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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 5, 2020 9:15 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 2114 RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2114 that will require that the Department of Agriculture prepare and submit an annual report to the legislature no latter than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session. The proposed bill also provides for increased fines for administrative and criminal penalties and mandates a Warning notice be issued for the first violation of the Pesticide laws.

For this proposed bill the Department provides these comments. The Department currently produces quarterly and annual reports to EPA under which much of the proposed reporting requirements are covered. The reports are quite detailed and comprehensive and do focus on compliance inspections including, complaints, market surveillance inspections (pesticide products licensed to sell in Hawaii), certified applicator recordkeeping requirements (for Certified Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides), Worker Protection Standard, and pesticide use inspections in general. Those records also include any issues that are associated with endangered species and critical habitats, high level episodes, and water quality compromise. Because pesticide use is quite common across the economic landscape the reports also include information on inspections of non-agricultural applications, fumigations, Restricted Use



Pesticide Dealer establishments, Producer Establishment inspections, and Experimental Use Permit inspections. Because each inspection is unique the amount of time it takes to complete an investigation that stems from an inspection can vary widely. Some complaints can be resolved in a matter of hours but others, due to the scope of the investigation, can take weeks. All inspections are currently reviewed by case developers and are formerly closed if no violation is determined. For those that have suspected violations the case developers present the details for legal review in determining what type of penalty is appropriate. All of the inspections that we conduct are done under complete confidentiality. Releasing locations of the inspections could violate that confidentiality and disclose private information, not only for the one for which the complaint has been lodged but also for the complainant.

We are supportive of the increase in fines for violations of the Pesticide laws. Providing additional teeth for enforcement could be persuasive for applicators to make smart legal decisions when using pesticides if the penalty is severe enough. We are concerned that striking the language from may to "shall upon first violation be issued a warning notice" could affect our ability to go direct to the monetary penalty phases in the case of egregious pesticide use violations or high level episodes if the language mandates a warning notice on the first offense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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February 5, 2020

Testimony To: House Committee on Agriculture

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE

Executive Director

Subject: H.B. 2114 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association, an association composed of pest control operators who perform structural pest control operations. We are opposed to this bill.

Our oppositions lies in the fact that we think it is not a "balanced" bill. If it were, the annual report which contains the information called for in the bill, would call for a complete picture of the information. As an example, in item number four (4), on page three (3), information is specified as that which is the outcome of pesticide inspections including any enforcement actions taken, however it should also include those inspections where no violation was found.

Additionally, we believe there should be an item number six (6), which should read something to the effect of "[T]he benefit that each application resulted in, including the pest controlled, the damages curtailed, the adverse health effects prevented and the products or services which were saved or maintained".

We also find that the increase in the fines are drastic. The majority of pest control operators are small businesses, some which are "one man shows" or with two (2) or three (3) employees. There must be a less painful way of putting them out of business other than hitting them with a \$10,000.00 fine. The current \$5000.00 fine would be difficult enough to overcome. We realize that the language in the bill calls for "not more than" \$10,000.00 and we realize that there is language regarding considering the size of the business however, that is just general instructional language without any real structured application.

Lastly, we would have similar comments as to the increase in the fines from \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 and think that those are <u>outrageous</u> except for in the most <u>outrageous</u> of cases, however we don't find anything in this language that dictates a mitigation of this application.

We have also not heard of cases or situations where the current fines have been insufficient.

Based on the above, we oppose passage of this bill.

Thank you.



Senate House Committee on Agriculture and the Environment

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: HSB2114569

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

My name is Lauryn Rego and I am the Director for the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose missions include the promotion of agricultural production methods that are beneficial to the ecosystem. We have over 950,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearly 14,000 in Hawai'i. On behalf of CFS and our members, I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today regarding this important bill.

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 nearing 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.

CFS has been dedicated to addressing the human health and environmental impacts of our increased reliance on pesticide use in food production, both in the State of Hawai'i and nationally. We were instrumental in providing legal and communications support in the passage of numerous ordinances relating to pesticide use and disclosure, such as Kaua'i's Bill 2491 and Act 45 (Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018). Since 2014, we have worked closely with community members across the state, in all counties.

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I am writing in strong support of SB2569-HB2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations. amends the existing make up of the pesticide advisory committee to better reflect the current economy and current pesticide concerns for the state. SB2569 directs that the committee shall:

The study entitled "Pesticide Use by Large Agribusinesses on Kaua'i", published in May 2016 by the independent Joint Fact Finding Study Group, points out the need for more timely pesticide inspections and compliance investigations, as well as better reporting on the results of pesticide inspections and investigations. According to the same study, the use of drift-prone pesticides should be more strictly monitored through inspections and proven violators should be fined.

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- (2) Evaluate and recommend to the legislature specific changes to the State's pesticide laws and regulations;
- (3) Revise and expand the Kaua'i agricultural good neighbor program statewide; and
- (4) Establish a comprehensive buffer zone policy for the state.

In light of the recent history of known pesticide violations, we strongly support HB2114, which will help establish a written public record of violations, and incentivize compliance. As the Kauai Joint Fact Finding Study group (JFFSG) determined, the regulatory framework for pesticides in the state of Hawaii fails to protect the people of our state. The JFFSG's pivotal report urges 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 and this advisory committee will help facilitate bridge the divide between people and the agencies that are meant to protect them.

While we applaud the amendment to the existing pesticide advisory committee make-up and mandate for the committee to address issues relating to pesticide exposure, we believe that the time for such measures has long passed. Thus, we would ask that the committee revise the current bill specifically to make the Kaua'i agricultural good neighbor program mandatory statewide within one year after the bill's passage, and for the committee to complete the bill's other mandates: establish state standards for chronicity to account for low level continuous exposures, evaluate and recommend to the legislature specific changes to the State's pesticide laws and regulations, and establish a comprehensive buffer zone policy for the State, within 3 years from the bill's passage.

The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks associated with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable...the number of such wiolations to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such mis-use.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony, and I am happy to provide further analysis or respond to any follow-up questions from the Committee.

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<u>Lauryn Rego</u> <u>Director, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety</u>

Keani Rawlins Fernandez, J.D. Hawaii Center for Food Safety

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<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:43:49 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

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	Nicole K Galase	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Oppose	No



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Fbruary 5, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 2114RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Room 312 9:15 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 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 believes that this bill is unnecessary. We are also concerned about the unintended consequences of HB 2114, and offer the following comments:

- We agree that pesticides must be used properly. We also agree that stringent
 enforcement of the strict federal and state pesticide laws and regulations, as well
 as timely and routine inspections and compliance investigations of potential
 misuse of pesticides, are crucial to protecting public health and ensuring public
 confidence in the State's oversight of pesticide use.
- It is clear from the examples cited in HB 2114 that the bill is unnecessary.
 Complaints are being investigated immediately, routine inspections and investigations are being conducted appropriately, and severe and extraordinary fines are being exacted from those who violate the law.
- In addition, just last year, after working for several years with the community and the Board of Agriculture, the Department overhauled and revised its pesticide rules to be even more stringent, and nearly triple its fees.
- Requiring the Department to submit a report to the legislature on what the
 Pesticide Branch has accomplished in the prior year is appropriate. However, it
 is not appropriate to require detailed information on complaints, inspections, and

investigations prior to the closure of a case. Anyone can allege a complaint. Some complaints may be all together without merit, while others may require a protracted investigation to determine whether or not a violation has occurred.

