring agricultural lands. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. Buffer zones around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals makes sense as a place to begin protecting the public.

The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals.

Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts.

It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Seri Niimi-Burch
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Honokaa, HI 96727

AGRtestimony

From: Harvy King <Pv.h20king@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group.

As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

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It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Harvy King
P.o. Box 53
Kailua, HI 96734

AGRtestimony

From: Samuel Tong <stong76470@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

Again taking taxpayer monies on an issue that already has been determined by scientific data to be a non-issue.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Samuel Tong

AGRtestimony

From: Kai Pelayo <kaipelayo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Kai Pelayo

AGRtestimony

From: Beth Tokioka <Bethann@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:27 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Beth Tokioka

AGRtestimony

From: KĀ" hau Llanos <kumukehau@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

KĀhau Llanos

AGRtestimony

From: Richard Meiers <richmeiers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Richard Meiers

AGRtestimony

From: Janoah Young <kaptainjt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:22 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Janoah Young

AGRtestimony

From: Brad Duff <bradbigislanddairy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:22 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Brad Duff

AGRtestimony

From: Anita Yokota <anita96795@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:21 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [Anita Yokota]
[Waimanalo]

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group.

As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

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The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals.

Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts.

It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

AGRtestimony

From: Tim Hering <heringtim@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:18 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Tim Hering

AGRtestimony

From: Don McDonald <agtech@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:17 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Don McDonald

AGRtestimony

From: Christine Mattos <tinamattos85@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:09 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The bill would allocate millions of dollars to implement recommendations that have absolutely no scientific or factual basis. The JFFG reported that there is NO evidence of harmful effects of pesticides. I believe farmers are using the available tools responsibly, as is proven by the fact that pesticide levels on the island of Kauai fall well below the limit set by the US EPA.

Thank you,
Christine Mattos

Christine Mattos

AGRtestimony

From: Antya Miller <millera012@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:06 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Antya Miller

AGRtestimony

From: Nickolas Pezel <hokuloap@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:00 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Nickolas Pezel

AGRtestimony

From: John Cross <john@olsontrust.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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Mahalo

John Cross

AGRtestimony

From: Heather Kikkawa <heather.kikkawa@dole.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:53 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Heather Kikkawa

AGRtestimony

From: Roy Asao <rasao777@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:45 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Roy Asao

AGRtestimony

From: Ron Kauha'aha'a <aoronk@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:45 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Ron Kauha'aha'a

AGRtestimony

From: Jennifer Ing <waisue@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:43 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Jennifer Ing

AGRtestimony

From: Dan Springer <dspringer@macfarms.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:37 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Dan Springer

AGRtestimony

From: William Worcester <gosparky@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:37 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Joe Para <oahufarming.808@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:30 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

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AGRtestimony

From: John Ryan Gumtang <varsitarian09@yahoo.com.ph>
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From: Nathan Leo Braulick
Honolulu

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Charles R Berger

AGRtestimony

From: Loretta Mattos <retta.mattos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 10:00 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Opposition to HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Hello, I oppose HB 252.

Having read the JFFG report, as well as the recommendations put forth for consideration, I do not concede that both are in agreement with each other. Simply, the facts do not support the proposed measures. We must make sure we are allocating precious funds only where we are certain they are needed. As a (voting!) member of this community, trust in my government officials is garnered by the sound judgments they make based on substantiated facts and not fabricated opinions and bandwagon biases.

Loretta Mattos

AGRtestimony

From: Renee Kester <rkester1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:50 AM
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Renee Kester

AGRtestimony

From: Rob Cross <cross.teamcatalyst@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:34 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: [NAME]
[TOWN]

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From: mary@mcneillbrush.com
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From: Mary Stancill, Kamuela, Hawai Island

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Mary Stancill



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From: Malia Chun <maliac@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:08 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Malia Chun
Kekaha, Kauai

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Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Winifred Marcos <w1n1marc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:06 AM
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Mahalo

Winifred Marcos

AGRtestimony

From: Mark Kijima <kgma1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:04 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Mark Kijima

AGRtestimony

From: Nancy Kanna <the.kannas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:51 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Dear Chairs Lee and Creagan and members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and Committee on Agriculture.

