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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**MARCH 28, 2017  
9:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 889 HD1 SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to Testify on House Bill 889 HD1 SD1. The purpose of this Bill is to increase the cap on the pesticides use revolving fund. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this Bill.

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



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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 889 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 889 HD1 SD1, which increases the cap on the pesticide use revolving fund.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We support this bill that would substantially increase the cap on the pesticide use revolving fund to assist DOA in fulfilling its duties to regulate and ensure the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON  
HB 889 HD1 SD1: RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Room 211  
9:30 am

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau **strongly supports HB 889 HD1 SD1** that would increase the amount of moneys from the pesticide use revolving fund that the Department of Agriculture may retain to carry out its statutory mandate.

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

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

Among other things, this increased access to the fund will allow DOA to continue to conduct the costly environmental monitoring for pesticides to assure these tools are being used safely.

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



March 28, 2017

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Support of HB 889, HD1, SD1 Relating to Pesticides (Increases the cap on the pesticide use revolving fund.)**

**WAM Hrg: Tuesday, March 28, 2016, 9:30 a.m., in Conference Room 211**

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, agricultural operations, renewable energy and housing for Hawaii residents of all income levels, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF **supports** **HB 889, HB1, SD1**, which will increase the cap on the Department of Agriculture's (DOA) pesticide use revolving fund from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

**LURF's Position.** LURF understands that such an increase will allow the DOA to conduct critical training and outreach to:

- (1) Ensure that pesticides are not misused, as the misuse of pesticides is not only illegal but may also endanger the health and safety of people and the environment;
- (2) Assist in the disposal of pesticides and pesticide containers; and
- (3) Supplement environmental studies, such as groundwater reviews and water sampling activities.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports** **HB 889, HD1, SD1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this measure.



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### OUR MISSION

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.

## TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### In Support of HB 889, HD1

### Relating to Pesticides

### Increases the Annual Registration Fee for Pesticide Products in Hawaii

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

March 28, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Conference Room 211

Chair Tokuda and members of the committee:

Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (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.

HCIA supports **HB 889, HD1**, which seeks to increase the cap on the pesticide use revolving fund.

HCIA recognizes the importance of pesticides as a tool to protect both agricultural product and Hawaii's citizenry. We support efforts that help maintain and assess the proper regulation and enforcement of these tools. We believe that raising the cap on the pesticide use revolving fund is needed to assure that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has the resources available to enforce pesticide laws and to ensure that the public is protected.

We have confidence in the ability of the HDOA to effectively carry out its regulatory responsibilities and recognize that increased funding will strengthen the Department and help it address community concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha  
Executive Director

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**HB889**

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