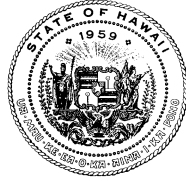


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2126  
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND**

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date: February 1, 2018  
Time: 2:30 pm

Room Number: 016

- 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 OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018  
2:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016**

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

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2126. 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.

**Eileen O'Hara**  
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Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Hawai'i State Senate

January 31, 2018

**Re: In Support of Senate Bill 2126, from Hawai'i County Council District 4  
To be heard by AEN on 02-01-18 2:30PM in conference room 016**

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

I'm writing to express my support of Senate Bill 2126, which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

Over time, fixed amounts established by law need to be adjusted to reflect current valuation. Valuations change rapidly, and I support the efforts of SB2126 to reflect that. Please contact me if you have any questions about my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen O'Hara".

Eileen O'Hara  
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February 1, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2126**  
RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND

Room 16  
2:30 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports SB 2126**, 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.



## **Board of Directors**

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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### **In Support of SB 2126 with comments**

### **RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

February 1, 2018, 2:30 p.m.

Conference Room 016

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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.

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

### President Emeritus

Kirby Kester

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.

### Executive Director

Bennette Misalucha

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,

Bennette Misalucha

Executive Director



**Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment**

**Board of Directors:**

**Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) strongly supports:  
SB2126**

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Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

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.

I am testifying in strong support of SB2126 increasing the ceiling of the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

Given the concerns that residents across our state with have expressed around large pesticide users operating near schools, homes and other sensitive areas and management challenges of this issue faced by the SDOA, it is clear that additional resources are needed to properly staff and manage enforcement efforts.

I strongly urge the committee to amend SB2126 as may be needed to allow funds from the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund to also be utilized by the Department of Health or other appropriate entity to conduct testing and evaluation centered on the health impacts of intensive pesticide use in impacted communities and adjacent natural habitats.

The State/County sponsored Joint Fact Finding study group (JFFG) did an exhaustive 18 month review of existing health and pesticide data on Kauai and issued its report in 2016.

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



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.

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

This is why it is so important that the recommendations put forward by the State government funded JFFG report actually be funded and implemented by the State. The comprehensive and regular testing of soil, air and water is essential to determining the degree of health risks that are associated with the pesticide use and drift that we know is occurring.

SB2126 is an important step toward fulfilling the objectives and recommendations contained within the State sponsored Joint Fact Finding study group (JFFG) report 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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## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Dear Chair Gabbard and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. I am a teacher in a public school in Mililani and live in Wahiawa - our communities are all deeply affected by past and present pesticide use.

It is critical that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i. At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keiki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study Group.

The recommendations urge 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. I urge you to support SB 2126.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Perruso  
Executive Director

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:38:40 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John R. Gordines	Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Ass.	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:45:34 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Koohan Paik		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:09:37 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Rudolph		Support	No

Comments:

**STRONGLY SUPPORT this funding!**

**Let's start with funding the BIRTH DEFECT REGISTRY at the Dept. of Health, that has been MISSING IN ACTION FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS! Let the Dept. of Ag fund the update to the birth defect registry - Since they mostly caused the problem in the first place!**

**So VERY tired and unhappy with the the legislature's lack of action, year after year, on the lack of protection for Hawai'i residents and the pesticide issue.**

**For God's sake, DO something this year!**

**~Mahalo!**

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 2:45:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Blair		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 2:49:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Lacques		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 2:49:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
laura Ramirez		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 3:24:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Nix		Support	No

Comments:

This is a step in the right direction.



**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 3:28:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
La'akea Kaufman		Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. With increased funding, the State can do a better job at pesticide registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities. At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keiki from pesticide exposure, so we are asking the committee to ensure that some of the monies to be directed specifically to efforts to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study Group.

Sincerely,

La'akea Kaufman

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 3:29:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dave Kisor		Support	No

Comments:

It's all about the money. In order to prevent Hawai'i's future from being destroyed by toxic chemicals, they need to be restricted and people need to be educated about them.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 3:35:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr.David C Spafford	Research UHM Botany	Support	No

## Comments:

As a University plant physiologist, I would like the Senate to know that pesticides are very dangerous in multiple ways. In addition, the public tends to discount these risks in order to save money. You legislators must act in the public interest by doing everything possible to strictly regulate or ban the use of these substances.

**From:** [Taylor, Vicki](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2126 - Increases the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund Balance Threshold  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:01:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hearing for SB 2126

Thursday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

2:30PM, Capitol Room 016

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold, so that someone will be regulating our states pesticide use, exposure, and runoff to our reefs. Please see that we are protected from negligence, over use, most of all the protection of our children and island reefs, since they are the most vulnerable.

