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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND  
ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**JULY 2, 2020  
10:00 A.M.  
AUDITORIUM**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2565 HD2, SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Chairperson Rhoads, Chairperson Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees:

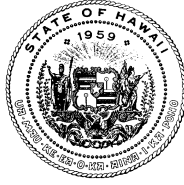
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2565 HD2, SD1, Relating to Pesticides. The bill appropriates funds from the general fund for fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to develop, in consultation with the Hawaii Department of Health, and implement a pesticide disposal amnesty program to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted use pesticides and non-restricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity; directs the Department to convene a steering committee to guide and monitor the pesticide disposal amnesty program; and increases fines for pesticide use violations. The Department supports the intent of this measure and offers comments.

The Department supports the concept of a one-time pesticide disposal program. Currently, there exists in most counties a pesticide disposal program for household pesticide products, but not for commercial and other types of pesticide products. The proposed disposal program will make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents and the environment by removing unused and unwanted pesticide products from the State.



The Department also supports increased fines. The Department always started violators off with small fines, and only increased fines as violators made repeat violations. Raising the fines at the higher end does not stop the Department from beginning with minimal fines for first- and second-time violators. Currently, if the Department feels that our maximum possible fine has not deterred a violator from violating again, the case is referred to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If EPA takes action, the fine is generally substantially higher, and any collected fines go to EPA. After the passage of Act 45 SLH 2018, all fines collected by the Department for violations of HRS 149A are placed into the pesticide use revolving fund, where they may be used for training, educational workshops, environmental surveys, and other pesticide branch related activities. The Department would obviously benefit from fines going to the Department rather than going to EPA. The Department would only use these highest end fines for businesses and individuals who repeatedly violate pesticide law without any attempt to better their practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2565 HD2 SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**LATE**

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: 7/2/2020

Room Number: Auditorium

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
- 2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
- 3 personnel.
  
- 4 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports this measure directing the Department of
- 5 Agriculture, in consultation with the Department, to develop and implement a one-time pesticide
- 6 disposal program offering safe collection and lawful disposal of unwanted pesticides from bona
- 7 fide farmers. These waste chemicals can become a serious public health and environmental
- 8 threat.
  
- 9 This bill has tremendous potential to provide environmental and human health benefits for the
- 10 community by removing threats to residents, waterways, and the environment. This measure is
- 11 timely, as legal disposal options are limited in Hawaii, and the longer waste pesticides are left
- 12 unmanaged, the more likely the container will leak, the label will be become unreadable,
- 13 someone will be exposed, or the chemicals will leach into the ground or wash into nearby
- 14 waterways.
  
- 15 Farmers and other businesses have a legal obligation to properly dispose of the waste pesticides
- 16 that they generate, including those qualifying as hazardous waste. Waste pesticide collection

1 programs have been established in other states that require farmers to provide inventories of  
2 waste materials being received by the waste contractors conducting the events. With proper  
3 documentation, hazardous waste pesticides can be properly managed as universal waste under  
4 such a collection program.

5 **Offered Amendments:** None.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



# HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In support of the intent of HB2565 HD2 SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday July 2, 2020 at 10:00 am  
Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium

Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for allowing the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of HB2565 HD2 SD1 which establishes the Pesticide Disposal Collection Program within the Department of Agriculture to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted and nonrestricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity, convenes a Pesticide Disposal Collection Program Steering Committee to guide and monitor the program, and increases fines for pesticide use violations.

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association applauds the Hawaii State Legislature for taking up this important measure to support local farmers, ranchers, responsible pesticide applicators, and communities across the State. This proposed program is a proactive step towards empowering the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to regulate, educate, and support Hawaii's pesticide applicators.

In respect of the wider agricultural community, the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association defers to the comments of the Hawaii Farm Bureau regarding the proposed changes to the administrative and criminal penalties in Part 2, Section 4 of this measure.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of the intent of HB2565 HD2 SD1. If you have any question, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel Zibakalam  
Program Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association



## HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.*



Young Progressives Demanding Action  
P.O. Box 11105  
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July 2, 2020  
10:00 AM

**TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary (JDC)**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means (WAM)**  
**RE: Testimony in Support of HB2565 HD2 SD1**

Aloha Chair(s) Rhoads & Dela Cruz, Vice Chair(s) Keohokalole & Keith-Agaran, Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Senate Committee on Ways & Means,

My name is Jun Shin. I am a Junior at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and serve as 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. One of those values is that all communities have the right to live in a clean and healthy environment. YPDA in **Support of HB2565 HD2 SD1**, Relating to Pesticides.

