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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**MARCH 11, 2020  
9:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3040 SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 3040 SD1, relating to Pesticides. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases fines for pesticide use violations. The Department offers comments.

While the Department supports the concept of transparency of the Pesticides Branches functions, there are elements of the proposed reporting requirements in the bill that gives the Department concerns. First, there is no exception for reporting on open investigations. If an investigation uncovers a violation, the results can become part of a civil or criminal proceeding. As such, and in accordance with HRS 92F-13(2) and (3), information regarding ongoing cases is not disclosable and must remain confidential until such cases are closed, adjudicated, or settled. The Department requests that it be made clear in the bill that open investigations are not subject to reporting. The Department maintains relevant data to report to EPA as required. Some of the reporting criteria in this bill, such as the number of days between the complaint being filed and the case being closed, the specific nature of the complaint, the location of inspection and the active ingredient of the pesticide involved, is not maintained electronically. This



information is only located within each inspection jacket., Our method of maintaining electronic data would need to be revised, and the data would to need be extracted manually from each inspection report on an ongoing basis. The Pesticides Branch conducts several hundred inspections annually, including on average 75-100 stemming from complaints. The Department needs additional staffing to fulfil the reporting requirements in this measure. The Department notes that Act 45 SLH 2018 added reporting requirements for restricted use pesticides (RUPs). Act 45 SLH 2018 provided two (2) temporary positions to fulfil these new requirements, in addition to other duties. These positions have expired, and the Department is now using the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund to fund one of these positions through the end of this fiscal year in order to meet Act 45 obligations. The RUP summary required by Act 45 and associated necessary actions (following up with applicators who submitted insufficient information, instructing applicators on how to report, etc.) has proven to be a nearly full-time job in and of itself, and will continue to require substantial resources every year, for which the Department does not have ongoing budget. Without additional staffing the Department will have a difficult time on an ongoing basis meeting the reporting requirements in this measure (should it be enacted) or those in Act 45. The Department believes it could handle both with one additional one full time permanent position.

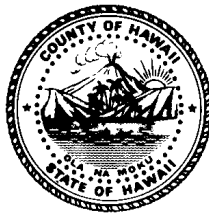
The Department supports increased fines for pesticide use violations. The Department always started violators off with small fines, and only increased fines as violators made repeat violations. Raising the fines at the higher end does not stop the Department from beginning with minimal fines for first and second-time violators. Currently, if the Department feels that our maximum possible fine has not deterred a violator from violating again, we refer the case to the EPA. If the 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 HDOA for violations of 149A, HRS 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 benefit from fines going to us, rather than going to EPA. The Department would only use these highest end fines for businesses and

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individuals who repeatedly violate pesticide law without any attempt to better their practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

REBECCA VILLEGAS  
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February 4, 2020

TESTIMONY OF REBECCA VILLEGAS  
COUNCIL MEMBER, HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON SB 3040 SD 1, RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Committee on Agriculture  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
9 a.m.  
Conference Room 312

Aloha Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3040 SD 1, relating to pesticides. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Hawai'i County Council and Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Public Safety Committee.

The purpose of this measure is to protect the State's residents and environment and ensure more stringent enforcement of the Hawai'i pesticide law. There is significant risk to public health and the environment when pesticide use instructions are not followed properly. Injuring to non-target sensitive plants and species, drift harms to nearby farms and people, health injuries, birth defects, and short and long term contamination of the State's soil, air, and waters continues to occur. Enforcement of the Hawai'i pesticide law, including timely and routine pesticide inspections are crucial to protecting the public health and environment. Tightening up the enforcement by requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspections and compliance to investigations, and increasing monetary fines will assist with protecting public health and the environment.

For the reasons stated above I urge the Committee on Agriculture to support his measure as well. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 323-4267.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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March 11, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 3040, SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Room 312  
9:00 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 respectfully opposes SB 3040, SD1. We believe this bill is unnecessary and will actually hurt the Department of Agriculture's efforts to provide timely pesticide enforcement.**

The purported purpose of this bill is to "protect the State's residents and environment and ensure more stringent enforcement of the Hawaii pesticides law". We are very familiar with the current pesticide laws and regulations and how they are being enforced. We are very concerned about **the unintended consequences** of SB 3040, SD1.

Adding an *additional* annual and complex reporting requirement will not in any way accomplish the purpose of the bill because it will detract from the time and effort of the current Pesticides Branch staff and its deputy attorney general.