Sincerely

Vicki L. Taylor

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**SB-2126**

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Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Puppione		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. My name is Greg Puppione, and I live in Honolulu.

We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies. It is especially important that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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. This is important for both our environment and our people.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Thank you for your careful consideration on this matter.

Aloha,

Greg Puppione

**From:** [Marta Greenleaf](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for bill 2126  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:37:51 PM

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By increasing funding, the State can do a better job at pesticide registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities. And, there should be a crucial addition for the use of that the increased funding should be dedicated to protecting our keiki from pesticide exposure, so we are asking the committee to ensure that some of the monies to be directed specifically to efforts to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study.

Sincerely,  
Marta Greenleaf  
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**From:** [Michal Stover](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:58:43 PM

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Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

As a Kaua'i resident and concerned citizen, I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold.

We must adequately fund our agencies to fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

Similarly, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our children from pesticide exposure. Therefore, I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Aloha,

Michal Stover  
Kilauea, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 5:02:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Mader	Hawai'i resident	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

There is currently little to no oversight on pesticide application violations. There is no random checking of restricted use pesticide spray logs, to ensure the label is being followed. As documented in previous testimony, I cited many instances where the label was violated and nothing was done. No fines, no warnings, no re-training of applicators.

I support responsible agriculture. I think we should be growing more food for ourselves, and I support farmers who feed us locally. I feel the Dept of Ag is underfunded to enforce the current pesticide laws on the books and there have been gross negligence and numerous violations of proper pesticide application.

Dept of Ag had several cases of multiple restricted use pesticides drift into Maui residents' homes. It took them 5 years to complete most of the investigations. By that time, the applicator is often no longer working, and the damage has been done to nearby communities, costing us valuable time where the violators could have made adjustments and corrections to protect us. FIVE YEARS!

With so many days of high winds, pesticides impact all of us. Let's empower DoA to investigate and correct pesticide misuse, abuse, label violations and complete studies on the impact of certain pesticides on our health and our environment and resources.

Mahalo nui

Deborah Mader

Kiehi, HI



**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 5:33:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
J Ashman		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:56:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sherilyn Wells		Support	No

Comments:

I am a former Board Member of the Washington Toxics Coalition and I can think of few things more important than the acquisition of untainted information, upon which good people of conscience can then be expected to act appropriately, protecting public health and safety above all. We have seen how the recent scandals at the CDC, in which various studies' results were deliberately altered or omitted, shows us that there are no guarantees that study results will be honored by the people in a position to create public policy, but, because this bill would fund more informed studies, it has my support. Let us do everything we can to ensure that studies are performed with integrity and the results shared broadly (daylight the process).

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:42:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
DONNIE BECKER		Support	Yes

Comments:

RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE  
REVOLVING FUND.

Increases the pesticide use revolving fund  
balance threshold from \$250,000 to  
\$1,000,000.

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RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

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Makes an appropriation to implement the  
recommendations of the joint fact finding study  
group's report on pesticide use by large  
agribusinesses on Kauai.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:03:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carrie Brennan, N.D.		Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill for the health of the people and land of Hawaii.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:33:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Autumn Ness	Hawai'i Center for Food Safety	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:49:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Furst		Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies. It is especially important that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

The giant corporate agriculture companies who have controlled much of our State's land for so long have no interest in protecting the people of Hawaii from harmful effects of their chemical processes. It is up to the State to provide adequate funding for agencies that can fulfill that purpose. Now more than ever, the people of Hawaii need strong governmental oversight and regulation to protect public health.

It is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:08:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marion McHenry		Support	No

Comments:

We need to have more funding to study the effects of so many restricted use pesticides on our fragile island environment and on our people.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:56:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
L. Osterer		Support	No

Comments:

With all the toxic pesticides in use and the lack of following existing regulations, it is clear that we need these studies. Pkease support this bill.

L. Osterer, Koloa, Hawaii resident and registered voter



**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:56:58 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tia pearson	self	Support	No

Comments:

We need to increase our regulatory efforts regarding pesticide use for the sake of our future generations.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:48:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eduardo A. Gandolfo		Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support of more control on pesticides!

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 3:12:28 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kat Culina		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:08:49 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tasia Y		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. Increased funding for pesticide regulatory efforts and more substantive research on the effects of pesticides used in Hawai'i is extremely important. Especially in light of what some research has pointed to in terms of effects on children, we should not allow this bill to die in session or have to wait another year to attempt to pass.

I would hope that part of this increase in funding also be dedicated to this point-protecting our keiki from pesticide exposure- specifically, that some of this funding is allocated to efforts to implement recommendations from the Joint Fact Finding Study Group.