Our organization is dedicated to the 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. Helping people both easily and safely transition out of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) is important to properly transitioning us to a sustainable future of organic land management, while protecting our communities. We need to ensure that no one is left behind, and our yards and rivers are safe for the whole community.

YPDA supports efforts to increase disposal options, and we hope to see this program further expanded to include individuals. We also would support this program being offered yearly, as well as the creation of incentives for users to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely. In the past, pesticide fines were either not enough or were significantly reduced. 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 and should have been avoided.

It is really unfortunate that there is a low threshold in fines for pesticide violation. **We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Department of Agriculture. Without higher penalties, violators will just pay and move on. Not only will higher fines hold violators accountable, but it can also provide the funding necessary to expand the pesticide disposal program and create new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.** Exposure to pesticides shouldn't be taken lightly, and this measure takes an important step to keep violators in line.

Young Progressives Demanding Action is in **Support** of **HB2565 HD2 SD1**. We respectfully ask for you to pass it through your committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

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**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:48:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Koerner	Testifying for Greener Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

We are in support of HB2565 because Hawaii does not have an adequate program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities or substantial fines that can be issued from the Department of Agriculture for pesticide misuse violations.

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 farmworkers. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the Department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

Please support the safe disposal of pesticides as outlined in this bill to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards, and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating... the toxins end up in the ocean water which is where both locals and tourists go to enjoy our islands.

We support efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.



**Senate Committees on Judiciary & Ways and Means  
Hawai'i Center for Food Safety supports HB2565 HD2 SD1**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committees,

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.

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, including Act 45 (Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018), concerning uses of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) by agricultural users in the State of Hawai'i.

I am writing in support of HB2565 HD2 SD1, which requires the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to create a one-time RUP disposal amnesty program under which agricultural users may dispose of any unwanted restricted and general use pesticides, and raises the fines for pesticide violations.

CFS applauds the bill's recognition of the dangers of pesticides and the importance of their safe disposal. We support the creation of a program that shall not charge a fee for the disposal of pesticides that include an active ingredient of pesticide weighing less than five pounds or fifteen gallons, but may charge a fee for disposal of a pesticide that includes an active ingredient weighing five pounds or more or fifteen gallons or more.

We believe that agricultural companies that choose to purchase and use RUPs, so called because of their potential harm to public health and the environment, should bear the financial and legal responsibility to properly dispose of these chemicals. In publicly available court papers from the recent Monsanto pesticide violation on Maui, where Monsanto illegally stored and sprayed PennCap-M, a RUP that had been cancelled and banned by the EPA, the U.S. District Attorney stated that Monsanto "knowingly stored 180 pounds of PennCap-M hazardous waste, which it ultimately disposed of with a licensed hazardous waste disposal company on September 17, 2014."<sup>1</sup> Thus, agricultural users of RUPs are perfectly capable of legally and safely disposing RUPs in the state of Hawai'i.

Large agricultural users should bear the financial and legal responsibility for their use of these dangerous

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/press-release/file/1219516/download>, at pg. 2.

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chemicals.

We are also in strong support of the bill's language which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

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.

**In light of the recent history of known pesticide violations, we strongly support HB2565 HD2 SD1, which will help establish a written public record of violations, incentivize compliance and proper disposal of toxic pesticides.**

**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 public deserves access to the knowledge of such violations to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such misuse.**

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauryn Rego", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

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HB 2565hd2, sd1 Relating to Pesticides  
Sen JDC/WAM Hearing  
Thursday, July 2, 2020  
10:00 am  
Auditorium

Testimony By: Larry Jeffs  
Position: Support

Chair Rhoads and Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Sen JDC/WAM Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC, which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai, under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. We have more than 35 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. I am a volunteer director for the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Appreciation and support are expressed for this measure that proposes to establish an affordable and accessible restricted and non-restricted use pesticides disposal program. This would provide farmers a means for legal and safe disposal of pesticides that are outdated, banned or no longer used.