While the overlying intent of HB 252 appears worthy, I oppose HB 252 which would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

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It is my hope that both HDOA and HDOH will be properly engaged to assess the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Committee and prioritize any implementation, based on scientific fact and available resources.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Nancy Kanna

AGRtestimony

From: Judith Carroll <Silkangelmaui@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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

I am writing to urge your strong support of HB 790. This bill requires that the state protect our keiki's health by requiring disclosure and notification of toxic pesticides around schools, healthcare facilities, childcare facilities, elder care facilities, and other environmentally sensitive areas.

I am deeply concerned with the effects long-term pesticide application and pesticide drift are having on our keiki at schools. According to a 2012 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) entitled "Pesticide Exposure in Children," children exposed to chronic, low-level exposure to Restricted Use Pesticides are at a risk of neurodevelopmental disabilities like autism and ADHD, as well as leukemia and asthma.

Currently there are at least 27 schools in Hawai'i located within a mile of fields where agrichemical companies like Monsanto and Dow Chemical spray restricted-use pesticides. Our keiki and faculty in these schools are at a heightened risk of exposure to pesticides that drift from these industrial operations. There is nothing more important than the health and safety of our keiki, which is why we must demand that these agrichemical companies say what they spray and give us space.

Advanced notification disclosing pesticide use would give the school officials a chance to close windows and even move class locations to avoid direct drift contact. While the voluntary Kaua'i pesticide disclosure program will ultimately be "expanded" by the state Department of Agriculture, voluntary programs are an unreliable compromise to mandatory disclosure. There is neither outside verification nor a no hard deadline for submission, so it's impossible to know if the data is accurate and valid.

Please give us a chance to protect our keiki. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Judith Carroll
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AGRtestimony

From: Lisa Kerman <hike2heaven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 8:15 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Lisa Kerman

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Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Rodolfo Gumtang Jr <deo42@yahoo.com>
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Mahalo

Andy Oviedo

AGRtestimony

From: Cheryl Lansker <clansker@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:54 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Cheryl Lansker, Papaikou, Hi

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From: Bonnie lee howard
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Esmenia Sombreto

AGRtestimony

From: Lolita Gamboa <merlito_gamboa3505@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:12 AM
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Thank you for your time,

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From: Maryanne Texe <Mauiann92@aol.com>
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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 6:38 AM
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From: Laurie Brekke
Honolulu

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From: Evan Webb
Kilauea, HI 96754

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AGRtestimony

From: Nicole Lawrence <hnicl23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 12:36 AM
To: AGRtestimony; EEPtestimony
Subject: Support of Pesticide Disclosure and Buffer Zones

Aloha;

I support Bills: HB790, HB1571, HB252! It is time to step up and protect our residents and keiki of the islands.

The pesticide companies are major corporations, it is no hardship for them to disclose what they are using. With chemicals like these, time is of the essence - and armed with this information, emergency services can act quickly and appropriately to any accidental exposure. Engaging in a legal tug-of-war to find out what chemical(s) a person was exposed to could literally cost them their lives. Disclosing to our community what they are spraying is not costing them future income - it's not like we are going to go into competition with them to use these chemicals. They say they are spraying pesticides, but without disclosure, how do we know what they are really using?

These companies could afford to purchase an uninhabited island somewhere and conduct experiments to their heart's content. But they are here on Kauai, in a community of people, insisting on their right to spray chemicals next to schools, playgrounds and public places, which sounds suspiciously like arguing for the right to experiment on humans. They have other choices. They can go elsewhere. Yet, they continue to argue for this one scenario and fight us on buffer zones. Think about it.

Funding for further study needs to be passed. It is bad enough for them to be damaging the environment, wildlife and watershed, but they are damaging the lives of people too. Long term studies need to be set in motion. Seriously, how much of these extremely dangerous pesticides are in widespread use on vast areas of food cropland in other places? I'd wager, hardly any at all because of the danger. So ask yourselves, what is the use of these extreme chemicals? Why have them at all? And why here?