- It would be an infringement upon the basic judicial rights of the accused *and* the complainant to publicly post complaints and investigations before determining the facts.
- Pesticide use is a fact of life worldwide, and especially in locations like Hawaii, where there are year-round insect-breeding and weed-growing seasons. Eliminating pesticides or demonizing their use ignores the reality that they can and are being used safely, and that they are very much needed to prevent human and animal diseases, to protect the watershed and other natural resources, and to safeguard crops, among other things.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



February 4, 2020

The Honorable Richard Creagan, Chair House Committee on Agriculture Hawaii House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 427 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 2114 – Annual Reporting; Fines (Oppose)

Dear Chair Creagan:

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our **opposition** to HB 2114, which would increase fines for pesticide violations and substantially increase reporting requirements on the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA). WPHA represents the interests of fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, agricultural biotechnology providers, and agricultural retailers in Hawaii, California, and Arizona.

WPHA appreciates the author's interest in assuring the safe use of pesticides to protect the public and environment. We understand that while the intent of the bill is that by increasing fines for pesticide violations, growers and applicators will be more attentive in their use of pesticides. However, we believe this bill is unnecessary and will result in higher costs to farmers.

HB 2114 would dramatically increase fines for pesticide violations, including increasing potential fines for misdemeanors to \$35,000. WPHA is concerned that requiring the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to increase penalties for any first-time violations or misdemeanors will result in fewer individuals contacting HDOA for guidance on the use of a product. We believe that one of the strengths of regulatory agencies like HDOA is their ability to act as an educational tool for the regulated community. If growers and distributors believe they could be putting themselves at risk of substantial fines for misdemeanors, they will be less willing to reach out for the educational expertise that HDOA can provide. WPHA could understand the rational for increased fines if there were any indicators of a growing trend of violations by applicators or agricultural users. WPHA is unaware of any increase in the number of violations by agricultural users, or failures by growers or applicators to observe pesticide rules. WPHA is opposed to increasing fines without a justification of need.

HB 2114 would also mandate the HDOA annually compile a comprehensive report that would include the number of inspections, violations, investigations undertaken and the number completed – including a description of each inspection and investigation. WPHA believes this will result in a tremendous cost increase to HDOA. HDOA is currently finalizing a new reporting mandate for restricted use pesticides that was passed by the legislature just two years ago. We believe it is premature to require additional reporting requirements on HDOA while they are seeking to finalize the legislatures current reporting mandates. WPHA believes that this additional requirement will require HDOA to redirect resources that could be better spent on actual educational and enforcement efforts with growers and the public. Additional mandates for reporting should not be required unless additional resources are allocated by the legislature to HDOA for this requirement.

We believe increasing fines without a demonstration of need sends a false message about compliance by growers and applicators of pesticide use rules. Requiring additional reporting mandates on HDOA without any demonstrated need for additional reports and without additional financial support from the legislature will negatively impact HDOAs ability to fulfill their educational and enforcement mission. For these reasons we **oppose** HB 2114 and ask for your **no** vote. WPHA thanks you for your consideration of our comments and welcomes any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Renee Pinel President/CEO

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:33:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support HB2114

HB2114 is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i. Please support raising the maximum fines for pesticide violations and better records and reporting. Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers.

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Chair Richard Creagan Vice Chair Lynn DeCoite

House Committee on Agriculture

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:15 AM

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2114 RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

My name is Jun Shin. I am a Sophomore at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am the Environmental Justice Action Committee Chair for the Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA). YPDA advocates for public policies that reflect the values of young people throughout the State of Hawai'i. YPDA is in **support** of **HB2114**, Relating to Pesticides which would require the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report concerning pesticide use. Increases fines for pesticide use violations.

YPDA was a part of the coalition that supported the passage of Act 45 in 2018. One of the reasons for doing so was due to our continued dedication to our keiki and their future in our advocacy, striving to create a better world for them. It is for the sake of future generations that we need to demand further accountability and meaningful enforcement of our pesticide laws. We deserve to live in healthy communities where we don't have to live in fear of pesticide drift.

For years now there have been incidents, notably in Kaua'i, Maui and Moloka'i in which toxic (and banned) pesticides have drifted into schools, communities, and even our environment in our lands and our waters. This is a serious public health issue. Article XI Section 9 of the Hawai'i State Constitution makes it very clear that, "Each person has the right to a clean and healthful environment, as defined by laws relating to environmental quality, including control of pollution and conservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources." These constitutional rights are not being protected and as a result, in November of 2019 we saw Monsanto now Bayer pled guilty and paid \$10 million as part of a plea

agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for illegally using the banned pesticide Penncap-M on Maui and Molokai. This could have been avoided, and HB2114 seeks to address this.

What HB2114 is trying to do is important. In the past, pesticide fines were either not enough or were significantly reduced. Even Bayer's \$10 million plea agreement doesn't cover how much damage has already been done prior to the environment, to the community, and the field workers. Pesticide fines will be increased and to ensure the Department of Agriculture is doing their part to investigate, inspect, and enforce, they will also need to submit annual reports to the legislature.

Many other communities have successfully transitioned away from toxic pesticides to organic land management practices, we can do that by starting here with keeping violations in line. Please protect our keiki and the communities they live in. Young Progressives Demanding Action is in **support** of **HB2114**. We respectfully ask for you to pass it through your committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Jun Shin, Environmental Justice Action Committee Chair Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA) P.O. Box 11105 Honolulu, HI 96828 Cell: 808-255-6663

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:37:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Richard P. Creagan, Chair, Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on AgricUlture:

I strongly support: HB 2114 which requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation. In order for laws to have an effect they must be enforced and recorded. It is important to document the initial violation. DOA also needs to issue a fine for subsequent violations, such as improper or illegal pesticide uses. The bill also increases the fines associated with violations giving the department the ability to fine violators more appropriately for severe and repeated violations.

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Gutierrez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT: HB 2114 will require the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation. This is an important step in improving incident record documentation. DOA then must issue a fine for subsequent violations, such as improper or illegal pesticide uses. The bill also increases the fines associated with violations giving the department the ability to fine violators more appropriately for severe and repeated violations. If you submitted testimony last week for Fridays hearing PLEASE RESUBMIT testimony for this new hearing date!

HB2114 is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i. Please support raising the maximum fines for pesticide violations and better records and reporting. Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers.

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai`i. Mahalo.

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:07:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:09:29 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Leonard	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
valerie Lasciak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Important to protect our people

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I am writing in support of HB 2114 to require the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation and to increase fines associated with violations giving the department the ability to fine violators more appropriately for severe and repeated violations.

Please pass this bill which will provide the DOA with tools to better protect our health.

Mahalo,

Susan Stayton

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Dinner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Without clear guidelines and penalties, we will no be able to exert the controls on pesticides that are essential to the health of our keiki. Mahalo.