We also support the creation of a Pesticide Disposal Collection Program Steering Committee, comprised of the advisory committee on pesticides, representative from HARC and any other representative identified by the Chair of the BOA. Such a committee will guide and monitor the pesticide disposal collection program.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony.



June 30, 2020

The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Hawaii Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: HB 2565, HD2, SD1 – Pesticide Container Collection – Oppose Unless Amended**

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz:

The Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), strongly supports the original intent of HB 2565, which will provide a collection and amnesty program for the proper disposal of illegal or unused agricultural pesticides. However, amendments unrelated to the original intent of the bill have been added which we believe are inappropriate and should be removed prior to the bill moving forward. WPHA represents the interests of fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, agricultural biotechnology providers, and agricultural retailers in Hawaii, California, and Arizona.

WPHA supports programs facilitating the safe disposal of all unused pesticides. We believe these types of programs help assure farmers can handle products safely and can be of great educational benefit to farmers. We believe that collection programs like this provide positive opportunities for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to proactively educate and interact with farmers and others who may be in position of products that should be removed from an individual's possession.

WPHA is opposed to the inclusion of language which would dramatically increase fines for pesticide violations, including increasing substantial increases on individuals. WPHA is concerned that requiring the 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 also believe that this is an unnecessary burden on Hawaii's farmers in light of the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on the agricultural economy.

WPHA could understand the rationale 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 farmers or applicators to observe pesticide rules. WPHA is opposed to increasing fines without a justification of need.

Again, WPHA strongly supports the author's goal of establishing a collection and amnesty program to help farmers eliminate unused or illegal products. However, we believe the amending language increasing fines on farmers is counter-intuitive to the intent of the bill and an unnecessary burden on farmers in the face of market losses due to COVID-19. As a result, WPHA must oppose HB 2565, HD2, SD1 unless amended. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pinel', written in a cursive style.

Renee Pinel  
President/CEO



## Committee on Judiciary & Committee on Ways and Means

### **Hawai`i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports: HB2565**

**Thursday, July 2nd, 2020 at 10AM**

#### **Board of Directors:**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

#### *President*

Gary L. Hooser

The Hawai`i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) submits this testimony in strong support to HB2565 establishes a program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities and increases the maximum available fines that can be issued from the Department of Agriculture for pesticide misuse violations.

#### *CoVice Presidents*

Andrea N. Brower

Ikaika Hussey

HAPA supports safe and responsible disposal of pesticides to better protect our community and environment. We strongly support the, very appropriate, increase to the maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture for pesticide use violations.

#### *Treasurer*

Kim Coco Iwamoto

We support efforts to ensure the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities. The impacts of improper dumping of pesticides in surrounding environments and sewage facilities are devastating and cascading.

#### *Secretary*

Bart E. Dame

We support this effort to provide a responsible and safe dumping opportunity and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal by anyone in need of disposal. We also would support this program being offered more than once and possibly established as a regular (maybe yearly or bi yearly) program.

#### *Members*

Paul Aчитoff

Kaleikoa Ka'eo

Michael Miranda

Walter Ritte Jr.

Pua Rossi-Fukino

We have one suggestion that the word "may" be turned to "shall" in relation to a the inclusion of a cost for larger disposals of pesticides to ensure that taxpayers aren't given the bill for larger users and agricultural corporations which could use this as an opportunity to offset their financial and legal liability on to the State of Hawai`i.

Karen Shishido

Leslie Malu Shizue Miki

*Section 2, C -2 "The department of agriculture **may** (suggested change: "shall") impose a fee schedule, which shall be exempt from chapters 91 and 201M, for the disposal of a restricted use pesticide or nonrestricted use pesticide, which contains an active ingredient of a restricted use pesticide, that weighs five pounds or more or fifteen gallons or more."*

There is also some concern with how location sites will be selected for collection and disposal. Historically such dump sites have often been placed near economically disadvantageous communities and native Hawaiian communities. The bill should clarify that the steering committee includes representatives from OHA and other stakeholders from an appropriate environmental justice organization.