Please pass these bills and allow the proper State and County Departments to work for the good of our communities and assert their protective powers to care for the 'aina and the people of our islands.

Thank you,
Nicole Lawrence
Kaua'i, HI

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Govinda Rubin <sugosa@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [NAME]Sayuri Handa, Govinda Rubin
[TOWN]

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It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

AGRtestimony

From: Cheryl Bellisario <cbellisa@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

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I personally know the effects that pesticides can have on people from when I worked in Nicaragua at La Isla Foundation. People of all ages were dying from Chronic Kidney Disorder of unknown cause. They all had one thing in common: they worked on sugar cane plantations. Pesticides in addition to the working conditions have been killing off people around the world, we do not need that here. Also, if you get a chance to, please watch the film called "Bananaland" and you will be able to see the damages of pesticides to the people living in the area in which the pesticides are sprayed.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Cheryl Bellisario
45-137 Kokokahi Place
Kaneohe, HI 96744

AGRtestimony

From: Harold Keyser <harold.keyser@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I am concerned about HB 252, which would allocate funds to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report. The recommendations are not based on factual data. The Joint Fact Finding report found that there is no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with pesticide use, yet it appears as though many of the recommendations were created despite all of this.

Publicly available data (from HODA) shows that 97% of the total restricted use pesticides used on Kauai by the seed companies were less toxic than vitamin D3, and 94% were less toxic as aspirin.

The year long air sampling study by the University of Hawaii found only infinitesimally small amounts of very few pesticides, and sampling of the main water sources by Kauai's Department of Water found not detect any of the 85 current and legacy pesticides in EPA's protocol for determination of safe drinking water. In summary, these pesticides are safe and offsite exposures from air and water are not a problem. The JFF report reached conclusions not reflecting these facts, and as such does not reflect reality.

Taxpayer money should be spent on other matters that are actually problems in Hawaii (homelessness, housing, drug abuse, and education).

I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

As a scientist who spent a career on research and outreach in assisting farmers, I find this bill lacks evidence for its justification, and it appears to be written by author(s) who are misinformed and do not know what they are talking about regarding science and agriculture.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Harold Keyser

AGRtestimony

From: Rodolfo Sr.Gumtang <ir.gomez808@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:21 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Rodolfo Sr. Gumtang

AGRtestimony

From: Aristotle Gomez <totie143us@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:15 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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Mahalo

Aristotle Gomez

AGRtestimony

From: Joni Kamiya <Jonikamiya@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

Joni Kamiya

AGRtestimony

From: Jordyn Robinson <08jobrad@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:43 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Jordyn Robinson

AGRtestimony

From: nix@lifeislight.com
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:33 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Dr. John and Debra Nix,
Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,
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Mahalo,
Debra and John

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AGRtestimony

From: douglas wilmore <wilmore002@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:20 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

Douglas Wilmore
Kilauea HI

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Douglas Wilmore and I am a retired physician living on the island of Kauai. I was a member of the Joint Fact Finding group (JFF) which investigated the relationship between health and the environment and pesticides.

During my professional academic life I worked for 45 years performing and evaluating laboratory and human scientific data. As such, I was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wilmore, M.D.

AGRtestimony

From: Antonio Perez <tlbpickupresearch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:14 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

Antonio Perez

AGRtestimony

From: Amanda Kilroy <akilroy88@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:11 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Amanda Kilroy
Kapa'a HI

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AGRtestimony

From: Lorraine Newman <alohalorraine@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:08 PM
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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Thank you,
Lorraine Newman
Kilauea, kauai

AGRtestimony

From: Carol Lloyd <carol.lloyd11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 8:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Carol Lloyd
Kalaheo, Kauai

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Carol Lloyd
Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Sarah Thompson <sarahentm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:57 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I'm all for allocating more money to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to fulfill their mandate but they also need to be given the authority to determine which of the recommendations should be implemented based on their expertise as well as on scientific data.

