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

MARCH 15, 2018
9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325

SENATE BILL NO. 2126 SD1
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND

Chairperson Lee, Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2126 SD1. The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount that the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund can maintain in order to allow the Department to have the necessary funds to carry out its statutory mandate. 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 and certification 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 user of pesticides, such as the structural pest control industry, agricultural pest control industry, and consumer users of pesticides. This may include collection, disposal, and recycling of pesticide containers and other pesticide services.

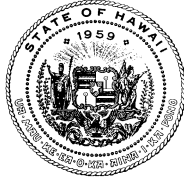


Section 149A-13.5(e) currently allows the pesticide revolving fund to keep all unobligated, unencumbered, and unexpended funds remaining in the fund up to \$250,000. The proposed Act would increase this amount to \$1,000,000.

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, it may endanger the health of people 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 testify on this measure.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2126, SD1
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND**

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD P. CREAGAN, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE LYNN DECOITE, VICE CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Hearing Date: March 15, 2018
Time: 9:00 AM

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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports increasing the Department of Agriculture
- 3 Pesticide Use Revolving Fund balance threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 so that DOA has
- 4 the flexibility to use the increased revenue from pesticide registration fees to support pesticide
- 5 safety education and conduct studies to evaluate off target impacts of pesticide use to protect
- 6 human health and the environment. DOH provides technical and scientific support to DOA on
- 7 toxicology and fate and transport of pesticides in the environment.
- 8 **Offered Amendments:** No amendments offered.
- 9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for EEP on 3/15/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; the Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

To the Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair; the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SB2676 SD1**, relating to Pesticide Use Revolving Fund; and Balance Threshold Increase.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SB2676 SD1** and support its passage.

SB2676 SD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states that "[t]he Democratic Party of Hawai'i holds that our party and our government shall strive for the following ideas and values:

1. Support and provide for a strong economy
2. Preserve and strengthen the future of agriculture in Hawai'i
3. Support strong labor practices, good jobs and a living wage
4. Support measures to drastically reduce income and wealth inequality
5. Protect and restore the civil and human rights of each person
6. Support the rights of native Hawaiians and the preservation of native Hawaiian culture
7. Support the eradication of discrimination
8. Reform our government, supporting transparency in government and free, fair, and democratic elections
9. Provide an excellent, free public education for students at every level 27
10. Support a comprehensive approach to ending poverty
11. Provide high quality and free healthcare for every human being

12. Protect and preserve Hawaii's
environment
sustainability

transportation policies that improve our quality of life

Support military relations that honor and provide for all military personnel and veterans
while protecting our

'aina

fair and just foreign policy that promotes peace (Platform of the DPH, PP. 8-9, Lines
443-462 (2016)).

13. Achieve energy

14. Adopt

15.

16. Support

Given that **SB2676 SD1** increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance
threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, it is the position of the OCC Legislative
Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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In Support of SB 2126, SD1 with comments RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND

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

March 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 325

Chairs Lee and Creagan and members of the committees:

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 SB 2126, SD1 with comments**, which seeks to increase the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

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. HCIA believes that increasing the pesticide revolving fund will assure that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has the resources available to enforce pesticide laws and perform their required duties.

We defer to the HDOA regarding the appropriation of funds, registration and licensing rules, certification, education, and compliance monitoring activities detailed in this measure. 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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March 15, 2018

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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TESTIMONY ON SB 2126, SD 1
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND

Room 325
9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Lowen, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 SB 2126, SD 1, which 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 mainly 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony for EEP on 3/15/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) **SUPPORT SB 2126, SD1**, Relating to the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund, which would increase the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund balance threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, effective July 1, 2050.

Pesticide training, outreach, and education are critical to ensure that pesticides are used properly and not misused. LURF understands that increasing the “cap” on the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 would enhance the Department of Agriculture's ability to support the its Pesticide Program registration, licensing, certification and compliance monitoring activities; conduct pesticide education, training, research, outreach, disposal of pesticides and pesticide containers; and to supplement environmental studies, such as groundwater reviews, and water sampling activities.

For the reasons set forth above, LURF respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in **SUPPORT** of SB 2126, SD1. Please feel free to contact executive Director, David Arakawa, if there are any questions.