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I am a lifelong resident of Hawai'i on O'ahu. I am writing to say I am in strong support of this bill. I believe that the Department of Agriculture (DOA) should issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation. This is an important step in improving incident record documentation. DOA then must issue a fine for subsequent violations, such as improper or illegal pesticide uses. The bill also increases the fines associated with violations giving the department the ability to fine violators more appropriately for severe and repeated violations.

Please support this bill.

me ke aloha 'Ä• ina,

Nanea Lo

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill for the health of our community!

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Sandy Yee	Individual	Support	No	l

Comments:

Why is this Needed?

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. Pesticide violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. Drift threatens to harm adjacent, non-target plants and species, to lead to short and long-term contamination of the state's soil, air and waters. Despite these risks, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State.

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What this Bill Does:

Requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation, improving incident record documentation. DOA then must issue a fine for subsequent violations. The bill increases the fines associated with violations.

Major Recent Pesticide Violations:

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the banned pesticide Penncap-M on Maui and Molokai. Exposure to this cholinesterase-inhibiting pesticide has been linked to impaired neurological development in the fetus and in infants, chronic fatigue syndrome, and Parkinson's disease.

2018 Kaua'i

In 2018, a commercial pesticide applicator was fined \$168,535 for misusing different restricted-use pesticides on Kauai.

2016 & 2017 Kaua'i

In 2016 and 2017, on the Westside of Kauai Syngenta failed to adhere to pesticide use instructions, and improperly used the (now banned) neurotoxin pesticide chlorpyrifos, exposing the dangerous pesticide to farmworkers and injuring their health. Although an investigation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency initially proposed a pesticide fine of \$4.9 million, the fine was significantly reduced to just over \$500,000.

Will Small Farmers Be Impacted?:

The initial warning provision is designed to allow any farmers who might have violated the law to come into compliance before a fine is levied. This bill is designed to target the most egregious offenders of pesticide violations.

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Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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In sustainable development there is the Precaustionary Prinnciple (TPP). TPP errors on the side of caution. With all biocides this TPP is needed because of the long term effects of pesticides because they are accumulative, harm genes and builds up as they move through the ecosystem.

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<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 5:55:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Support!

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 5:57:11 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha lawmakers.

Hawaii needs to grow organic foods, not toxic foods, soaked in pesticides. I can grow a lovely garden organically, so can Hawaii. This bill is a baby-step in the right direction. I hope it is not too little, too late.

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 5:58:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Marsh	UpCountry Doctor	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important pesticide violation bill.

mahalo,

Dr. Bonnie Marsh

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:05:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:05:43 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	Yes

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:13:10 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	_
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Please show that the state means business in reducing the impact of pesticides on the health of the community by greater scrutiny of offenders, warnings and higher fines.

HB2114 is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai`i. Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse continues and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers. Please move this bill forward with urgency.

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:26:45 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 7:10:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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January 29, 2020

To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Representative Richard Creagan, Chair Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Re: HB 2114, **Relating to Pesticides**

Hearing: Friday, January 31, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Room 312

Position: **Strong Support**

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee,

Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i strongly support HB 2114, which will require the Department of Agriculture to submit annual reports on pesticide use and increase fines for pesticide misuse. As the introductory section of the bill points out, there has been far too much misuse of pesticides in Hawaii, and such misuse damages the environment and the health and safety of humans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alan B. Burdick, Co-Chair Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i Burdick808@gmail.com/ 486-1018

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 7:38:30 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I strongly support this HB2114. We need strong measures protecting peopleand wildlife from toxic pesticides from the large Agricultural Corporations. We now know that Monsanto illegally sprayed banned pesticides a few years ago and recently, Mahi Pono on Maui was potentially spraying Paraquat illegally. This needs to stop. The fines need to be higher since these Corporations have so much money that it's easier for them to keep spraying illegally and keep paying the fines if and when they do get caught.

The farm workers, residents who live and drive near these fields and our Ag. inspectors need protection, not to mention our environment.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

Ha'iku,

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 7:53:08 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toni Withington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to protect those of us residents living in agricultural communities from unwanted and illegal spraying of chemicals. A good, responsible reporting system is needed to keep large ag companies accountable to their mistakes.

Vot yes and protect our rural agricultural communities.

Toni Withington Hawi, North Kohala

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 7:57:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jana Bogs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2114 Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:42:50 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Help us stop poisoning our land and children.

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:49:17 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:54:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Agriculture Committee,

Thank you for hearing HB2114. The State should enforce better transparency and heavier penalties for violations to help protect our residents as well as our environment.

Mahalo for supporting this bill.

Mitsuko Hayakawa

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:06:36 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:16:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L. Osterer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I live on Kauai, where we have been severely impacted by GMO development using pesticides. I strongly SUPPORT HB 2114. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide violations! It is outrageious that pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business". These businesses are so big that the fines do not change them breaking the law. I recommend much higher fines increasing with each offense. After all, once they have been warned, there is no excuse. There has been evidence of illegal pesticide use on Kauai, as well as atrazine found in the water table. These companies did not even protect their own workers, some of whom won lawsuits for serious health effects.

GMO research should never have been allowed in the open fields. If continued, they should be isolated to greenhouses and the surroundings monitored for contamination. These companies can afford it. The laws need to be updated, transparent and enforced to protect people. Without it, the long term effects are bound to be compounded and perhaps irreversible. No one knows how much it will cost to correct the environmental damages, or if it can even be done, once these chemicals are in our water, soil and the ocean. Much more needs to be done to curb the misuse of pesticides. Isn't that why these substances are supposed to be controlled?

Thank you for considering this important bill at this time.

L. Osterer, Koloa, Kauai resident and registered voter.

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:36:59 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2114 to improve data and documentation. It's what is needed to better manage. No opposition to that.

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:47:28 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! Please SUPPORT HB2114!

I strongly support HB2114, which requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation, issuance of a fine for subsequent violations, and increases the fines especially for severe and repeated violations.

We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i. Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers.

Mahalo for your support of this bill.

Phaethon Keeney

Honokaa Hawaii

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:11:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ANTONIO ANDRES LOPEZ	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We are already drinking enough poison, please, tell those people to learn how to make money and care for people at the same time.

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:29:37 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I resubmit: We cannot keep ignoring our scientists and doctors. Pesticides are making everyone ill. Pesticide deniers are in the same category as Climate deniers. We need to stop listening to industries and corporations that are selling us something. Please protect our health, food, air and water from these toxics that are collecting in our blood and tissues. Please support this bill.

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:30:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please increase the fines to maximum capacity to generate efficient funds for climate change and future health care.

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:11:14 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiana Laranio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB2114 is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai`i. Please support raising the maximum fines for pesticide violations and better records and reporting. Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers.



HB 2114, RELATING TO PESTICIDES

FEBRUARY 5, 2020 · HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP. RICHARD P. CREAGAN

POSITION: Support, with amendments.

RATIONALE: IMUAlliance supports and suggests and amendment for HB 2114, relating to pesticides, which requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report concerning pesticide use and increases fines for pesticide use violations.