We strongly support the very appropriate increase to the maximum fine amounts able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture for pesticide use violations.

Pesticide violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. Improper use, disposal and 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 and takes a toll on human health and quality of life. Despite these risks, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and the Department of Agriculture is inappropriately equipped to issue significant fines that deter repeated misuse. If passed, HB 2565 will increase the maximum fines for pesticide use violations. This is an important step towards protecting our communities from toxic pesticide drift.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. This needs to change. We need a system that holds repeated pesticide violators accountable and this bill is an important step to doing this and working to better protect our farmworkers, communities and the environment from pesticide misuse and illegal disposal.

Please support HB2565 and efforts to better protect communities and our environment from the impacts of pesticides.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Anne Frederick,  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action

*HAPA is a state-wide environmental, social and economic justice organization. We engage over 10,000 local residents annually through our work. HAPA is committed to working to protect our communities and environment from the impacts of pesticide exposure. Our organization was formed in response to community concerns about the public health and environmental impacts from the migration of pesticides from large agrochemical fields into adjacent communities.*

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.



**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 12:11:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Jana Bogs	Testifying for Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 1:13:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maha Conyers	Testifying for Mahana Weddings Maui	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:53:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We are in [SUPPORT of HB2565](#) which establishes a program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities and increases the maximum available fines that can be issued from the Department of Agriculture for pesticide misuse violations.

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July 2, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
JUDICIARY AND WAYS AND MEANS

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2565, HD2 SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Auditorium  
10 AM

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz, Vice-Chairs Keohokalole and Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees:

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 strongly supports Part 1 of HB 2565 HD2 SD1**, which establishes the Pesticide Disposal Collection Program within the Department of Agriculture to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity, and convenes a Program Steering Committee to guide and monitor the program.

**Why is pesticide collection needed specifically for farmers?**

The simple answer is that **farmers are not eligible to participate** in the counties' periodic *residential household* hazardous waste collection. The last collection for farmers was 11 years ago.

This is a program that most states/counties across the country offer specifically for farmers and ranchers – from the smallest to the largest farms. Some hold collections several times a year. Our isolated location, huge distance from appropriate disposal facilities, and complicated shipping procedures make it extremely costly for farmers and ranchers to properly dispose of unwanted materials on their own.

**Why is a steering committee of experts needed?**

HFB agrees with Section 2(e) as written, providing that the State Advisory Committee on Pesticides should guide and monitor the pesticide disposal program. This Committee is the appropriate body to hold that role and responsibility. Its members are vetted Governor-appointees, confirmed by the Senate, experienced in pesticide laws,

regulations, and use, and include HDOA, HDOH, DLNR, the environmental community, pesticide user group representatives, and the public. ***They also have the connections to the ag community to bring them awareness about the program so it can be a success.***

HFB would also be pleased to partner with HDOA to help with this program, as we have knowledge and experience in this area.

### **Simple corrections needed**

We respectfully request two necessary amendments to the bill.

#### **1. Math problem**

The prescriptive weight limits referred to starting on page 3, line 16 (5 pounds OR fifteen gallons), are conflicting and irrational. The intent of the collection program is to properly dispose of ***all*** pesticides that are no longer wanted and could pose an environmental risk if disposed of improperly.

*The Department*, with appropriate input from the Steering Committee and the disposal contractor, ***must be allowed to determine the amount of product with RUP active ingredient eligible for collection without a fee, or per a fee schedule, based on the amount appropriated by this body.***

#### **2. Duration of each collection period**

While HFB certainly appreciates the intent of the long collection period on each island, to accommodate our busy farmers and ranchers, it may be unnecessary and cost-prohibitive.

We believe the duration should instead be determined by the department, working closely with an experienced contractor (and the State Advisory Committee on Pesticides), ***after*** it has an estimate of how much unwanted material is on each island. Proper collection is a very complicated and expensive undertaking; the number of days on each island must be strategically coordinated to accommodate contractor and shipping schedules and availability, while avoiding legal glitches, logistical nightmares, and exorbitant program costs. Fourteen days on each island may not be necessary.