Mahalo nui for taking my testimony into consideration. I urge you to support SB2126.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:21:10 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Francesca Diaz		Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill, in order to further correct implimentations and regulations to protect our keiki. With a higher funding we can take more safety measures to regulate pesticide use. We have a precious island with precious little kids, the spray affects everything. Including hapai women, downwind residents, and even the workers! We have to make sure people are minimally and correctly using pesticides.

Mahalo

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:03:46 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Ampolos		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:16:56 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois Crozer		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:51:39 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rob Weltman		Support	No

Comments:

We need to make sure enough resources are available to consistently regulate pesticide usage in Hawaii.



**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:28:36 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary True		Support	No

Comments:

With increased funding Hawaii can do a better job at pesticide registering and licensing certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities. It is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting the keiki from pesticide exposure so I am asking the committee to ensure that some of the money be directed specifically to efforts to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study Group.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:03:18 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arnold Kotler		Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support regulation of harmful pesticides and believe this bill is an important step toward the protection of our keiki and adults. Mahalo.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:25:11 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Navran		Support	No

Comments:

Seri Niimi-Burch  
PO Box 898  
Honoka'a, HI 96727

Senator Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Riviere, Vice Chair  
Hawai'i Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment  
RE: SB 2126 - Relating to Pesticides

January 31st, 2018

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. As a resident of Hawai'i Island, an educator, and an aunt to two nieces and a nephew, it is important to me that my state legislature recognize the importance of studying and understanding the effects of pesticide use on the health of our land, children, and communities and take appropriate measures to protect them.

We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies. It is especially important that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Sincerely,  
Seri Niimi-Burch

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:33:03 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Hooser	Kauai County Council	Support	No

Comments:

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

From: Gary Hooser

SB 2126 RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND.

AEN 016 Feb 1, 2018 2:30

Testimony in Support of SB 2126

This testimony is in strong support of increasing the amount of funds available to support the regulation of pesticide use within the Department of Agriculture.

Gary Hooser

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:43:09 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lana Patlingrao	Mililani High School	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong opposition of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance treshold.

I am a young teenager in the class of 2021 at mililani high school. Even though I may not fully understand everything in the pesticide world, but I cannot agree to SB 2126. After watching the video "Island Earth" I have come to the realization about the real effects of pesticides. If the balance for pesticides is increased that would mean the use of pesticides will increase as well. But along with the increase of pesticides will come an increase of health issues that the human race will experiance because of exposure to the pesticides. Thus, I strongly oppose the SB2126.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 1:16:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Varsames	Holistic Learning Center of Maui, LLC	Support	No

Comments:

Hearing for SB 2126

Thursday, Feb 1st, 2018

2:30PM, Capitol Room 016

**Subject: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance treshold. **Pesticides are known neuro toxins and greatly impact brain and lung functioning for our children when inhaled. When ingested on food, inflammation in the somach occurs as well as throws off the pH balance, and acidic stomachs cannot absorb nutrition. This is a hug contributor to ADHD diagnosis and overall porr concentration, focus and leaning in children. The amounts of pesticides need to be reduced and eliminated. We can use natural oils and botanicals to replace chemical pesticides. It is simple and cost effective.**

Thank you.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 1:25:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
barbara childers		Support	No

Comments:



**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 1:34:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Jana Bogs	Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 1:48:34 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
denise woods		Support	No

Comments:

Please support this and any measure aimed at regulation of pesticides on Hawaii. Thank You.

Denise Woods, RN



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January 31 , 2018

TO: Honorable Chair Gabbard and Members of the Agriculture & Environment Committee

RE: SB 2126 Relating to the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund

Support for hearing on Feb. 1

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 2126 as it would increase the pesticide use revolving fund balance to provide for the State's pesticide regulatory efforts, including funding more informed studies. Pesticide use is a large concern to our community. This is a major health issue and needs to be addressed. This is one way to provide a partial solution.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel  
President

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 3:30:04 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee		Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

Those of you who have introduced this bill are the LEADERS we citizens are so lucky to have. I am trained in science with much chemistry with a magor in Biology, Pyschology and a minor in Nutrition. This area is the top of my list of priorities because I am so concerned about the diminishing health of our people here due to the use of the category of toxic chemicals that include almost ALL pesticides. I urge all of you leaders of our State, to increase the **pesticide use revolving fund** balance to provide for the State's pesticide regulatory efforts, **including funding more informed studies.. As you know, the chemical companies are at war with our welfare considering the funds they have, they have won battles that shock the informed and concerned citizenry.**

Mahalo for your time in reading my comments,

April Lee

Hawi, HI

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 3:52:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Petricci		Support	No

Comments:

Please support SB2126 and help protect our keiki, kapuna, aina, and our water from toxic pestiside cotmination like we see in Kunia and elsewhere around Hawaii.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:17:03 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Harden		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please vote for robust funding to protect our health.