In the debate over regulating local agriculture, there is one thing that everyone should agree to condemn: causing harm to other people. Unfortunately, Hawai'i's pesticide code allows chemical abuse to go unchecked. Today, the State Department of Agriculture must warn pesticide abusers before investigating potential legal violations. A farm that fails to take caution when using harmful chemicals, then, may suffer no consequences for its actions, since the warning gives owners time to hide evidence of their crimes. Even when caught, chemical criminals face minimal penalties. State law currently grades pesticide abuse as a merely a misdemeanor offense, meaning farm operators who apply dangerous doses of chemicals face a maximum one-year prison sentence.

In the islands, pesticide abuse poses major health risks. According to an investigation conducted by the *Cascadia Times*, pesticide application by four large agrichemical companies on Kaua'i—Syngenta, BASF Plant Science, DuPont Pioneer, and Dow AgroSciences—is ten times the national average. In their report, *Cascadia* found that a number of restricted use pesticides were overused, including chlorpyrifos, atrazine, and paraquat. A study published in the medical journal *The Lancet Neurology*, in March of 2014, found that the neurotoxin chlorpyrifos led to developmental

disabilities in children. Similarly, atrazine and paraquat are banned in the European Union. Atrazine is known to contaminate groundwater supplies, while paraquat has been linked to the onset of Parkinson's disease. Yet, both herbicides remain widely popular in the United States, where the Environmental Protection Agency prematurely declared with "reasonable certainty" that neither carry a significant risk of harm.

Pesticide abuse is not limited to the outer islands. On O'ahu, IMUAlliance has provided services to cancer-stricken sprayers of restricted use pesticides, some of whom have are also victims of labor trafficking. Not only were our clients provided with little to no information about the health risks of pesticides placed in their hands, they were also not given equipment to protect themselves from harm. To protect against pesticide drift impacting sensitive educational areas and making children ill—as happened in 2007 at Kahuku High and Intermediate, in which a dozen students fell ill when a nearby sod farmer ignored windy weather while applying pesticides, and in 2008 in Waimea on Kaua'i, where dozens of students got sick after farmers applied pesticide on a nearby seed corn plot—it is incumbent upon lawmakers to crack down on pesticide abuse.

In addition to raising penalties for restricted use pesticide violations, as this measure does, we urge you to consider eliminating, rather than revising, the warning notice requirements from the state's pesticide code under HRS §149A-41, thereby allowing investigators to probe allegations of noncompliance without tipping off their targets. It's time that we started fully prosecuting those who sacrifice people's health to personal profit, even when the weapons involved are chemical carcinogens.

In 2018, elected officials passed SB 3095, banning chlorpyrifos and establishing increased disclosure requirements for pesticide applications. It is imperative that political leaders stand up for safety again during this year's legislative session, given recent court rulings curtailing county jurisdiction over pesticide use and land management. If you wait, our children will breathe in the fallout for generations to come.



HOUSE BILL 2114, RELATING TO PESTICIDES

FEBUARY 5, 2020 · HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP. RICHARD P. CREAGAN

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<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:38:13 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:10:05 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joan Levy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

to whom it may concern:

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department

of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

The Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding Study group determined that the State's regulation of pesticides has failed to protect our

residents. The report urges the State to protect us from exposure to pesticides and to do a better job of monitoring their

use. The 2016 report points out the need for more timely pesticide inspections and compliance investigations, as well as

better reporting on the results of pesticide inspections and investigations. According to the same study, the use of drift

prone pesticides should be more strictly monitored through inspections and

proven violators should be fined. The recent

track record of pesticide violations in the State highlight the importance of having better oversight of potential pesticide

violations. Pesticide violations occur frequently in the State, at significant cost to our residents and the environment.

I also support the HB2114 for increasing the monetary fines for violators, making warnings mandatory, and making

those records available publicly. The time for action is now. The people of Hawai'i have the right to live free from the

fear that industry will harm their health and safety.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Sincerely,

Joan Levy

PO Box 160 Kapaa, HI 96746-0160

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:13:23 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucie Knor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I am testifying in support of HB2114 to increase pesticide fines and violation enforcement. Compliance investigations must be timely, transparent and effective to ensure the protection of the population.

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:16:51 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roger Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Users of glyphosate should be given no grace period for the use of toxic chemicals which hurt humans, pets, livestock, marine life...The second warning should be a substantial fine, whose monies would then be ploughed back into the enforcement and education program, and the third violation should be a revocation of the business charter, or whatever legal vehicle is being used to do business in Hawaii.



House Agriculture Committee

Board of Directors:

Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports: **HB 2114**

President

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee,

Gary L. Hooser

The Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is in strong support of HB 2114 which will require the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue a first warning whenever there is a pesticide violation. This is an important step in improving incident record documentation. DOA then must issue a fine for subsequent violations. The bill

Andrea N. Brower

CoVice Presidents

increases the fines associated with violations giving the department the ability to fine a violator more appropriately.

Ikaika Hussey

HAPA is a statewide environmental, social and economic justice organization. We engage over 10,000 local residents annually through our work.

Treasurer

Kim Coco Iwamoto

HAPA is committed to working to protect our communities and local environment from the impacts of pesticide exposure. Over the last few years we have worked

consistently on these efforts, focusing on areas surrounded by heavy pesticide use. We have seen the concern of families and watched as potential pesticide misuse

complaints went unheard.

Secretary

Bart E. Dame

We are deeply concerned with the effects long-term pesticide application and

pesticide drift are having on our keiki, and communities. According to a 2012 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) entitled "Pesticide Exposure in Children," children exposed to chronic, low-level exposure to Restricted Use Pesticides are at a risk of neurodevelopmental disabilities like autism and ADHD, as well as leukemia and

asthma . Additionally, the state sponsored Joint Fact Finding Study Group Report (JFFG), tasked with studying pesticide use by large agribusiness on Kaua'i cites several incidents of pesticides illegally migrating into our land, air and water on Kaua'i,

yet a lack of sufficient data to determine how pesticides have migrated [2].

Members

Paul Achitoff

Kaleikoa Ka'eo

Michael Miranda

Walter Ritte Jr.

Pua Rossi-Fukino

Karen Shishido

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. Pesticide violations are a threat to our keiki,

farmworkers and the public in general. Drift threatens to harm adjacent, non-target plants and species, to lead to short and long-term contamination of the state's soil, air and water. Despite these risks, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within

the State.

Leslie Malu Shizue Miki If passed, HB 2114 will provide reporting and disclosure provisions for pesticide

violations, such as improper or illegal pesticide uses. It will increase the maximum fines for pesticide use violations. This is an important step towards protecting our

communities from toxic pesticide drift.

As recent as November 2019 (on Maui & Moloka'i) Monsanto/Bayer pled guilty and paid \$10 million as part of a plea agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for illegally using, and exposing farm workers to, the banned pesticide Penncap-M on Maui and Molokai. Exposure to this cholinesterase-inhibiting pesticide has been linked to impaired neurological development in the fetus and in infants, chronic fatigue syndrome, and Parkinson's disease. The maximum allowable state fines should raise to represent the full damages to our communities and environments and the exposed workers in the fields.