I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Sarah Thompson

AGRtestimony

From: Lesley Patton <grammawl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:57 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Lesley Patton
Kapaau HI 96755

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AGRtestimony

From: bob-marion@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Very Sincerely,

Robert and Marion McHenry
3609 Kaweonui rd
Princeville, HI 96722

AGRtestimony

From: Karene Kunimura <kkunimura@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Karene Kunimura
Kalaheo Kauai

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Karene Kunimura

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Laila Jayyousi <Kalua1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:38 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Laila Jayyousi

AGRtestimony

From: Sarah Styan <sarah.styan@hawaiiintel.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

My name is Sarah Styan and I am a resident of Hanapepe on the west side of Kauai.

I do not support HB252.

The recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding group are not warranted or consistent with the findings of the report. I am very familiar with the report and recommendations because I was a member of the JFF group.

Having participated in the year plus-long review of all data, reports, interviews, field visits, and other information, I would like to make it very clear that the report recommendations were actually written in August of 2015, well before the group even completed its investigation and report.

When the JFF group completed the draft report, I raised the issue that the previously drafted recommendations did not match our findings; however, the facilitator Peter Adler insisted that we had agreed to the recommendations months ago and they would not be revisited or changed to accommodate what the group had learned. This was extremely disturbing.

The JFF group also received a lot of feedback from the community and experts when the draft report was released for public comment. Many reviewers noted that the recommendations were not consistent with the findings of the report. Among these were the Hawaii Department of Health, as well as the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Despite this feedback, much of which was from experts in the fields of health, agriculture, epidemiology, and scientific research, Mr. Adler and some of the JFF participants did not want to change the recommendations to ensure that they were consistent with the findings. This was alarming since participants were previously promised that relevant comments from experts and the public would be taken into consideration and the report would be modified accordingly.

As a scientist, with a doctorate in a directly relevant field, I was astonished and sorely disappointed that the JFF group chose to ignore the excellent feedback from the many professionals who took the time to carefully review our citizen-group's work. It was one of the reasons that after more than a year of painstaking work combing through data and evidence, I decided to resign from the JFF group rather than put my name and reputation on this document.

As you consider this bill, I hope that you will take the JFF report and recommendations for what they are -- a vehicle for the pre-ordained and unsupported recommendations of its biased membership -- rather than what they should have been -- a good-faith effort to determine facts and develop recommendations to assist our community in making sound and well-informed policy decisions.

Since the report came out, I have followed the response by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and I was pleased that the agency and others, are already taking significant steps to address public concerns about pesticides. I sincerely believe that there are many more constructive ways that the State of Hawaii could use \$3 million dollars per year, over two years, to support community health while also supporting agriculture in Hawaii.

If you have questions for me, please feel free to contact me via email at sarah.styan@hawaiiintel.net

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Sarah Styan

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AGRtestimony

From: Susan Cabral <S.kronecabral@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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I oppose HB 252 as currently written.

Mahalo

Susan Cabral

AGRtestimony

From: Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 6:43 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

Randy Cabral

AGRtestimony

From: Andrew Jansen <a.jansen701@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 5:50 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: Carol Hart <hartshapekauai@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 5:48 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Carol Hart
Kekaha
Kaua'i

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AGRtestimony

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IRENE GOMEZ

AGRtestimony

From: kristina joy santiago <kristinajoycsantiago@monsanto.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 3:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Mahalo

kristina joy santiago

AGRtestimony

From: Anne Towey Joyer <annetoweyjoyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 2:53 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 2:12 PM
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From: Javier Mendez <mendezj@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 2:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Javier Mendez
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Aurora Belle Esmaque

AGRtestimony

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From: Corine Chang <ipoc.m.chang@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 12:55 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Corine M. Chang
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Gigi Brandford
Big Island of Hawai'i
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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 12:31 PM
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From: Arika Rains
Lahaina, HI

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Aloha and Mahalo from Arika Rains

AGRtestimony

From: Ron Kadey <kadey@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 12:27 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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Kapaa, HI 96746