And please add funding to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study Group. These are based on in-depth exploration of literature on pesticide exposure and call for better monitoring of pesticides and of chronic illnesses associated with pesticide exposure.

mahalo,

Cory Harden, Hilo

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:35:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Umiamaka		Support	No

Comments:

Subject: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance treshold. (Share who you are and why you care here).

We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund

our agencies. It is especially important that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.





**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:46:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:54:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sylvia Dolena		Support	No

Comments:

Pesticide Regulation is critically important to have a safe environment for all of our future.

Sylvia Dolena, Pele Lani Farm LLC

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:10:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jade Moss		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly urge you to support the increase funding to \$1M for the much needed research related to the adverse effects of RUPs. Diligence is needed in this area to ensure a healthy 'aina and people. Please kokua!

Jade

Kalaheo

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:15:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeri Di Pietro	GMO Free Kaua'i	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:23:48 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
elizabeth hansen		Support	No

Comments:

Please protect the Aina- we must spend our money on our resources that our life line.

Please pass this bill. Mahalo.

Elizabeth Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

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**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:23:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John NAYLOR	N/A	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:12:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fern Rosenstiel	'Ohana o Kaua'i	Support	No

## Comments:

Please pass this bill and provide the long overdue increase in funds to better evaluate how we can better regulate pesticides and protect our children, communities and environment. Mahalo!

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:40:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joy Fisher		Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and urge you to pass it.

Joy Fisher



**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 6:54:04 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nathan Yuen		Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance.

Hawaii is ground zero for the industrial use of pesticides in agricultural fields many of which are close to communities where our people live. We need more research and data collection to study the effects of pesticides on human health and the environment.

This bill increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. More is actually needed and I would support increasing the threshold to \$5,000,000. This will allow the State to use informed and educated studies to consistently collection information important to pesticide regulation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter. I strongly support SB2126 and urge you to pass this bill out of committee.

**From:** [Janice Palma-Glennie](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Increase pesticide regulation and funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:10:00 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

As a long-time member of the agriculture industry and one who has made my living growing nursery plants without the use of toxic chemicals, I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold.

Funding for efforts to monitor and control pesticide use are critical to protecting our `aina and keiki. That is why I am asking the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study Group. As you know, 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 recommendations urge 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.

Please support SB 2126. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

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**Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment**

**Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: SB2126**

Aloha e Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee,

My name is Keani Rawlins-Fernandez and I am with the Hawaii 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 850,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including over 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.

I am writing in strong support of SB2126, which increases the amount of monies from the pesticide use revolving fund that the Department of Agriculture may retain to carry out its statutory mandate. We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies.

Additionally, I would suggest that this committee revised the bill to allow some of the monies to be directed specifically to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

Respectfully,

Keani Rawlins-Fernandez  
Hawaii Center for Food Safety

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Testimony SB2126

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Hearing for SB 2126

Thursday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

2:30PM, Capitol Room 016

**Subject: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

**I am writing in strong support of SB 2126** which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. I am a marine biologist and senior manager, now retired after 30+ years with the British Columbia government, and a winter resident of Kauai for the past 12 years. I care deeply about the use and abuse of synthetic pesticides and their negative effects on soil health and fertility, food nutrition, the health of farm workers and those living in the air- and watersheds where pesticides are used, and the poisoning of our drinking water and both fresh- and marine waters and the creatures that live in them.

We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies. It is especially important that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Michael Coon, M.Sc., B.Sc.

**From:** [Pake Salmon](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:16:07 AM

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Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2126 which increases the pesticide use revolving fund balance threshold. (Share who you are and why you care here).

We cannot expect appropriate capacity at the regulatory level if we chronically underfund our agencies. It is especially important that we fund more studies focusing on the health effects of toxic synthetic pesticides in Hawai'i.

At the same time, it is crucial that the increased funding be dedicated to protecting our keki from pesticide exposure, so I ask the committee to revise the bill to ensure that some of the monies be dedicated to efforts to implement the recommendations of the 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 recommendations urge 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.

I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,  
Pake Salmon

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**From:** [Richard Kinoshita](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Bill SB 2126  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:44:37 PM

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I support this bill to enable further oversight into the use of harmful pesticides.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Sandi Ioakimi](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2126-- RELATING TO PESTICIDES  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:56:27 PM

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I urge you to support SB 2126. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Sandi Ioakimi  
[sioakimi@gmail.com](mailto:sioakimi@gmail.com)