In 2018 (on Kaua'i) a commercial pesticide applicator was fined only \$168,535 for misusing a combination of restricted-use pesticides on Kaua'i. The fine grossly under funds the true costs of improper and illegal use of pesticides in our communities and the restoration of ecosystems damaged by pesticide pollution.

In 2016 and 2017 (also on Kauaʻi) Syngenta failed to adhere to pesticide use instructions, and improperly used the (now banned) neurotoxin pesticide chlorpyrifos, exposing the dangerous pesticide to farmworkers and injuring their health. Although an investigation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency initially proposed a pesticide fine of \$4.9 million, the fine was significantly reduced to just over \$500,000.

The Waimea Canyon Middle School on Kauai was evacuated in 2006 and again in 2008, possibly due to pesticide drift. It is unacceptable that the framework was not in place for the immediate thorough investigation of this incident. In the JFFG the Waimea school incidents were highlighted as an example of why we need improved incident response practices [9].

While no investigation was immediately conducted a memo from Dr. Milton Clark, a former EPA official tasked with investigating pesticide violations, clearly suggests that the incidents were likely due to pesticide drift. According to Dr. Clark's memo the air sampling in Waimea Canyon Middle School occurred two years after the poisoning incident ^[4].

Furthermore, no blood or urine sampling was taken at the time of the incident to determine causality. Due to the gaps in regulatory oversight no conclusive finding was made determining the cause of the poisoning.

We need a system that holds repeated pesticide violators accountable with a framework for response that ensures warnings are going out, records of violations are being kept and fines are appropriate.

This bill is an important step to better protecting our farmworkers, communities and the environment from pesticide misuse and I urge you to support HB 2114.

Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully,

Anne Frederick, Executive Director

- [1] American Academy of Pediatrics, Pesticide Exposure in Children, December 2012, vol. 130, issue 6.
- [2] https://jffkauai.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/jff-kauai-final-report1.pdf

[3] ibid.

[4] ibid.

The Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is a public non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. HAPA's mission is to catalyze community empowerment and systemic change towards valuing 'aina (environment) and people ahead of corporate profit.

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:36:28 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fern Anuenue Holland	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for hearing this measure. Please support HB2114.

HB2114 is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i. Please support raising the maximum fines for pesticide violations and better records and reporting. Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers.

We should give the state DOA the ability to fine repeat and severe offenders with more than a slap on the wrist and a more appropriate fine for the violation. I strongly support raising the maximum fines for violations and providing mandatory warnings and reporting is critical to ensuring accountability.

Thank you for your consideration and service,

Fern

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:51:26 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nadya Penoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We must raise the fines for pesticide violations to the point where it becomes a real deterrent for the violator. Perhaps the fine could be related proportionally to revenues of the violator. A small farmer would pay a certain percentage and a large industrial grower would pay a much larger fine, rather than a small slap on the wrist that is inconsequential and not really a deterrent.

Fines need to be large enough to hurt the perpetrators and discourage future violations.

Please increase the fines! Thank you, Nadya Penoff

HB-2114 Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:38:53 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Teschner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill to ensure responsible use of pesticides.

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:55:36 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Arbeit	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To protect our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides we need more transparency, serious higher penalties for violators, and enforcement.

To this end, please support HB2114.

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:02:05 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha All,

We are all responsible for the 'Aina. We must protect all life.

We the people and you our representatives bare the responsibility for who develop cancers from these chemicals. Whether it is from direct exposure or from eating the sea food it's run off inflicts.

Why destroy so much life for a singe benefit? These chemicals do not go away - they stay and kill over and over for eternity. We have doomed our planet.

Would we not unite and rise up to survive an enemy, who would kill us all. Should we stand together now?

These pesticides KILL all life, weeds, insects, birds, bees,, livestock, pets and people, not instantly always, but over time.

The bigger we are the more it takes. And the bigger they come the bigger they fall. Cancer is now the leading cause of death in the US, one out of two people will get cancer and spend more money than they could earn in a lifetime trying to survive.

Our scientist inform us that certain chemicals cause cancer and death. However, the truth is all man made chemicals cause cancer and death. Once any research is done, every chemical will prove toxic. The chemical companies know this and oppose all testing. That is all you need to know to pass protective legislation.

We must move toward health and avoidance of danger and dangerous chemicals. We will never be able to successfully or economically treat that which could have been prevented by you.

Blessing to all,

Dr. John and Debra Nix, Kihei

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:08:58 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Hooser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support

Note:

- 1) The proposed fines are "up to" and ceilings, not floors.
- 2) The DOA already keeps the records and the filing of an annual report should not be a burden, and in fact could be automated and simply be the push of a button if the original record-keeping is done in a manner that allows "generate report" functions.
- 3) Why would the DOA not want to issue a "warning" when a violation occurs? Again the fine amounts are discretionary thus this does not have to be a burden for small farmers or the inadvertent and occasional mistake.

HB-2114 Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:13:17 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Radmilovich	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support!

February 5, 2020

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair House Committee on Agriculture

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair Rep. Ty. J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair House Committee on Finance

Rep. Chris Lee, Chair Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair House Committee on Judiciary

RE: HB2114 RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report concerning pesticide use. Increases fines for pesticide violations.

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2020

TIME: 9:15 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha.

My name is Teal Sargent. I am a long term resident on the island of Kaua'i, Hawai'i. I am a mother, Full-time employee at Child and Family Services as a Therapist. It is great pleasure that I write today to **strongly support** HB2114, which requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report concerning pesticide use; Increases fines for pesticide use violations. There have been many tests concluding the unsafe side effects of pesticides on the environment, the health of pregnant women and the cognitive development of a child. Because of the unsafe and harmful consequences of pesiticides it should be a mandatory regulation on the use.

As a mother, full-time employee and long term resident in Hawai'i this bill directly affects my family's future on the island. This pesticide threatens the health of my children as well as any unborn child I may have in the future. It also threatens the air quality, as well as, the ocean and river systems many residents depend on for survival. I feel so lucky to live on this beautiful island and would like to see it protected from being destroyed from harmful pesticides.

I strongly encourage the legislature to support HB2114 as it protects the environment and our children from its very dangerous and harmful effects.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely, Teal Sargent P.O. Box 366 Kilauea, Hi 96754

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:25:43 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geneve Chong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2114.

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:38:22 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lawrence Ford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: brentfm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brent Norris

<bre>cbrentfm@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:59 AM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

Strong Support HB 2114

Today I write on my behalf in strong support of HB 2114.

Restricted Use Pesticides are experimental combinations of the most deadly pesticides licensed by the state. For example, one bottle we found in a field on Kauai was more dangerous than the RUPs listed on the license. It was a aroma agent designed and used to make the restricted use pesticides smell like bubble gum.

So when the kids run around in the falling mist, under their flashlight beams it looks like snow and smells like bubble gum. Everyone dies naturally of cancer, right? That's what we heard in Waimea where some households had a half dozen cases of cancer and the school water fountains dispensensed watered-down pesticides. Where kids went to the hospital twice for being in a classroom with open windows next to Pioneer's "farm" where no legally consumable food is grown.