AGRtestimony

From: Brandi Wilson <brandiw4444@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 12:19 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Brandi Wilson
Kaneohe, HI

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Aloha,
Brandi Wilson

AGRtestimony

From: Tlloc Tokuda <tlalocct@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Tlloc Tokuda, Kailua Kona, 96740

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AGRtestimony

From: RE Lewis <sheltgrl@hawaii.rr.com>
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Ruth E. LEWIS, Ph.D.
KALAHEO, HI 96741

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It is time for the State to implement the JFF recommendations to mitigate negative impacts on our residents. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

AGRtestimony

From: Marcy Cayton <Marcycayton@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:26 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

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I urge you to support HB252. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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AGRtestimony

From: George Hoffberg <kauaigeo@gmail.com>
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Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [NAME]George Hoffberg

[TOWN]kihei

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AGRtestimony

From: MARIO GAGGERO <tanegg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:00 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 252: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

I oppose HB 252. The proposed bill would allocate \$3 million to implement the recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Committee.

My view is that while focused and comprehensive regulation is important, the report's recommendations are not based on scientific findings, and will create substantial additional costs for taxpayers and consumers. The report continually raises unfounded and unsubstantiated fears about chronic exposure and chemicals in general, and it glosses over the fact that pesticide levels on the island fall well below — sometimes hundreds of times below — the very strict safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While I would like to see the Hawaii Department of Agriculture equipped with the resources and tools that it needs to fulfill its mandate, I object to the idea that all of the report's recommendations will be implemented when the science doesn't substantiate it.

Mahalo

MARIO GAGGERO

AGRtestimony

From: Mrs. Woods <dbwoodsluv@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Denise Woods, RN
Kapa'a

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

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From: Shay Chan Hodges <shay.chanhodges@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:31 AM
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Haiku, Maui

AGRtestimony

From: Sylvia Cabral <sylviacabralmaui@gmail.com>
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Syl cabral kihei

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AGRtestimony

From: Tamara Paltin <tampaltin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:41 AM
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From: Tamara Paltin, West Maui

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Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Theresa Casagram <tcasagram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:37 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Theresa Casagram, Koloa

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AGRtestimony

From: MArtina Ter-Akopowa <mta4@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:40 AM
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AGRtestimony

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From: [NAME]
[TOWN]

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Aloha 'Āina!

AGRtestimony

From: Cheter Mazurowski <chetkapaa@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:20 AM
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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:04 AM
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Catherine Van De Veer, Hanalei

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[TOWN]Haiku

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From: Michal Stover, Kilauea, HI 96754

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From Jade Moss
Kalaheo
Mother of 2&4 year olds

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[TOWN] Lihue

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Sandra REha
Pahala, HI.

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From: David O'Quinn
Kapaa, HI 96746

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Kauai Massage & Intuitive Services

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Gregory Gatchell
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From: Brooke Prim, Tucson, AZ/Glenwood/HI

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From: carolina visser moody]kealakekua]

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Lawai*

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AGRtestimony

From: Michael Howells <howellsm@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 11:43 PM
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From: Michael Howells in Manoa

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AGRtestimony

From: Wendy <wendywailua@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:44 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Wendy Raebeck
Kapa`a

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Mahalo,
W. Raebeck

AGRtestimony

From: Theresa Freund <freundtheresa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:24 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB252

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Theresa Freund and I live in Nuuanu. I am very concerned about the pesticides use in Hawaii and it's negative impacts on our health.

Therefore I am writing in strong support of HB252 which appropriates funds to implement the findings of the Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding study group.

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Theresa Freund
2839 Henry St #E
Honolulu, HI 96817

AGRtestimony

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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:22 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Joel McDonald
Kapaa

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AGRtestimony

From: timoryk@googlemail.com
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:16 PM
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From: [NAME timory Mcdonald
[TOWN]kapaa

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, I have two small children... My concern is legitimate and I hope you protect us!

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Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Nino White <white_nino@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:12 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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AGRtestimony

From: Mary L Spadaro <mlspadaro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:10 PM
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Mary Spadaro
Honolulu

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Excuse my iPad, it has its own ideas about spelling!!!!