Page 3, lines 7 - 11: Amend the sentence to read: "Each site shall offer the opportunity for ~~[disposal]~~collection of restricted use pesticides and nonrestricted use pesticides for a ~~[duration of fourteen 10 consecutive calendar days]~~reasonable period of time during the pesticide disposal amnesty program.

### **Why arbitrarily doubling, tripling, quadrupling, or quintupling penalties is unwarranted**

Finally, HFB respectfully disagrees with the addition by a prior committee of Part II (beginning on page 5) of this bill, which would arbitrarily increase the administrative and criminal penalties, ***doubling some and increasing others five-fold***. Contrary to proponents' assertions, to our knowledge, there are ***no*** farms that intentionally violate pesticide laws and that would consider the already-significant penalties and terrible publicity as a "cost of doing business". For the vast majority of farms in Hawaii, even the

current penalties, not to mention the negative press, could quickly put them right out of business.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important subject and for your continued support of Hawaii's hard-working agricultural producers.

**LATE**

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 10:31:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Logan Silsley	Testifying for Conscious Riddims Records	Support	No

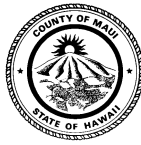
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July 1, 2020

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhodes, Chair  
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Kelly Takaya King  
Councilmember

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JULY 2, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2565, RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish the Pesticide Disposal Collection Program within the Department of Agriculture to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted and non-restricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity while increasing fines for pesticide use violations.

I offer this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Increased fines for pesticide misuse violations are an important step to protect our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides.
2. Large scale pesticide use is especially of concern on Maui as many workforce and low-income housing are in close proximity to this activity.

For the aforementioned reasons, I **support** this measure



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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 9:41:45 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tammy Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We must make it easier to collect these poisons before they enter the ecosystem so we can treat them appropriately for the future health of the people here.

I live in Wailua, Kauai and grow food as much as I can in addition to my regular business.

Aloha,  
Tammy Davis

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 9:45:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amanda N. Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB2565, which establishes a program for the disposal of pesticides. I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and the intention of the bill to provide easy and safe ways for small farmers with a method to do this. Furthermore, I support increasing the maximum allowable fines able to be issued by the Department of Agriculture for pesticide misuse violations.

Mahalo,

Amanda Kelly, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 10:07:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 10:18:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chelle Galarza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a resident of Maui and support HB2565. I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 10:28:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norris Thomlinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Improper disposal of pesticides is dangerous to the aina and to all who live on these islands, especially our keiki. I support this bill as a good start at encouraging safer disposal, while increasing penalties on those who disregard the health of others. I urge you to pass it through the Committees. Mahala,

Norris Thomlinson  
Pahoa, Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 10:31:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In the interest of brevity, would you please support the bill. We don't need more toxic waste dumped into the aina.

Mahalo for your consideration

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 11:38:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators. The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai`i.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 1:51:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael deYcaza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 5:46:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:23:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eileen M Gawrys	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:25:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Colleen Rost-Banik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Colleen Rost-Banik and I support HB 2565. I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i. Please support HB2565.

Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha All,

We strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai`i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai`i.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

Mahalo,

Dr. John and Debra



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please protect the sins and our keiki from these dangerous pesticides.



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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:08:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Abbey Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello. I am a Kauai resident in support of bill 2565.

We strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:10:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Lynn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to protect our land waterways and ocean. Please pass this bill so that we can have safe disposal of chemicals.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:12:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am a resident of Maui, an educator, parent and community volunteer. I have multiple concerns regarding the proper disposal of pesticides.

Since we are living on an island with limited natural resources, I'd think that the majority of our leadership, from local to state, would be on the forefront of protecting the environment.

Please pass this measure for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

Currently, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators

This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, and we need to hold violators more appropriately accountable.

Respectfully,

Dezireen Austin

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:21:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nadya Penoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Living in Kauai, I am in full support of HB2565. My granddaughter and her schoolmates need the protection this bill provides. Pesticide exposure is proven to be detrimental to young brains. Let's enact more stringent laws. Industrial pesticides have no place in our tiny island of Kauai.

Let's keep our selves and our young ones healthy.

Thank you for listening to my testimony and for doing the right action.