- **Examples cited show the bill is unnecessary**  
The examples of enforcement actions cited in SB 3040, SD1 clearly show that the bill is unnecessary – **every single complaint *is* 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.
- **New and stricter State pesticide regulations are now in effect**  
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 tripled its fees.**

- **Annual report to legislature is already being provided**

Requiring the Department to submit a report to the legislature on what the Pesticide Branch has accomplished in the prior year *is appropriate and is already being done*. However, it is **not** appropriate to require the proposed detailed information on complaints, inspections, and investigations prior to the closure of a case. Anyone can allege a complaint and many do....against a neighbor they don't like, against a business they don't like. Some complaints may be altogether without merit, while others may require a protracted investigation to determine the facts and whether or not a violation has occurred.

- **Flawed information that can be misused**

What purpose does it serve to have a detailed accounting of how many **unsubstantiated** complaints were made? The proposed report calls for **ALL** complaints to be reported along with the number of DOA enforcement actions taken. WHY would this be helpful?

For example, if there are 97 unsupported complaints but only 3 legitimate ones, we should expect a maximum of 3 enforcement actions – not 100. This report will be used to vilify the department for not taking action on complaints that have no basis. It will be used to falsely claim that public health is not being protected. And what is to prevent fake claims from being made, counted, and publicized, against a particular farmer/farm whose type of farming, while legal and in conformance with all best management standards, is opposed by certain groups with strong beliefs against that particular farm or type of business?

- **Disclosure concerns**

It would be an infringement upon the basic rights of the alleged violator *and* the complainant to publicly post detailed information, including names and locations of complaints and investigations before determining the facts. Instead of working on case development and legal review, the deputy attorney general assigned to the pesticide branch will also be preoccupied with the paperwork burden this measure will mandate as she ensures that proper confidentiality and disclosure laws are not violated.

**It is extremely ironic that since the outbreak of COVID-19, pesticide wipes are being used (they are even selling out in stores), by individuals and business around the world to prevent the spread of the virus. There is no outcry against this use. In fact, health authorities are encouraging this use.**

Contrary to efforts made by some, pesticides can and are being used safely. Pesticide use is a fact of life worldwide, and especially in climates like ours in Hawaii, where there is year-round disease proliferation, insect-breeding, and weed-growing. Eliminating pesticide use altogether, or demonizing its use ignores the reality that these products are very much needed to prevent human and animal diseases, to protect the watershed and other natural resources, and to safeguard our homes and crops.

Of course, it goes without saying that pesticides must be used properly. 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. **The good news is that this is already being done.**

**This bill and its mandated reporting will detract from the real work the department must continue to do, without any benefit to the public or the environment. In fact, the skewed information that will be provided by the proposed report will hurt efforts to focus on and address real safety issues.**

To further the purpose of this bill and to better support the Pesticide Branch efforts, **this measure should be held.** Instead, additional staffing and other resources could be allocated to the department to carry out its current responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in opposition to SB 3040, SD1.



## **House Committee on Agriculture**

### **Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports: SB3040**

**Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at 9am, Conference Rm #224**

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

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

*President*

Gary L. Hooser

The Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations, and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations.

*CoVice Presidents*

Andrea N. Brower

Ikaika Hussey

HAPA is a statewide 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 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.

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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. Illegal use of pesticides threatens to harm adjacent, non-target species, and contributes 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.

*Secretary*

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

Kaleikoa Ka’eo

Michael Miranda

Walter Ritte Jr.

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The current state fines for pesticide use violations are only a maximum of \$1,000 dollars for individuals and \$5,000 for commercial applicants. Even in cases where the commercial applicant knowingly violates pesticide labels and laws the maximum state fine is currently only \$25,000. SB 3040 would propose to change the maximum allowable fines to \$5,000 for an individual, \$10,000 for a commercial applicator and \$35,000 for a commercial applicant that knowingly violates.

Karen Shishido

Leslie Malu Shizue Miki

In cases, such as the 2016 and 2017 Syngenta (Kaua’i) failure to adhere to pesticide use instructions, exposing farmworkers to the (now banned) neurotoxin pesticide chlorpyrifos and injuring their health, or the recent Monsanto/Bayer guilty plea regarding the illegal use of the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai, the state should have the ability to issue a fine that is reasonable, especially considering they are multinational chemical



corporations. Bayer profited over \$13 billion dollars in 2019. The maximum the state could have fined them for this severe violation would have been \$25,000. Any increase to this amount should be supported.

Exposure to Penncap-M has been linked to impaired neurological development in the fetus and in infants, chronic fatigue syndrome, and Parkinson's disease. What is the fine amount that matches the true cost of the impact to the health and life of our people? The maximum allowable state fines should be raised to represent the full damages to our communities and environments and the exposed workers in the fields.

