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SB-2566

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Testimony for WTL on 2/7/2018 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Weidenbach	Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association	Support	No

Comments:

Measures to control this invasive agricultural pest are needed before further range expansion and industry impact.



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**Testimony to the Senate Committees on
Water and Land & Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 1:20 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 224**

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 2566 RELATING TO RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Gabbard and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

The Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce supports passage of Bill 2081 relating to the rose-ringed parakeet. These birds continue to wreak havoc on Kaua'i. Their every expanding numbers only mean more property and crop damage and loss of native bird habitat in the future. The detrimental economic effects of the parakeet cannot be overstated.

On Kaua'i, resident and visitor complaints have increased in association with the noise from the parakeets. The birds also represent a potential vector of various pathogens and disease (e.g. avian flu, avian malaria, salmonella) that could be passed to humans, pets, and native wildlife through direct contact or in association with droppings below roosting and foraging sites.

The rose-ringed parakeet remains a significant issue for farmers and the visitor industry. The parakeets are damaging corn crops, lychee, and rambutan. Hoteliers, facing mounting complaints from their guests, are forced to allocate resources in order to mitigate problems associated with the bird.

For those reasons, we support SB 2566.

The Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce has served Kauai's diverse business community since 1913. Our mission is to promote, develop and improve commerce, quality growth and economic stability in the County of Kaua'i. We boast an active membership of more than 800 businesses and professional women and men representing 400 Kaua'i firms who give freely of their time and talents to advance the commercial, financial, industrial, civic and social well-being of the County of Kaua'i and the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for considering the views of the Kaua'i Chamber as you deliberate on this important subject.

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Testimony for WTL on 2/7/2018 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. Gordines	Kauai County Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments:

Kauai County Farm Bureau

Re: Chair Rhoads and Chair Gabbard

Senate Committee on Water Land Agriculture and Enviroment

SB 2566

The Kauai County Farm Bureau supports the passage of SB 2566 relating to the Red Rose Ringed Parakeet (RRRP). The RRRP has continued to affect Kauai farmers and they are taking a financial loss due to the aggressive feeding and roosting habits of the parakeets.

The visitor industry is also being affected by the loud volume and nuisance that they are displaying at the visitor destinations not to mention the health hazards of their waste.

They are also becoming a threat to our native birds, their food and nesting sites.

This is a major problem that is escalating very rapidly.

Kauai County Farm Bureau has over 300 members and we encourage you to approve funding for continued research and most importantly eradication!

Respectfully,

John R. Gordines

President

Kauai County Farm Bureau

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman		Support	No

Comments:

From: [Ramon de la PeÃ±a](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB2566
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 8:12:06 PM



Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SB 2566, which appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to provide assistance and supplemental funding to the National Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and develop a management plan to reduce the rose-ringed parakeet population on Kauai.

Although beautiful and appealing, these parakeets are damaging both commercial farmers' crops and backyard growers' orchards on Kauai, especially of lychee, longan, and rambutan.

I believe the state needs a cost-effective solution to control the rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai that will benefit economically important crops, reduce potential for damage to natural resources, and avoid any negative effects on the health and safety of Kauai residents.

I therefore respectfully request your strong support of this measure to control the growing rose-ringed parakeet population in the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

Mahalo!

TO: Chairs Gabbard and Rhoads
Senate Committees on Water, Land & Agriculture, Environment

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RE: COMMENTS ON SB2566; RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

OvoControl (nicarbazin 0.5%) is registered by EPA (Reg. No. 80224-1) to control egg hatchability in pigeons, starlings, grackles, blackbirds, cowbirds and Myna birds and effectively acts as a humane and effective contraceptive for birds. Due to the benign nature of the active ingredient, the product carries no ecological risks. OvoControl is non-toxic and only has a contraceptive effect in avians and no effect in other vertebrate or invertebrate species. The only risk in using OvoControl is application to the wrong bird. That said, OvoControl is a contraceptive and if applied to a non-target, the active ingredient rapidly excretes and the bird returns to normal reproduction within a week. More at www.ovocontrol.com and FAQ's below.

OvoControl can be developed for use in the Rose-ringed parakeet, *Psittacula krameri*. While not yet tested in this individual species, given their feeding characteristics, the existing pigeon bait should be palatable to the birds. A baiting program would need to target this species and not others. Development of an automatic feeder or feeding station inviting to the parakeet which simultaneously limits competing species would be necessary.

A humane contraceptive program using OvoControl would be part of an effective solution and control program for this species.

Please contact Inga Gibson or myself for any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.



Innolytics, LLC
The Pigeon Control Company

PRODUCT INFORMATION

OvoControl is a ready-to-use bait that interferes with the reproduction of treated birds, causing the population to decline through attrition. This effective and humane technology is especially useful for managing pigeon flocks in larger areas without having to resort to poisons and their associated risks.

RECOMMENDED USE

Baiting can begin at any time and OvoControl has been shown to have a wide margin of safety and efficacy. Flat rooftops are the ideal area to bait pigeons. No special license is required to purchase or apply the product.

EFFICACY

Pigeons breed rapidly – just five mating pairs can produce up to 400 pigeons in only two years. Fortunately, the [life-span of urban pigeons](#) is short, limited to just 2-3 years. When applied according to label directions, OvoControl interferes with egg hatchability. Since no new birds are hatching, the population of birds declines naturally and continuously. [Field studies](#) show a reduction of approximately 50%, annually. Recently collected data at a monitored site in San Diego reflected an 88% decline over 28 months.

COSTS

The retail price of OvoControl is \$7.45/lb. The cost to treat a flock of 100 pigeons during the first year averages \$6.63/day – the one-time cost of the automatic feeder kit is \$224.99. Due to declining pigeon numbers, the cost of bait declines by roughly 50% during the second year of treatment. Visit our convenient [on-line store](#) for pricing and ordering details.

APPLICATION RATE

OvoControl P is applied with an [automatic feeder](#) at a rate of 1lb/80 pigeons per day. Overfeeding or underfeeding the birds can be counterproductive. See the [OvoControl User's Guide](#) for details.

REGISTERED BY EPA

Registered by [EPA \(Reg. No. 80224-1\)](#) and approved in 49 states (New Hampshire is missing), OvoControl is ideal for large areas where some pigeons can be tolerated but where a substantially reduced population is desired. OvoControl is non-hazardous and is advocated by the [Humane Society of the United States](#) (HSUS), [American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#) (ASPCA), [Audubon](#) and [Peregrine Fund](#).

NON-TARGETS

OvoControl only has a contraceptive effect in birds and has no [secondary effects in birds of prey](#). OvoControl is considered a pesticide and care should be taken to avoid administration to non-target birds and other animals. See the link for a current copy of the [EPA-approved label](#).