Kind regards, Nadya Penoff

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Misha kassel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a parent to two young girls and also as an emergency medicine physician it is critical we do more to limit and stop using dangerous pesticides. And when they have to be used are disposed of properly.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kris Bordessa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Despite the risks associated with exposure to pesticides, the misuse and improper disposal of these poisons has, and continues to occur within the state and poses a threat to the environment and our community. We need to provide both farmers and community members with a safe way to dispose of poisons.

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:30:04 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:38:26 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am a resident of Kaua'i and give my strong support to HB2565. It is critical that the state establishes safe, sanctioned methods for pesticide disposal. I have seen, more times than I can count, people spraying leftover pesticides on road shoulders, drainage ditches, and waterways; these chemicals have long term detrimental effects and spread through out the ecosystem.

I also believe it is vital to raise the fines for illegal and unsafe dumping. The current fines are too low to serve as a deterrent; this is especially true for large agribusiness entities, who have budgets that are able to absorb most fines with no impact. It is necessary to expand the program to include individuals, and I advocate for a sliding scale that increases the penalties depending on the size and incomes of the farmer or corporation. It's an important point that the state could substantially increase the monies available for the Department of Agriculture to support new programs and laws concerning pesticides in our state.

Please vote in support of this bill, to protect our communities, our natural resources, our farm workers, and our keiki and kupuna.

Mahalo,

Maria Walker

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Long	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

As a long time resident of Kauai and a lover of this aina, I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

Again, I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Susan Stayton



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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committees.

I support HB2565. We should not poison our aina. We should be transitioning to an organic, pesticide-free agriculture. Let's phase out the use of pesticides ASAP. Mahalo for your consideration.

Randy Ching

Honolulu

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:59:39 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jenifer Prince	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill as Hawaii has depended far too heavily on the use of pesticides and needs all types of severe regulations on their use and disposal.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Teschner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill to protect our communities!

John Teschner



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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha from Kaua'i,

We want the rivers and beaches where we swim with our keiki to be clean and safe. Please protect the people and the aina of the islands. Don't leave our fate in the hands of big outside corporations that don't care about our health and well being. Don't be convinced or tempted by their money and influence.

Please Support HB2565 which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities and increase the maximum available fines that can be issued from the Department of Agriculture.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

Our small local farmers want a way to be pono and protect our community from pollution so they need a way to safely dispose of pesticides. We support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals and to be conducted regularly and not only as a one off opportunity.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Brower	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Momi Ventura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lawrence Ford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Our land and waters cannot absorb pesticides without severe damage. Poisoning our earth brings nothing but negative consequences. Increased fines are needed to enable enforcement. Prison time would help also.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
helena berh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. I moved to Maui 43 years ago for the beauty, clean air, water and ecosystem-- all this is being heavily compromised by the use pesticides and chemicals. This bill is an important step towards protecting our communities, our people, our keiki, our aina and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sulara James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
sue andaloro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill. These companies need to be held accountable also. Hawaii was already ruined by all the pesticides from pineapple pesticides and GMO companies. We need to start protecting it way better.



**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 1:57:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Danielle Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 4:28:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 4:49:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tiana Laranio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 5:13:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Judiciary.

From Tlaloc Tokuda, Kailua Kona HI 96740

I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

I strongly SUPPORT. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

Tlaloc Tokuda

73-4599 Kukuki St,

Kailua Kona HI 96740

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 5:34:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Umiamaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Support HB2565 which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities and increase the maximum available fines that can be issued from the Department of Agriculture.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals and to be conducted regularly and not only as a one off opportunity.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 5:38:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fern Anuenue Holland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

Myself and my ohana are in strong support to HB2565. Please support this measure!

I strongly support safe and responsible disposal of pesticides to better protect our community and environment and we support the increase to the maximum fines able to be fined for pesticide use violations.

We support efforts to ensure the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities. The impacts of improper dumping of pesticides in surrounding environments and sewage facilities can be devastating.

We strongly support this effort to provide a responsible and safe dumping opportunity and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal by anyone in need of disposal.

There is some concern in our ohana about how location sites are selected for collection and disposal. Historically such dump sites have often been placed near economically disadvantageous communities and native Hawaiian communities. The bill should clarify that the steering committee includes representatives from OHA and other stakeholders from an appropriate environmental justice organization.