SB 3040 is a step in the right direction but still a relatively small increase compared to the costs involved with misuse of pesticides and the federal fine limits. State fine limits could be increased to much higher values than even the increase proposed in this measure. The EPA has the ability to fine pesticide violators millions of dollars and even then they often end up paying a fraction of the maximum, or originally issued fine.

Furthermore, 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 support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

This bill is an important step to better protecting our farmworkers, communities and the environment from pesticide misuse and I strongly urge you to support SB 3040.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Anne Frederick,  
Executive Director

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 (that which feeds us) and people ahead of corporate profit.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:07:35 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
leslie farnel	for forgotten felines	Support	No

Comments:

I represent a Hawaii Non Profit animal welfare organization dedicated to the welfare of community cats. Cats are often the recipient of animal cruelty because of their unwarranted stigma in the community and a lot of people consider them pests and lump them with rats mice and roaches when in fact they are simply someone's unwanted pet that they abandoned in the community. To get rid of these "nuisance" cast off pets the uncaring community often uses pesticides to kill them. This is unacceptable and cruel. Case in point several years ago on Maui in the loop that went from the old Lowe's lumber yard to McDonalds one of the businesses was spraying the cats with industrial insecticides and killing about 50 cats. Subsequent to an investigation the killings stopped and the business moved elsewhere but it never should have happened in the first place. We need stricter controls to prevent similar bad behavior.

Leslie Farnel

For Forgotten Felines

Maui



March 9, 2020

The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Hawaii House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 312  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: SB 3040, SD 1 – Annual Reporting; Fines (Oppose)**

Dear Chair Creagan:

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our **opposition** to SB 3040, SD 1, 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.

SB 3040, SD 1 would dramatically increasing fines for pesticide violations, including increasing potential fines for misdemeanors to \$35,000. 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 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 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

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growers or applicators to observe pesticide rules. WPHA is opposed to increasing fines without a justification of need.

SB 3040, SD 1 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 seek 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** SB 3040, SD 1 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



**House Committee on Agriculture**  
**Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: SB3040 SD1**

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Decoite 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.

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.

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 SD1 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 SB3040 SD1, which will help establish a written public record of violations, and incentivize compliance.**

**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 this opportunity to provide testimony,

Respectfully,

Lauryn Rego  
Director, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety



## SB 3040, SD1, RELATING TO PESTICIDES

MARCH 11, 2020 · HOUSE AGRICULTURE  
COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP. RICHARD P. CREAGAN

**POSITION:** Support, with amendments.

**RATIONALE:** IMUAlliance supports and suggests an amendment for SB 3040, relating to pesticides, which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations, and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations.

In the debate over regulating local agriculture, there is one thing that everyone should agree to condemn: causing harm to other people. Unfortunately, Hawaii'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.



# **HAWAII PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION**

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March 11, 2020

Testimony To: House Committee on Agriculture  
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE  
Executive Director

Subject: S.B. 3040, SD 1 – 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 opposition 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 four (4), 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.



**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 10:52:40 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:



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March 9, 2020

Hawai`i SEED, GMO Free Kaua`i, and The MOM Hui are in STRONG SUPPORT of SB3040

Aloha Kakou,

As a group who are the eyes and ears on the ground, sometimes in remote locations and sometimes very near schools and community areas of transgenic experimental fields, we see an urgent need for an increase in fines, transparency, and buffer zones.

All too often biotech/chemical companies are taking advantage of our remote isolation, our Important Agricultural Land, water resources, and the lack of oversight. The experimental development of herbicide tolerant crops calls for high levels of pesticide spray. The drift of spray has infected our keiki in schools across the neighbor islands. Residents have been affected in their homes, endangered species suffer, critical habitat diminishes, and our ditches, streams, ground water, and coastal ocean have been harmed.

Perhaps worst of all, the field workers are put on the front line of risk from harmful neurotoxins. They have little to no recourse when they are sickened. We see the persistence of these practices time and time again.

Fines are not enough and are factored in as a "cost of doing business" within the billion-dollar chemical corporations.

On Molokai. the pesticides are sprayed by trucks near the elementary, middle, and the one and only high school. How can we turn a blind eye when counties are suffering and children's developing bodies and brains are in harm's way? This is unacceptable, and in fact criminal behavior.

Our children, our people, our rare and endangered animal species, and our `aina deserve more. We are a world class visitor destination; our economy depends on the protection of the environment and pristine reputation, as a tropical paradise.

