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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Friday, February 23, 2018
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2574
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Senate Bill 2574 proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to plan the construction of a new biological control research facility. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

Biological control, the process of reuniting an invasive species in Hawaii with a carefully tested and narrowly targeted pest from its native range, is one of the most cost-effective and safe methods for controlling invasive species in Hawaii. The Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan places a high priority in investing in biological control research. Unfortunately, the pathogen containment facility for biological control research at HDOA has been non-operational for several years. A new facility is needed in order to meet safety standards and restart this important, cost-saving area of work.

Establishing such a facility is one of the key goals of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan, described in postborder infrastructure action item PosTifs2.1. Passing this measure would directly support implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. The full Hawaii Interagency 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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**FEBRUARY 23, 2018
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**SENATE BILL NO. 2574
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2574. This bill will provide general obligation bonds for the planning of a state-of-the-art biological control facility. The Department strongly supports this bill.

This measure is consistent with the Department's recently released "Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan." This bill highlights the Department's priority to develop a 21st century lab for the Biocontrol Branch in the Department's Plant Industry Division to perform its important plant and pest control programs. This funding will allow the Department to update its current antiquated facility into a state-of-the-art laboratory.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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| Melodie Aduja | Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual | Support | No |

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