



## **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 WAYS AND MEANS

February 13, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Conference Room 211

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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.

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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,

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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

Room 211  
10:30 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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.

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 2/10/2018 9:46:09 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments:

**SB-2126**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 8:20:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments: