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Comments:

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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TESTIMONY ON SB 346
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Room 224
1:45 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Kahele, Vice Chairs Riviere and Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

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 supports SB 346, to substantially increase the pesticide licensing fee and amend authorized uses for moneys in the pesticide use revolving fund.

We also support a memorandum of understanding between the department of agriculture and the University of Hawaii CTAHR regarding the expenditure of funds from the pesticide use revolving fund. HFB also supports the establishment of an environmental toxicologist position within DOA and a pesticide extension specialist position within UH CTAHR to assist DOA in fulfilling its duties to regulate and ensure the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii.

HFB supports a robust state pesticide regulatory and education program and believes that, in order to carry out its duties, DOA must be funded adequately.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and for your support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment and
the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 1:45 P.M.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

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RE: SENATE BILL 346 RELATING TO PESTICIDES

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

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 346, which increases the pesticide licensing fee and requires annual renewal of the license. Amends authorized uses for moneys in the pesticide use revolving fund. Requires memorandum of understanding between the department of agriculture and the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources regarding the expenditure of funds from the pesticide use revolving fund and a report to the legislature. Establishes an environmental toxicologist position within the department of agriculture and a pesticide extension specialist, through a contract with the department of agriculture, within the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources. Appropriates funds out of the pesticide use revolving fund for specific purposes.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We support this bill that would substantially increase the pesticide licensing fee and amend authorized uses for moneys in the pesticide use revolving fund. We also support a memorandum of understanding between the department of agriculture and the University of Hawaii CTAHR regarding the expenditure of funds from the pesticide use revolving fund. Furthermore, we also supports the establishment of an environmental toxicologist position within DOA and a pesticide extension specialist position within UH CTAHR to assist DOA in fulfilling its duties to regulate and ensure the safe use of pesticides in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: [Steve Paselk](#)
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I am in support of increasing licensing fees of pesticides and funding the position of a Pesticide toxicologist. I would say that the fees need to be high enough to fund more than one AG Dept agent per island so that drift monitoring can be done. Also environmental monitoring of soil, runoff water, and ocean reef testing near large agriculture operations should be funded as well, especially where RU pesticides and experimental pesticide tolerance on Gmo test fields is being done. For too long the chemical industry and industrial agriculture has threatened the publics health with impunity. Those of us in areas of heavy exposure areas are tired of the Dept of Ag and the Dept of Health ignoring us and claiming theres nothing we can do- we don't have the funding. Another way to do this would be to establish a higher Get tax rate on commercial pesticide dealers as compared to hardware store.
Stephen Paselk, Paia, Maui, Hawaii

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Measure provides a proactive mechanism to address pesticide issues with a funding mechanism outside of the General fund. Please support this measure. Thank you.

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