Two decades of chemical cocktails is much more damaging than sugar and pineapple crops that mature in 18 months. The nature of transgenic (the crossing of unrelated organisms) experimental fields are to plant as many crops as possible, often 3 times per year. Each crop starts with a highly toxic pre-emergent herbicide. The seeds are coated with a dangerous neonicotinoid insecticide which is taken into all parts of the plant, including the pollen. The engineered laboratory insert of DNA includes Bt production, herbicide tolerance, a viral promoter, and antibiotic resistance. This is a new lifeform that allows copious of pesticide spray application.

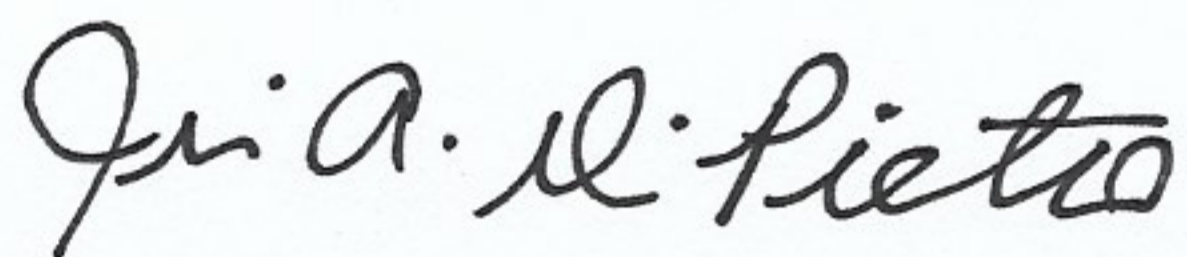
Please take this seriously. Countries around the world have banned these practices. Can we start to pivot our understanding of the substantial harm by protecting our children and pregnant woman?

Increased fines are one way to establish a fund for future remediation, and subsequent changes to these bad practices and wasting of our vital resources. Ideally these companies should have been bonded before they ever began to sully our precious air, water, and soil. No one has considered the long-term harm.

Please begin to address these issues by protecting our keiki and increasing the fines for bad practices and EPA and county violations. There is a reason we have the laws. No one should be above the law.

Please support SB3040

Respectfully, and with aloha,

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Jeri Di Pietro  
Hawai'i SEED



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## TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Comments with reservations regarding SB3040 SD1  
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

House Committee on Agriculture  
Wednesday, 03-11-20, 9:00AM  
House conference room 312

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Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee:

Please find below the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) comments regarding SB3040 SD1, which would require the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations as well as increase monetary fines for pesticide violations.

HCIA has reservations regarding SB3040 SD1 as the Statute's verbiage does not align with its intent to "protect the State's residents and environment and ensure more stringent enforcement of the Hawaii pesticides law." Specifically, Section 2, "§149A- Annual report.", has the potential for misuse and the misrepresentation of certified applicators while simultaneously violating confidentiality requirements and removing enforcement staff from their primary duty.

Firstly, the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Branch currently provides an annual report of their activities to the Hawaii State Legislature. Duplication of these efforts would be both costly and an ineffective use of enforcement staff. Secondly, the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) already provides a vehicle for the distribution of pertinent information that may be provided under the proposed §149A. The UIPA vehicle provides said service with the appropriate confidentiality guidelines and fiscal assessments to offset cost to the Department.

HCIA supports the appropriate use of pesticides as detailed by label requirements and recognizes the importance of the stringent enforcement of said requirements. Routine inspections and compliance investigations of potential misuse of pesticides are also crucial to protecting public health and ensuring public confidence in the State's oversight of pesticide use. However, we respectfully maintain the belief that it is not in the best interest of the State to expose law abiding applicators to undue risk while burdening enforcement staff with a workload that would be duplicative and remove them from their primary duty. It is for these reasons we suggest removing the "Annual Report" language from this measure.



## HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on SB3040 SD1. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Emmanuel Zibakalam  
Program Director, 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.*



Testimony from Jeff Case, Senior Director Government Affairs, CropLife America

In opposition to SB 3040 SD 1 – Relating to Pesticides

Wednesday, March 11, 9 am, rm. 312

House Committee on Agriculture

Aloha Chair Creagan and members of the committee,

CropLife America (CLA) is the national association representing manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of pesticides products used in agriculture production. We support and promote scientific-based policy in the regulation of pesticide products at both the state and federal level. We oppose SB 3040.