We also strongly support the very appropriate increase to the maximum fine amounts able to be fined by the Department of Agriculture for pesticide use violations.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. This needs to change. We need a system that holds repeated pesticide violators accountable and this bill is an important step to doing this and working to better protect our farmworkers, communities and the environment from pesticide misuse and illegal disposal.

Please support HB2565 and efforts to better protect communities and our environment from the impacts of pesticides.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Fern A Holland BSc



**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:43:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT!!!

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:44:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amanda Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 9:09:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Kerman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 9:31:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 10:43:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tony Radmilovich	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 11:06:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joey Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

We strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

As a father and long time local resident of North Shore, I am in strong support in a future for my keiki and make sure that they will live a long and healthy life and not have it compromised by the sake of profits.

Aloha Aina

Joseph Green

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 11:19:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. Too often we have laws that fall short because of poor implementation. This bill is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticides and the many ways in which they contaminate our land and the general environment.

This bill will enable the state to hold violators accountable in a meaningful way. Please pass HB2565 and demonstrate that the state is serious about reining in the cascading effects of careless disposal of toxic pesticides.



**From:** [Brittney Perez](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [JDC Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support HB2656  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:46:44 PM

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My name is Brittney Perez and I currently reside on the island of Kauai in Kekaha. Here in kekaha we live near many of the test crops which have lots of pesticide run off. We can visibly see the negative effects of our environment everyday. The rivers are poisoned by pesticides and run through some residential homes before it makes its way to the ocean where the coral and limu can no longer grow. The poison river runs through the Waimea Ahupua'a and the people are unable to cultivate because of it. We can not build our lo'i, go fishing or simply enjoy ourselves in the river. We see and smell the toxic pesticides that flow down in it. Another concern is the the soil in the are that also gets polluted every time it rains and the pesticides leech into the surroundings. And what should we make of our underground water? Many residents have a small water well on their properties that they use for growing their own food, water their yards, drink, these waters could potentially be affected by pesticide runoff also.

Please Support HB2565 which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities and increase the maximum available fines that can be issued from the Department of Agriculture.

I support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals and to be conducted regularly and not only as a one off opportunity.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators accountable for their pollution.

Brittney Perez

**From:** [Abbey Holmes](#)  
**To:** [JDCTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:00:46 AM

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I am in support of bill HB 2565. Please keep the agricultural waste disposed of properly. To help the safety of residents and the health of the rivers and ocean.

Thank you

Abbey Holmes

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Renee Goff](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#); [JDCTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support HB2565  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:13:23 PM

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In agreement with Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA), I support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals and to be conducted regularly and not only as a one off opportunity.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i.

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.

I am a public school educator, although my school's campus isn't nearby agricultural land and drive pass campuses on our 'aina and wonder what regulations and safety precautions are in place for our keiki, 'ohana and 'aina. Our land is literally limited, thus I fail to understand the presence of chemical companies and use of their chemicals to better capitalism. Hawai'i isn't the place, honestly nowhere is.

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**Renee Goff**

**From:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**To:** [JDC Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HB2565  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:14:13 PM

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**From:** STEPHENIE BLAKEMORE <stephenieblakemore@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:17 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony <WamTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2565

Aloha

We need strict laws protecting our land, air and ocean from toxic pesticides. The use and disposal of these pollutants is counterproductive to our state's physical and fiscal wellbeing as we move towards sustainability practices that safeguard us from the extreme effects of climate change. In this year disasters such as Corona Vid 19 pandemic and economic hardships have also reminded us that we need to be able to care for ourselves, here in Hawaii, first. We can not do that if we poison the air we breathe, the land, rivers and ocean where we are blessed to grow and hunt for food.

Please pass this legislation so that Hawaii can continue to be our paradise.

Malama the A'ina. Malama Hawaii

Mahalo

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Jessie Faige

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**From:** Deborah Pence <debponce@mail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:15 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** JDCTestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT of HB2656 Safe Disposal and increased fines for pesticide misuse

We are in [SUPPORT of HB2565](#) which establishes a program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities and increases the maximum available fines that be issued from the Department of Agriculture for pesticide misuse violations.

On Kauai, our neighborhood is menaced by a few individuals who have a psychology that does not in consideration of others nor the earth.