AGRtestimony

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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:59 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Bill Smith, Volcano, HI

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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:58 PM
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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:47 PM
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Lahaina, HI 96761

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From: Michael deYcaza
Honolulu

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AGRtestimony

From: Patricia Blair <patriciablair@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:44 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: [NAME]Patricia Blair
[TOWN]Kailua

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From: Robert Petricci <nimo1767@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Robert Petricci
Pohoiki, Hawaii

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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:40 PM
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Kailua Kona

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To: AGRtestimony
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HILO

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AGRtestimony

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Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:36 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Ben Welborn
Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii

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AGRtestimony

From: Andrea Brower <abro262@aucklanduni.ac.nz>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong Support, HB 252

Andrea Brower, PhD
Anahola, Kauai

Aloha Chair Creagan and members of the committee,

This statement is in strong support of HB252, appropriating funds to implement aspects of the JFFG. This year-long study group aimed to settle some of the controversy around agrochemical use in Hawaii. Its conclusions were very strong -- information and study is severely lacking, and it is the State's kuleana to insure proper environmental testing and health monitoring. This bill is a step in that direction.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and time on this critical matter.

AGRtestimony

From: Maria Maitino <mmaitino@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:33 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 252 - Funding JFFG Recommendations - AGR/EEP

From: Maria Maitino
Kilauea, Kauai

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Thank you for your time,

Maria Maitino

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John Naylor
PO Box 1749
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Kailua Kona

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From: Laurie Makaneole
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From: Suzanne Cameron-Stover
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"Knowing that All is working together for Good"

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[TOWN]

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From: [NAME]
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From: Victoria Tewa Holloway <mandalaluna@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 8:36 PM
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From: Victoria Holloway, Princeville HI 96722:

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480 Kenolio Road, 8-101
Kihei, HI 96753

AGRtestimony

From: Lilian Kong <lilian.kong@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 4:26 PM
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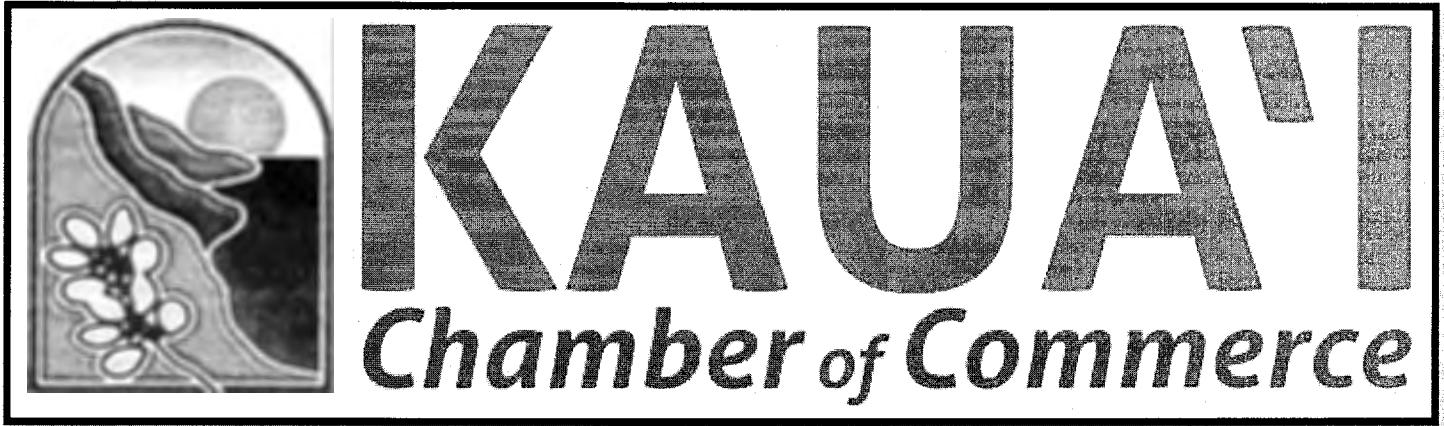
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TO: HOUSE AGR/EOP COMMITTEE