The Hawaii State Department of Agriculture (DOA) already produces comprehensive quarterly and annual reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) therefore much of this bill is duplicitous. DOA inspectors are also very thorough in their investigation of complaints and must keep information confidential for both the complainant and farmer. These protocols are in place to ensure an unbiased and fact-based report for both parties and is necessary to ensure the integrity of the process. .

We are extremely concerned about the proposed \$35,000 in potential fines for first-time pesticide violations. This language alone has the potential to shut down small farming operations in the state. The agricultural community faces a number of challenges and SB 3040 is likely to have unintended consequences that will negatively impact the viability of farmers in Hawaii. And with the regulatory burden already facing a Department that is severely understaffed, SB 3040 proposes onerous reporting requirements that do not contribute to the future of agriculture or the safety of our communities.

We ask that you hold SB 3040. We don't believe that its necessary Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 12:30:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Helmut Klauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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March 9 , 2020

TO: Honorable Chair Creagan and Members of the Agriculture Committee

RE: SB 3040 SD1 Relating to Pesticides

Support for hearing on March 11

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 3040 SD1 as it would require the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report concerning pesticide use and increase fines for pesticide use violations

Harms from pesticides should not be considered an acceptable cost of doing business. Pesticides are deleterious by nature and can be lethal. We need to do a better job of containing them.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel President





**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 12:44:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Forman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 12:45:34 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 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: 3/9/2020 12:48:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christian Palmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: The House Committees on Agriculture

From: Christian Palmer

**In strong support of SB3040**

Dear Agricultural Committee Members,

It is vitally important the Department of Agriculture provides annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations. In order for a democratic society to function, the public needs access to information to inform their understanding of key issues in their community. We need to know which companies are obeying the law regarding pesticides use and which are not. Transparency promotes good decision making and increases corporate and government accountability and trust. When companies are found breaking the laws, the fines need to be significant enough to encourage compliance and not simply the cost of doing business.

Mahalo,

Christian Palmer

Environmental Anthropology, Ph.D

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:09:09 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pamela Polland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I highly support this Bill as our land on most islands has been riddled with pesticides, and only in recent years had the State finally put limits and bans. It's important that we keep this in check for the sake of the health and well being of ALL our residents, but most especially our children. Mahalo, Pamela

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:09:52 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

Please [Support SB3040](#) which would raise the reporting requirements and fines for pesticide violations in Hawai`i.

SB3040 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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We support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

I strongly SUPPORT SB3040. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

me ke aloha ‘Ä• ina,

Nanea Lo

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 12:52:23 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith Perino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:10:53 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
randy wolfshagen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please consider my family and neighbors in favor of SB3040 in general, but you need to amend it.

Aloha.

My family lives in Kekaha, west side of Kauai, one of the most polluted places on earth w/r to Restricted Use Pesticides. As the previous lawsuits have shown, agri-chemical companies are not to be trusted in adhering to our regulations and laws, and we need some teeth in our enforcement.

Please consider my family and neighbors in favor of SB3040 in general, but you need to amend it, specifically:

1. Make the number of inspections required in each locality tied to the amount of RUPs used in each locality (this information is available through the shipping and receipts of RUPs.)  
That means staffing up the number of inspectors here on Kauai, and giving them the resources, training, and incentives to discover violations and document them. That also means stopping the practice of alerting the RUP applicants when they plan on doing inspections. Currently all reports of violations begin with affected citizens, not via the Dept of Ag inspectors.
2. Don't kick the can down the road and make this effective in 2050 (section7), but in 2020!  
What kind of hogwash is this to advertise support for important protections of your constituents and then not implement it for 30 years!!  
Shame on who wrote Section 7 and those who approved it!

Protect our aina, kai, and keiki.

- Randy, Mirka, and Pueo Wolfshagen, Kekaha

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:11:30 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanna Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:21:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Grantham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is very important that we understand pesticide use and make it as safe as possible. The very idea of using poison to grow food should be understood as a risk to the health and safety of farming itself, not just to the food and farm workers.

While it might be economically useful to a farming business, there is long term danger to the life of the land as well as risks to the present, to eating the food and working on the farm. Some pesticides are so toxic they can drift to affect and injure neighbors, particularly children.

What we really need is support in strengthening the life of the soil and of the land to prevent invasive plants, microbes and insects from invading a field, and the best way to do that is by feeding the soil to feed the plants by making sure there is healthy, vigorous microbial life in the soil to support and strengthen the plants.

This is how nature created and sustained so much life, and this is how we can restore what we have been destroying and ignoring. Please help.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:32:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 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 Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for hearing this measure. Please pass SB3040.