All profits from these companies are sent off island. We know they are already allowed by the state to poison the aina legally. Could we at least penalize them for poisoning our aina illegally?

We sincerely need enforcement for pesticide users who fail to read or follow the label. We have been told by manufacturers, applicators, purchasers, land lessors and the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture, "the label is the law." Should HB 2114 fail we will essentially have another lawless, unconstitutional and unethical action to correct during the 2021 legislative session.

Small organic farmers already have enough to deal with besides pesticide drift. When it happens, when streams become contaminated, coral reefs destroyed and surf breaks rendered unsafe, it's the state's responsibility to take action.

Let's get some transparency. Making our children fight for information to protect their children is not an ethical form of government. The information about pesticide use in Hawaii has been hidden for too long.

Convince us through your support of HB 2114 that the state of Hawaii is not beholden to the largest chemical corporations in the world (Syngenta, Dow, Pioneer, DuPont, Baier - Bayer, Monsanto). Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Thank you for your time. For spending so much effort to fight a system that does not allow voters to introduce bills. Thank you for the tireless hours you've spent representing your constituents and all of us interested in less poison on the land, in the water and processed into our food chain.

Mahalo!

-Brent Norris

Sincerely, Brent Norris 18 -1350 Volcano Rd Unit 303 Mountain View, HI 96771-3014

From: daegnut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Long

<daegnut@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:14 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

Aloha kakou, I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, James Long PO Box 290 Naalehu, HI 96772-0290

From: aiannanoa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeanne Wheeler

<aiannanoa@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:08 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I write to register my strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to also please support HB 2114. Thank you for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo/Aloha

Sincerely, Jeanne Wheeler 12 -4271 Kona St Pahoa, HI 96778-7859

From: kaarle.strailey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kaarle Strailey

<kaarle.strailey@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:55 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In support of HB 2114 to strengthen pesticide protections

Dear Department of Agriculture Testimony,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

The Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding Study group determined that the State's regulation of pesticides has failed to protect our residents. The report urges the State to protect us from exposure to pesticides and to do a better job of monitoring their use. The 2016 report points out the need for more timely pesticide inspections and compliance investigations, as well as better reporting on the results of pesticide inspections and investigations. According to the same study, the use of drift-prone pesticides should be more strictly monitored through inspections and proven violators should be fined. The recent track record of pesticide violations in the State highlight the importance of having better oversight of potential pesticide violations. Pesticide violations occur frequently in the State, at significant cost to our residents and the environment.

I also support the HB2114 for increasing the monetary fines for violators, making warnings mandatory, and making those records available publicly. The time for action is now. The people of Hawai'i have the right to live free from the fear that industry will harm their health and safety.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Sincerely, Kaarle Strailey PO Box 378 Palmer, AK 99645-0378

From: pmasiac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcel Liberge

<pmasiac@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:49 AM

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Sincerely, Marcel Liberge PO Box 277 Murphy, OR 97533-0277

From: seesaints@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Milcarek

<seesaints@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:02 AM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

ABUSING OUR SOIL WILL BE THE END OF US IF IT IS NOT STOPPED. PESTICIDES ARE A PART OF THAT ABUSE

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Thomas Milcarek 68 -078 Au St Apt 103 Waialua, HI 96791-9460

From: iamval2034@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Val Hertzog <iamval2034

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:35 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I am a teacher on the island of Kauai. There is too much spraying of pesticides on our islands. Just recently the county sprayed Ranger Pro a pesticide that contains glyphosate on Hauaala Road next to St.Catherine School where I teach. Children and staff got sick.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Val Hertzog 5306 Kahala St Kapaa, HI 96746-2219

Testimony for HB 2114

- 1. A Custer
- 2. Airielle Pearson
- 3. Alexander Berov
- 4. Amy Stephens
- 5. Anne Zellinger
- 6. Ashley Wilcox
- 7. Babs Miyano-Young
- 8. Dave Kisor
- 9. David Hill
- 10. David Sutton
- 11. Debra Nix
- 12. Debra Vitola
- 13. Don Najita
- 14. Donna Shepherd
- 15. Elana Jones
- 16. Ellie Marshman
- 17. Emmaleah Stauber
- 18. Eric Schrager
- 19. Gregory Puppione
- 20. Hartson Doak
- 21. Haydn Huntley
- 22. Helmut Klaur
- 23. Ines Silva
- 24. Jeanne Wheeler
- 25. Jessica Graham
- 26. Joanna Wheeler
- 27. John Nix
- 28. Julie Sharrer
- 29. K.C. Owen
- 30. Kalani Fukumoto
- 31. Kathrine Owen
- 32. Kieba Blacklidge
- 33. Kristie Iotu
- 34. Laura Ramirez
- 35. Lauren Ampolos
- 36. Laurie Leland
- 37. Lola Nagel
- 38. Lurline Bettencourt
- 39. Marcel Liberge
- 40. Marilyn Mick
- 41. Mark Holland
- 42. Mary True
- 43. Michael Whelan
- 44. Michele Nihipali

- 45. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder
- 46. Nalei Kahakalau
- 47. Patti Valentine
- 48. Paula Cohen
- 49. Peggy Schecter
- 50. Rachel James
- 51. Richard Thornhill
- 52. Robert Nehmad
- 53. Robert Wilcox
- 54. Shannon Rudolph
- 55. Sharman O'Shea
- 56. Sharron Cushman
- 57. Steven Slater
- 58. Terry Akana
- 59. Terry Huth
- 60. Theresa Thompson
- 61. Tracy Paxton Vance Viveiros
- 62. Wesley Nanamori
- 63. Zoe Alexander

From: sleepyturtle2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of A Custer <sleepyturtle2

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:12 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, A Custer 827 S Verona St Anaheim, CA 92804-4034

From: mauimamasun@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Airielle Peason

<mauimamasun@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:45 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Airielle Peason 64 Ehiku Loop # E201 Kihei, HI 96753-5602

From: alexberov18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexander Berov <alexberov18

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:45 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Alexander Berov 5721 Kaehulua Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-8224

From: hammerheadamy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Stephens

<hammerheadamy@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:23 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Amy Stephens PO Box 13187 Lahaina, HI 96761-8187

From: azmole@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Zellinger

<azmole@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:52 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Anne Zellinger PO Box 1031 Waialua, HI 96791-1031

From: ashzz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ashley Wilcox

<ashzz@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:39 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Ashley Wilcox 45 Pualu Loop Lahaina, HI 96761-9187

From: binhawaii1234@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Babs Miyano-Young

<binhawaii1234@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:40 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Babs Miyano-Young
2563 Pacific Heights Rd Apt E Honolulu, HI 96813-1051

From: panther_dave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dave Kisor

<panther_dave@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:20 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I ask you to oppose HB2565.