TESTIMONY FROM MARK PERRIELLO, PRESIDENT AND CEO

IN OPPOSITION TO HB 252, HB 253, HB 254, HB 790, HB 1282, & HB 1571

Chairs Creagan and Lee and members of the committees:

The Kauai Chamber of Commerce has served Kauai's diverse business community since 1913. Our mission is to promote, develop and improve commerce, quality growth and economic stability in the County of Kauai. We boast an active membership of more than 650 businesses and professional women and men representing 450 Kauai firms who give freely of their time and talents to advance the commercial, financial, industrial, civic and social well-being of the County of Kauai and the State of Hawaii.

It is with that mission in mind that I write to you today in strong opposition to a series of bills that are currently before your committees (HB 252, HB 253, HB 254, HB 790, HB 1282, & HB 1571). Collectively, these bills would put Hawaii at a distinct competitive disadvantage compared to mainland states and would dampen an already struggling industry and important employer on Kauai and in our state.

HB 252: Appropriates Funds to Implement Recommendations of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Committee.

The Joint Fact Finding Committee (JFF) found no evidence of health or environmental impacts associated with the agriculture industry's use of pesticides on Kauai. For example, cancer rates in supposedly contaminated areas are at or below levels found in the rest of the state.

In addition, the recommendations are clearly and unjustifiably punitive against Kauai's seed companies. Seed companies are responsible for 25 percent of the island's restricted use pesticides (RUP), yet the recommendations all but ignore the remaining 75 percent, and therefore majority of RUP usage on the island.

HB 253: Prohibits the Use of Pesticides containing Chlorpyrifos.

This bill includes controversial justifications in order to rationalize a Chlorpyrifos ban in the state. We should let the scientists with the Environmental Protection Agency finish their deliberations. To move forward without an EPA decision could inhibit seed company operations in the state.

HB 254: Expands the Membership and Duties of the Pesticide Advisory Committee.

The suggested additional responsibilities for the Pesticide Advisory Committee should continue with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA). They are the most qualified experts in the state to ensure the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii.

HB 790: Disclosure and Public Notification for Application of Pesticide by Large Agricultural Operations.

Kauai's large scale agricultural operations have been voluntarily disclosing their pesticide use through the Kauai Good Neighbor Program since December 2013. Each month, the five companies participating in the program report the type of restricted use pesticides (RUP) that they use on Kaua'i.

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HB 1282: Prohibits the Application of Neonics and Glyphosate Without a State of Federal Permit.

Laws like this hurt our farmers. Our farmers understand the need for the proper use of pesticides for crop protection. Outlawing effective pesticides assumes that the industry can quickly develop safe new alternatives for outlawed substances. Should this bill become law, operators in Hawai'i will be forced to develop and use more expensive alternatives.

HB 1571: Establishes Pesticide Disclosure and Public Notification Requirements for Large-Scale, Outdoor Commercial Agriculture Operations.

Like the JFF, this bill is unfairly punitive and discriminatory against large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations, which only accounts for about one third of pesticide use in our state. As mentioned previously, the largest operators on Kaua'i are already disclosing their pesticide usage.

CONCLUSION

The pesticide resistance movement is unreasonably targeting the agricultural industry and is creating a situation where farmers, both large and small, are forced to use more costly substances in order to protect their crops and spend more money on research and development.

Additionally, because these bills only effect the state of Hawai'i, they have the additional drawback of helping codify our state's reputation as a bad place to do business. According to a CNBC study, Hawai'i was selected as the second worst state in the union to do business. Your constituents would be better served by solutions to the challenges of doing business in the state, rather than introducing new burdensome requirements on an important economic driver.

We can all get behind efforts to make our citizens healthier and safer. Unfortunately, these bills will not result in either, because they disproportionately penalize large-scale agricultural operators while ignoring the vast majority of pesticide users in the state, base their findings on controversial science, and jeopardize the agricultural industry's future in our state.