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

SB 3040 is a step in the right direction but still a relatively small increase compared to the costs involved with misuse of pesticides and the federal fine limits. State fine limits could be increased to much higher values than even the increase proposed in this measure. The EPA has the ability to fine pesticide violators millions of dollars and even then they often end up paying a fraction of the maximum, or originally issued fine.

Please support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

This bill is an important step to better protecting our farmworkers, communities and the environment from pesticide misuse and I strongly urge you to support SB 3040.

Mahalo Nui,

Fern

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:27:06 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judie Hoepner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I totally support inspection and increasing fines for violators.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:39:56 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Commitee Chair and Members,

Please support this bill to protect the health and welfare of our keiki and residents over special profit oriented interests. Our health is in your hands. I know I am sensitive to pesticides and have been told by health professionals to avoid them but I have no idea when and where they are sprayed and they accumulate in land, air and water.

Sincerely,

Diane Ware, Volcano HI 96785

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:52:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear House Agriculture Committee at [AGRtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:AGRtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

I [Support SB3040](#) which would raise the reporting requirements and fines for pesticide violations in Hawai`i.

At present we have biocide companies acting in a cavalire manner spraying their toxic trade.

SB3040 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.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable “cost of doing business” by large industrial operations. These violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. 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 support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

We strongly SUPPORT SB3040. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Mahalo for your consierations

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:56:22 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Davene Januszewski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Kauai resident I have particular interest in there no longer be dangerous pesticides used anywhere but especially on Kauai. I am not able to travel to my beloved west side. My family had to move out of Kekaha in 2012 because we were sick all the time. And once the schools had been evacuated for the 2nd time we left the west side. I'm stunned that this state doesn't take better care of the land!

I can't visit Polihale because as soon as I get past Hanapepe my throat start to sting and I am miserable inhaling the poision that this state has allowed to be sprayed all over the west side. Stop this madness and since these companies are multi billion dollar conglomerates, who also control the federal agencies that are supposed to regulate them, definitely fine as high as Hawaii possible can them until they leave.

Davene Januszewski

808-482-0076

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:00:07 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:05:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a good first step, tiny, but good. Even with these increases they aren't much for multi billion dollar corporations. Let's pass this for our keiki, our own health and the environment. This is your job to protect all of us. Please do so.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:31:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



Young Progressives Demanding Action  
P.O. Box 11105  
Honolulu, HI 96828

March 11, 2020  
9:00 AM

**TO: House Committee on Agriculture**  
**RE: Testimony in Strong Support of SB3040 SD1**

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

Young Progressives Demanding Action (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 of us deserve to live in healthy communities where we don’t have to live in fear of pesticide drift. YPDA is in **Strong Support** of **SB3040 SD1**, relating to pesticides which would require the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations. If passed, it would also increase monetary fines for pesticide violations.

It is for the sake of future generations that we need to demand further accountability and meaningful enforcement of our pesticide laws. 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 and should have been avoided, and this measure seeks to address this.

What SB3040 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 actual

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. 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. Many other communities have successfully transitioned away from toxic pesticides to organic land management practices, we can do that by starting here with keeping violators in line. Please protect our keiki and the communities they live in.

Young Progressives Demanding Action is in **Strong Support** of **SB3040 SD1**. We respectfully ask for you to pass it through your committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Jun Shin,  
Environmental Justice Action Committee Chair  
Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA)  
Cell: 808-255-6663  
Email: junshinbusiness729@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:35:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:53:38 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robert brower	surfrider foundation kauai chapter	Support	No

Comments:

on behalf of our members and executive committee, I am writing in strong support of this important public and environmental safety measure. Mahalo.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 3:00:22 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 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:

Please move this bill forward. Without meaningful fines and effective implementation, the effort to rein in the wanton use of dangerous pesticides will not succeed. For the health of our children, vulnerable populations, the land and for generations to come, please act now to make the regulation of pesticides meaningful and protect public health,

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 3:06:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 3:51:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Costa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 3:58:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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We strongly SUPPORT SB3040. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Mahalo,

Michele Nihipali

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Hauula, HI 96717



**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 3:58:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
clare Ioprinzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

if you care about malama aina, malama na keiki, malama kai...pass this bill

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:12:17 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB3040. Because of the inherent toxicity, pesticides need to be regulated. Depending on the pesticide, they have not only been implicated in cancer and birth defects in humans, but colony collapse disorder. Another recent study shows Birds fed minute amounts of a common pesticide lost weight rapidly and had migration delays <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/birds-neonicotinoid-pesticides-farming-migration-delays>.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:14:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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[www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:27:21 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 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 this bill

Marion McHenry

Princeville, Kauai

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:28:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
donald erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:34:08 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pam Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:56:17 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Janik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support passage of SB 3040.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:58:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Puanani Rogers	Ho`okipa Network - Kauai	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Puanani Rogers, I live in the ahupua`a o Kealia on the island of Kauai.

