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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Monday, January 29, 2018
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2116
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

Senate Bill 2116 proposes to establish a biosecurity emergency response fund under Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and would appropriate monies into this fund. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

The Department is a collaborator on biosecurity issues with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, as described in the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. There is currently no source of funds designed to support biosecurity or invasive species emergencies. Rapid response to new detections is a key component of biosecurity work, and delaying response due to lack of available funding greatly increases the overall cost of a response or eradication effort.

Establishing such a fund is one of the key goals of the Biosecurity Plan, described in border policy action item BorPol1.3. Appropriating money into this fund on a yearly (or as needed) basis is described in border funding action item BorTifs1.4. Passing this measure would directly support implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. The full Biosecurity Plan is available for review at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/hisc/plans/hibp/>.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**JANUARY 29, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2116
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 2116. This bill provides funding for rapid response to new invasive pest species. The Department of Agriculture supports this bill provided it does not impact the department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget and offers a comment.

The passage of SB 2116 will be useful in trying to address eradication of a new invasive pest species at a time when establishment has limited range and dispersion. Some of our most serious invasive pest species, such as coqui frog and little fire ant, would be minimized by rapid response to new invasive pest species detection. A dedicated fund will ensure resources for a quick and effective response. The Department would like to note the support for SB2339 and SB2728, relating to the creation of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, which would repeal Chapter 194 and create a new authority to carry out the duties of biosecurity and invasive species. The Department would like to see this rapid response fund carry over to the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority should one of those measures pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2116

January 29, 2018
1:15 p.m.
Room 224

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Senate Bill No. 2116 expedites the response to newly detected invasive species in the State of Hawaii by establishing procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures; creates the Biosecurity Emergency Response Special Fund to mitigate or eradicate newly detected invasive species that would generate revenues through legislative appropriations and investment earnings; and appropriates \$300,000 in general funds in FY 19 for deposit into the new fund. The Department of Agriculture will administer and expend moneys from the special fund.

While the Department of Budget and Finance takes no position on procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures for newly detected invasive species, as a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to Senate Bill No. 2116, it is unclear whether the proposed fund would be self-sustaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 2116
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Room 224
1:15 pm

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB is in strong support of SB 2116, which establishes a biosecurity emergency response fund within the Department of Agriculture and establishes procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures.

The existing Biosecurity Program includes a rapid response segment but its' procedures are not clearly defined. The intent of this measure to clearly articulate the procedures so timely response to discoveries of new invasive species is needed. We have had numerous new outbreaks, the ohia wilt, semi slugs carrying the rat lungworm disease, and on Kauai a virus currently isolated but that has the potential of great harm to flowering gingers across the state. At a higher level the Rose-ringed parakeet's explosive population growth will take untold amounts of money to bring it under control.

We respectfully urge your support of this measure, clarifying its place within the existing biosecurity program and articulating the procedures that shall be put into place and identify State, County and private parties responsible for the procedural steps.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 7:28:26 AM

Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:



The Senate
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
January 29, 2018
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State Capitol

Testimony in Support of SB 2116

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Committee Members,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **is in support of SB 2116, *Relating to Biosecurity***. The aim of this measure is to create a mechanism for the declaration of a biosecurity emergency, and to create a rapid response fund so that newly detected threats may be immediately addressed.

The molasses spill in Honolulu Harbor in September 2013 was quickly addressed using clear criteria for responding, and the use of the Hawai‘i Department of Health’s Environmental Response Revolving Fund (§128D-2) to immediately begin work. Incursions of invasive species in the past few years really highlight the need for clear criteria that would compel the declaration of an emergency, and an emergency response fund that can be tapped for use.

For example, CGAPS worked with federal and state partners to draft the Hawai‘i Plant Health Emergency Response Plan (see <http://www.cgaps.org/wp-content/uploads/Hawaii-Plant-Health-Emergency-Response-Plan-Final-12-30-2013.pdf>) in 2013, which outlined how state, federal, and non-agency staff could work together in the event of a serious plant pest incursion. The Plan was tested in a discussion-based response exercise in November 2013, which used a fictitious (at the time) scenario where Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles (CRB) were “discovered” on O‘ahu. The ensuing discussion by the multiple agencies and NGO representatives clearly revealed the challenges of not having criteria for the designation of an invasive species “emergency”, and it also documented the lack of funding for immediate response.

Coincidentally, the following month CRB were discovered on Oahu, which put the Plan to a real test, and added evidence that the stumbling blocks identified in the response exercise are real and must be dealt with. The good news was that HDOA and USDA led the response, working with staff from multiple agencies and NGOs, and used borrowed vehicles and equipment. Agencies were able to cover the cost of the response until grant funding was secured. Everyone was happy to do it, but again by coincidence, that same month that CRB were discovered, Little Fire Ants (LFA) were also discovered to have been moved in hapu`u logs on Oahu, Maui, and Lāna‘i, and those same agencies and staff were also providing the personnel, vehicles, and equipment for responding to LFA, which was run on a shoestring budget. Unlike the CRB response, the LFA work was not eligible for federal assistance, and neither of the situations were declared an emergency.

We suggest that this Committee consider placing the authority with the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (§194), which could provide HDOA additional support when considering an emergency response, although we defer to HDOA on this. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,
Christy Martin
CGAPS

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Submitted on: 1/25/2018 5:52:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mae Nakahata	HFBF	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2018 3:27:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
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Monday, January 29, 2018
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Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2116 RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2116, relating to the biosecurity emergency response special fund. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2116 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2116, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it provides for a biosecurity emergency response special fund. Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "Agriculture in our state must be preserved

and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. . . . This could also include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times. . . . As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and “Buy Local” strategies to assure greater food security and food safety. . . . We support adequate resources to address the various invasive species on this island beginning at the point of entry.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-78, 82-86, 101-99, 112-113 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2116 provides for a biosecurity emergency response special fund to protect against substantial risks to agriculture, commerce, economy, environment, or public health of the State or otherwise warrant immediate action against terrestrial and aquatic biosecurity emergencies, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.		Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support a mechanism for rapid response to terrestrial and aquatic emergencies so that newly detected threats can be immediately addressed.