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Dave Kisor
14 -3444 Tutu Ln Pahoa, HI 96778-8115

From: dph0277@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Hill <dph0277

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:57 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2114 which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,
David Hill
82 -676 Kamakani St Captain Cook, HI 96704-7914

From: malamaourworld@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Sutton

<malamaourworld@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:30 PM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,
David Sutton
7561 Koolau Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5579

From: info@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Nix <info@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:50 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Debra Nix PO Box 808 Kihei, HI 96753-0808

From: tcb609@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Vitola <tcb609

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:29 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Debra Vitola 77 -6538 Naniloa Dr Kailua Kona, HI 96740-2426

From: kamaaina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Don Najita

<kamaaina@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:37 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Don Najita
PO Box 11737 Honolulu, HI 96828-0737

From: dsue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Shepherd

<dsue@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:10 AM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Donna Shepherd 73 -1162 Oluolu St Kailua Kona, HI 96740-9445

From: emortsac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elana Jones

<emortsac@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Elana Jones 75 -5660 Kopiko St Ste # C7 Kailua Kona, HI 96740-3122

From: ellierae808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellie Marshman <ellierae808

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:00 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Ellie Marshman 108 Kanani Rd Kihei, HI 96753-8791

From: emmaleah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emmaleah Stauber

<emmaleah@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:14 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Emmaleah Stauber 4511 Kawaihau Road Kapaa, HI 96746

From: peschrager@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Schrager

<peschrager@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:17 AM

To: AGRtestimony

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Eric Schrager 91 -1701 Alanui Mauka Pl Ewa Beach, HI 96706-1906

From: gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gregory Puppione

<gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:54 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Gregory Puppione 563 Kamoku St # A-5 Honolulu, HI 96826-5245

From: hartson.doak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hartson Doak

<hartson.doak@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:13 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Hartson Doak 330 Thomas St Wahiawa, HI 96786-2426

From: haydn.huntley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Haydn Huntley

<haydn.huntley@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:10 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Haydn Huntley 582 Hoene St Makawao, HI 96768-8065

From: helmut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Helmut Klauer

<helmut@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:36 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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I urge you to support HB 2114. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Helmut Klauer PO Box 2208 Pahoa, HI 96778-2201

From: iness3403@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ines Silva <iness3403

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:07 AM

To: AGRtestimony

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Ines Silva 16 -6396 Kihapai Pl Keaau, HI 96749

From: aiannanoa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeanne Wheeler

<aiannanoa@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:57 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Sincerely, Jeanne Wheeler 12 -4271 Kona St Pahoa, HI 96778-7859

From: JessicaGraham1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Graham < JessicaGraham1

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:06 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Jessica Graham 471 Hinano Way Apt A Kailua, HI 96734-5514

From: joannaction@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Wheeler

<joannaction@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:28 AM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Joanna Wheeler 4914 Hekili Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-1905

From: nix@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Nix <nix@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:49 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Sincerely, John Nix PO Box 808 Kihei, HI 96753-0808

From: harpiano@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Sharrer

<harpiano@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:20 AM

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Sincerely, Julie Sharrer PO Box 1851 Pahoa, HI 96778-1851

From: RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K.C.Owen

<RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:24 PM

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Sincerely, K. C. Owen 1165 Kukila St Honolulu, HI 96818-1953

From: kalani.fukumoto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kalani Fukumoto

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Kalani Fukumoto PO Box 61651 Honolulu, HI 96839-1651

From: RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katharine Owen

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:01 PM

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Sincerely, Katharine Owen 1165 Kukila St Honolulu, HI 96818-1953

From: kiebablacklidge@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kieba Blacklidge

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Sincerely, Kieba Blacklidge 12 -537 Diamond Head Dr Pahoa, HI 96778-7822

From: Kristie.k11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristie lotu <Kristie.k11

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:04 PM

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Sincerely, Kristie lotu MALAMAAINA Anahola, HI 96703

From: lauraramirez87@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Ramirez <lauraramirez87

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Sincerely, Laura Ramirez 4510 Kawaihau Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-1922

From: laurenelaine721@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Ampolos

<laurenelaine721@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:35 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Lauren Ampolos 415 Dairy Rd Ste E323 Kahului, HI 96732-2348

From: laurie_leland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Leland

<laurie_leland@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Laurie Leland 872 Maluniu Ave Kailua, HI 96734-1944

From: lauren.nagle14@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lola Nagel <lauren.nagle14

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:43 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Lola Nagel 388 Kinaole Cir Kihei, HI 96753-8945

From: lurline94510@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lurline Bettencourt < lurline94510

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:59 PM

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Sincerely, Lurline Bettencourt 4510 Kawaihau Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-1922

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Sincerely, Marcel Liberge PO Box 277 Murphy, OR 97533-0277

From: m2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Mick <m2@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:09 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Marilyn Mick 3773 Kanaina Ave Apt 207 Honolulu, HI 96815-4406

From: backstop7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Holland <backstop7

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 7:58 PM

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Sincerely, Mark Holland 2430 S Kihei Rd Kihei, HI 96753-6297

From: streamgirlll@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary True

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:33 PM

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Sincerely, Mary True PO Box 1020 Pepeekeo, HI 96783-1020

From: michael@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Whelan

<michael@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Michael Whelan 66 -1667 Waiaka Pl Kamuela, HI 96743-8306

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Sincerely, Michele Nihipali 54 -074 Kamehameha Hwy # A Hauula, HI 96717-9647

From: daysevens@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mr.and Mrs.Schroeder

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:29 PM

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Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder 603 Ilimano St Kailua, HI 96734-1832

From: haloa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nalei Kahakalau

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Sincerely, Nalei Kahakalau PO Box 1764 Honokaa, HI 96727-1764

From: wisevalentine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patti Valentine

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Patti Valentine
5301 Kalalea View Dr Anahola, HI 96703

From: alohaphap@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Cohen

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Sincerely, Paula Cohen 3854 Ahonui Pl Princeville, HI 96722-5530

From: peggyflute@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peggy Schecter

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Peggy Schecter 1154 Pulehu Rd Kula, HI 96790-8314

From: rjgraham.maui@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel James

<rigraham.maui@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Rachel James 220 Puanani Pl Kula, HI 96790-8487

From: rickthornhill12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Thornhill < rickthornhill12

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:42 PM

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Sincerely, Richard Thornhill 4141 Queen Emmas Dr Princeville, HI 96722-5541

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Sincerely, Robert Nehmad 935 Kauku Pl Honolulu, HI 96825-1309

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Sincerely, Robert Wilcox 45 Pualu Loop Lahaina, HI 96761-9187

From: shannonkona@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Rudolph

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:07 AM

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Sincerely, Shannon Rudolph PO Box 243 Holualoa, HI 96725-0243

From: sharman808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sharman O'Shea <sharman808

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Sincerely, Sharman O'Shea PO Box 966 Naalehu, HI 96772-0966

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Sincerely, Sharron Cushman 2238 Kilauea Ave Hilo, HI 96720-5310

From: ss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steven Slater <ss@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Steven Slater 55 E Waipio Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5725

From: terrysueakana@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Akana

<terrysueakana@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:44 AM

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Sincerely, Terry Akana 91 -1053 Maulihiwa St Kapolei, HI 96707-2915

From: tl_huth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Huth

<tl_huth@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Terry Huth 2366 Puu Mala Pl Kihei, HI 96753-7146