I am in strong support of SB3090 regarding the requirement for the Department of Ag to provide annual pesticide reports on inspection and compliance and/or increase fines for violations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to give voice to this measure.

Sincerely,

Puanani Rogers

4702 Mailihuna Road

Kapa`a, Hi 96746

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:58:59 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carl J. Berg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a scientist who has published research on the dispersal of Glyphostae from sites of application on Kauai, I strongly support SB3040.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 6:00:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roselani Oga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I live in Waialua across from ag land where they grow asparagus. Past those fields are the Monsanto fields which surround the area around Waialua High School. I noticed that after Monsanto moved into the area the honey bees have pretty much disappeared from our area. I feel it's so important for the health of our community and Mother Earth to monitor the use of pesticides and herbicides. We deserve to know what poisons are being sprayed and be able to have a say!

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 7:07:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Moran	Kihei Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 7:15:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nina Puhipau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom This May Concern:

As you may know, we live in one of the most, if not the most, unique ecosystem in the world. So much of what we should protect we don't even know about yet; there is still so much to discover and to learn from.

When I take my morning walk to the beach, I walk past a taro lo'i in Punalu`u. Most mornings the lo'i is being sprayed by people with pesticides. I have photos of groups of native stilts, ae'o, on that land when the lo'i is left fallow for short periods on time. There are all types of native insects there as well. Right now, after being sprayed daily for a month, the lo'i has a terrible growth of an unusual single type of algae. The algae is blooming all over the sides of the street too. The taro leaves don't look healthy. Heavy pesticide use is a terrible experiment. Less than 30 yards away many native seabirds find crabs to eat in the sand. People have homes all around this lo'i; children play in their yards 5' away. It's frightening to know that we have been eating taro leaves in our laulau that have been sprayed so heavily, just so no one has to pay a farmer to weed. The people who are spraying the pesticides don't speak English which makes it more difficult to learn about the harm pesticides can cause them and our environment. They do not use masks or suits of anykind. I believe this land to be owned by Bishop Estate. I am watching as more of this land is leased to farmers who are now clearing it. There is neighborhood talk of more pesticides and pesticide drift. There are fewer and fewer people who live surrounded by agricultural land; the people who live close to nature and agriculture deserve to live in a healthy environment too. Is it true that there is more pesticide sprayed per sq' of ag. land in Hawai'i than in anywhere in the continental U.S.? It seems in line with what my studies have led to.

We are all here because of the time and love our ancestors gave to us and to the land. If subsidies are given for farmers, they must include provisions to work the land by hand rather than allowing unlimited synthetic, poisonous, noxious chemical use. In the state we are in today, I support this bill which "Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations. Increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. Takes effect on 6/18/2050. " Can we not do better than 30 years from now for a bill of this sort? How many biological beings will suffer because of this time lapse?

Can you help shift the tide in a healthy direction?

Thank you,

Nina Puhipau



**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 7:33:45 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joan Heartfield PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a very good thing. Pesticides harm people, animals and good insects such as bees. There needs to be more stringent fines to keep Big Ag from disobeying the laws that are in place.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:16:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katherine Metzger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I strongly [SUPPORT SB3040](#) and urge you to pass this bill. It's essential that we have strong oversight of dangerous pesticides that could cause harm to our keiki, farm workers and community members. It only makes sense that the Department of Agriculture provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations, as well as increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. Please take this important step to provide safeguards that will help ensure the health and well being of our island residents. Mahalo!

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:38:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Stephens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Support SB3040 which would raise the reporting requirements and fines for pesticide violations in Hawai`i. SB3040 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

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:39:19 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly Support. GREATLY INCREASE FINES.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:42:18 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Paselk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support stricter monitoring enforcement record keeping and penalties for pesticide use violations.

For too long in Hawaii pesticide drift has been completely denied. The recent Dicambra court

case in the mainland showed an entire peach orchard killed by Dicambra drift that traveled at least

1 1/2 miles from the nearest farm using it. On Maui 62,000 pounds of Atrazine were applied to

H C & S sugar fields in one year. Multiply that by 40 years. This kind is disregard for the health

of residents, the environment and other crops by drift must end. Hawaii needs to better protect

its citizens and the environment by creating buffer zones, monitoring and enforcing drift laws, restricting the most dangerous and harmful chemicals and increasinf fines for violations.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 10:19:43 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ben Robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 11:41:08 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Betsy Connors	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 3:19:10 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noreen Dougherty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senators,

As a resident of Kauai and having seen the effects from pesticides and the need for this bill to become law, I ask you to pass this into law this legislative session and have it be in effect in the near future. The situation is severe and the damage irreversible. I strongly support this bill.