Any attempts to communicate and encourage cooperation with our organic neighborhood alliance is with belligerence & increased undesirable activity,

including spraying pesticides near waterways & into the wind, ruthlessly killing off endangered birds there.

Such individuals need to be made to suffer in some VERY real sense as they are inflicting harms upon others with their reckless use of poisons.

Maximizing fines for improper pesticide use is the very least our government can do to rein in such extremely wealthy people.

The courts have decided that Roundup is causing cancer and many consumers are in possession of the product which now needs to be BANNED from import to Hawaii.

Please, without further delay, pass HB2656 TODAY, establishing a program for safe & responsible use and disposal of pesticides.

sincerely, Deborah Pence , Kauai resident

**From:** [JDCTestimony](#)  
**To:** [JDCTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony: Support for HB2565  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:43:30 AM

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**From:** MONIKA MIRA <[lucidhawaii@me.com](mailto:lucidhawaii@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:36 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony <[WamTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WamTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)>  
**Subject:** Testimony: Support for HB2565

I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai`i.

Despite the huge risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, (the impacts of which I have seen first hand on Kauai!), pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State and poses a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farm workers. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai`i.

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

Monika Mira

**From:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**To:** [Jessie Faige](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pesticide bill  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:47:26 PM

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Another one...

-----Original Message-----

From: engler.leslee@gmail.com <engler.leslee@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:20 AM  
To: WAM Testimony <WamTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
Subject: Pesticide bill

Save the Health of our children. Look at the birth defects in Kauai compared to the other Islands. You will see a horribly greater number compared to National records of spinal bifida (a child born without muscle and skin covering its spine) especially areas around Monsanto/Bayer spray fields.

This is known to be a result of toxic pesticide exposure. It has been tested in court and the finding gave \$28 million to the injured man.



**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 1:17:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Living in the 21st century I didn't think we would e ven have to discuss toxic pesticides. I sincerely thought we would have banned all of these substances affecting our health. But, here we are. I strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts to provide disposal options and encourage the expansion of the program to individuals. It would be a great idea to offer this program yearly and incentives to turn toxic products in to ensure they are disposed of safely.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable "cost of doing business" in Hawai`i.

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The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai`i.

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**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 1:18:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
dale chappell	Individual	Support	No

**Comments:**

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more appropriately accountable.

Please approve the safe disposal of pesticides and the effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. We need higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so these violations are not simply an acceptable “cost of doing business” in Hawai`i.

The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai`i.

Thank you.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 7:06:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
katie ranke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 8:08:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorraine Newman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

Please pass this bill.

A vital part of taking responsibility for the proper use of agricultural chemicals is setting up method for proper disposal - and then enforcing it with teeth.

This bill will bring everyone on board with a clear process for handling disposal.

I applaud you all for recognizing the importance of this piece of legislation as it furthers the goal of protecting and preserving Hawaii... her people, lands and waters.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lorraine Newman

Kilauea, Kauai

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 9:19:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pa Chi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 10:01:09 AM  
Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2565 HD2 and suggest expanding the program to more than a one time disposal of pesticides. I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be levied by the Dept of Agriculture for protection of communities and the environment.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 1:42:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fred Dente	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill, HB2565. Stop allowing the poisoning of our land and the water and the human beings and animals and fish and the air, etc. Kaua is becoming more and more toxic every day.

**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 2:48:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alice Terry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and this effort to provide an easy and safe way for small farmers with a method of disposal. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

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**HB-2565-SD-1**

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 3:29:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please triple the fine amount to get the point across to violators who feel secure that their toxic habits are protected by the state for economic purposes. There is something to be said about how many violators laugh when they are confronted and say that their rebellious behavior is protected by the State of Hawai'i and is good for the economy.

**From:** [anne earhart](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#); [JDCTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** HB 2656 -SUPPORT  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 9:48:10 AM

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Dear friends,

I support this bill and it's purpose to provide safe disposal of pesticides. The state has an interest in making sure that disposal is handled properly and not dumped into the ground, streams or down the sewer or septic systems.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you very much,  
Anne Earhart  
2960 Kalihiwai  
Kilauea, Kauai