From: ranchgirl808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Theresa Thompson <ranchgirl808

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:19 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Theresa Thompson 989 Hiehie St Makawao, HI 96768-9317

From: tracyapaxton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Paxton

<tracyapaxton@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:53 AM

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Sincerely, Tracy Paxton 679 S Kihei Rd Kihei, HI 96753-7587

From: kamuela_vance@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vance Viveiros

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Sincerely, Vance Viveiros 1491 Makawao Ave Makawao, HI 96768-9507

From: wnan003@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wesley Nanamori <wnan003

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:40 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Wesley Nanamori 2241 Young St Honolulu, HI 96826-2306

From: mauizoe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zoe Alexander

<mauizoe@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:09 PM

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Sincerely, Zoe Alexander 222 Peahi Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5446

HB-2114

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:13:22 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brad williamson	st. catherine school	Support	No

Comments:

I have taught 20 years at St. Catherine School in Kapaa, Kauai. I am speaking on behalf of myself and as well as all the families and staff attending schools on Kaua'i. The children need our help. Kauai children need more protection from the County of Kaua'i and it's use of herbicides and pesticides on the perimeter of our schools. The County has admitted to spraying on the perimeter of St. Catherine School at 9:30 am, during school hours, where children were outside playing.

We all need better protection from toxic chemicals blowing into our classrooms. Many faculty and children have been physically affected by the spraying. It is wrong, harmful and needs to STOP! I am very concerned about relasing chemical exposure and the newer glyphosate chemical compositions.

In 2018 (on Kaua'i) a commercial pesticide applicator was fined only \$168,535 for misusing a combination of restricted-use pesticides on Kaua'i. The fine grossly under funds the true costs of improper and illegal use of pesticides in our communities and the restoration of ecosystems damaged by pesticide pollution.

In 2016 and 2017 (also on Kauaʻi) Syngenta failed to adhere to pesticide use instructions, and improperly used the (now banned) neurotoxin pesticide chlorpyrifos, exposing the dangerous pesticide to farmworkers and injuring their health. Although an investigation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency initially proposed a pesticide fine of \$4.9 million, the fine was significantly reduced to just over \$500,000.

Additionally, the state sponsored Joint Fact Finding Study Group Report (JFFG), tasked with studying pesticide use by large agribusiness on Kauai cites several incidents of pesticides illegally migrating into our land, air and water on Kauai, yet a lack of sufficient data to determine how pesticides have migrated.

The Waimea Canyon Middle School on Kauai was evacuated in 2006 and again in 2008 possibly due to pesticide drift. It is unacceptable that the framework was not in place for the immediate thorough investigation of this incident. In the JFFG the Waimea school incidents were highlighted as an example of why we need improved incident response practices.

While no investigation was immediately conducted the potential pesticide drift issue was largely dismissed by the DOA as a result of a toxin found in naturally occurring "stinkweed". However, a memo from Dr. Milton Clark, a former EPA official tasked with investigating pesticide violations, clearly suggests that the incidents were likely due to pesticide drift. According to Dr. Clark's memo the air sampling in Waimea Canyon Middle School occurred two years after the poisoning incident.

Furthermore, no blood or urine sampling was taken at the time of the incident to determine causality. Due to the regulatory oversight on the part of the DOA no conclusive finding determining the cause of the poisoning could be attributed.

Please help us fight against a County that does whatever is easiest rather than what is right, just and SAFE!!!

From: jlee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Lee <jlee@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:37 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Joanna Lee 1111 Nuuanu Ave Honolulu, HI 96817-5183

HB-2114

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:50:12 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
denise woods	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2114 as an essential measure to help protect the health of our islands and our people. This is long overdue. Thank You.

From: bjamile11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brandon Jamile <bjamile11

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:56 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Brandon Jamile 3608 Likini St Honolulu, HI 96818-2107

From: causelessbliss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melanie Cahan

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Melanie Cahan 888 Iwilei Rd Honolulu, HI 96817-5036

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Sincerely, John Naylor PO Box 1749 Makawao, HI 96768-1749

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Tabatha Noel Patel 41 Hua Nui Way Lahaina, HI 96761-8348

From: JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JULIA FUJIOKA

<JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:47 AM

To: AGRtestimony

Subject: In Support of HB 2114 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections

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JULIA FUJIOKA
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From: kealelani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lory Ono

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:58 AM

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Sincerely, Lory Ono 44 -022 Nohokai Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-2543

HB-2114

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:37:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No	ı

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. It is an important step towards protecting the the people and the natural environment here in Hawaii. We need more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations. In light of recent lawsuits and court rulings in regard to health related risks of pesticides, it is imperative that we enact laws that provide a clear framework and enforcement of safety regarding the ue of these restricted use pesticides.

The independent Joint Fact Finding (JFF) Study Group, issued in May 2016, points out that there is a need for more timely pesticide inspections and compliance investigations, as well as better reporting on the results of pesticide inspections and investigations. According to the same study, the use of drift-prone pesticides should be more strictly monitored through inspections and proven violators should be fined.

HB2114 is an important step that needs to be taken now in our state.

Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Marion McHenry

Kauai

HB-2114

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:46:10 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorilani Keohokalole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai,

Simply put, I support this Bill as it stands.

Increased FINES for those that are Viloating the law.

In this day and age, we can barely keep up with what is happeing in the Agriculture Industry. We need laws that will protect us and our keiki as they grow up here in Hawaii. I reside on the island of Kauai, and have been in the grassroots movement to protect our keiki for many years.

As a Native Hawaiian, I continue to hope that our voices will enact the change that continually mĕ lama 'Ä• ina.

Mahalo for your time,

Lorilani Keohokalole

From: ssmoore72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sherrie Moore <ssmoore72

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:22 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely, Sherrie Moore RR 3 Box 1302 Pahoa, HI 96778-7518

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:40:29 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Valkenaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am against the spread of any poisons by petrochemical companies anywhere on this planet.



<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:12:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Patry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:55:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nathan patry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:41:06 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:24:17 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L. Ragan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly SUPPORT HB2114!

<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:26:16 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Ragan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **SUPPORT HB2114.** There must be consequences. Mahalo.



<u>HB-2114</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:37:38 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bridgit Bales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2114.

HB-2114

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:16:58 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Newman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please SUPPORT this bill. The laws we are carefully crafting around pesticide use must have teeth, and this bill offers a means of enforcement. This bill must past if agrichemical users are to be held accountable. Mahalo.

HB-2114

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:17:12 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/5/2020 9:15:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colleen Rost-Banik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2114. We need to enforce pesticide violations as they can be a major threat to all the people in our communities as well as the land that provides for us.

Sincerely, Colleen Rost-Banik Honolulu resident



From: mark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Damon

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:04 PM

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Sincerely, Mark Damon 150 Pulehunui Rd Kula, HI 96790-9718

From: gabriella1111@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Smith < gabriella1111

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:48 AM

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Sincerely, Nicole Smith 258 Hoalike St Kihei, HI 96753-7009

From: drcoffey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Coffey

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:27 PM

To: AGRtestimony

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Sincerely,
Patricia Coffey
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