Mahalo.

Noreen Dougherty

Kapaa Kauai



**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:01:24 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
shayne stambler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I supprt this .... It's not enough but it is a start

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:16:05 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roger Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. This, like much of the measures aimed at regulating the pesticide industry in Hawaii is a no-brainer. Support it, vote for it and get it on the books so it can be enforced.

Mahalo.

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**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:48:53 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I AM IN "STRONG SUPPORT" OF THIS BILL.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:03:47 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
pamela burrell	apollo kauai, zero waste kauai	Support	No

Comments:

I absolutely support this measure.

pamela Burrell, Kalihiwai, Kaua'i

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:06:46 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha House Ag Committee,

Mahalo for your support for this important and healthy bill to move Hawai'i towards a more clean and prosperous ecosystem. We NEED transparency and accountability so there is no debate if this bill should become law for our collective future.

Many thanks,

James McCay

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 9:07:42 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 9:08:20 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 9:12:11 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Leaders for Protection of the Citizenry of Hawai'i,

OF all the bills, this is most important to me. I had to work late yesterday! PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING and keep us safe from these incredibly toxic chemicals that have been proven very destructive to brain development of our children and prevent the endocrine pathways that allow production of neurological chemicalization that allow REM sleep. This is a sinister way to destroy our quality of life. YOU MUST STOP IT!!

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Elaine Logan  
Shannon Velazquez  
Robert Nerger  
Lorie Swartz  
Eliel Starbright  
John Young  
Tim Kramer  
Nomi Carmona  
Michele Nihipali  
Christine Weingand  
Divid Johnston  
Moriah Kramer  
Lauren Ampolos  
Sharon Willeford  
Vace Viveiros  
Donald Erway  
Sharon Pease  
Debra Vitola  
Andrew Isoda  
Vivian Levy  
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Joel Levey  
Maelanie Cahan  
Zoe Alexander  
Jason Young  
Susanne Kiriaty  
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John Nix  
Melinda Ahn  
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April Peterson  
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Ashley Luken  
Joanna Lee

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** sha8000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of sharon levine <sha8000@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
sharon levine  
84 -265 Farrington Hwy Waianae, HI 96792-1864

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** macnutcherie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cherie Mcarthur  
<macnutcherie@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Cherie Mcarthur  
15 -2787 Lalakea St Pahoa, HI 96778-9231

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** loveatmyworld@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of elaine logan  
<loveatmyworld@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:30 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
elaine logan  
PO Box 898 Kilauea, HI 96754-0898

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** iristorm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Velazquez  
<iristorm@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 11:04 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Shannon Velazquez  
83 -5619 Middle Keel Rd Captain Cook, HI 96704-8315

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** southernbobs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ROBERT Nerger  
<southernbobs@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 8:49 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
ROBERT Nerger  
PO Box 17 Naalehu, HI 96772-0017

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** lordon2014@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lorrie Swartz <lordon2014@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 8:29 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Lorrie Swartz  
PO Box 368 Kalaheo, HI 96741-0368

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** elielstarbright@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ELIEL STARBRIGHT  
<elielstarbright@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 8:01 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
ELIEL STARBRIGHT  
5306 Kahala St Kapaa, HI 96746-2219



## AGRtestimony

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**From:** john.young835@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Young <john.young835@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
John Young  
68 -1750 Kaapuni St Waikoloa, HI 96738

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** tvk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tim Kramer <tvk@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 7:19 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Tim Kramer  
8175 Kula Hwy Kula, HI 96790-7410

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** nomicarmona@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nomi Carmona  
<nomicarmona@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 7:18 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Nomi Carmona  
211 E Delaware Pl Chicago, IL 60611-1031

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** nihipalim001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Nihipali <nihipalim001@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 7:07 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** giaalumni2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Weingand <giaalumni2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Christine Weingand  
5164 Paanau Rd Apt 201 Koloa, HI 96756-7513

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** hawaiidhr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Johnston  
<hawaiidhr@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
David Johnston  
153 Halona St Kihei, HI 96753-8523

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** moriahwind@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Moriah Kramer  
<moriahwind@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:52 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Moriah Kramer  
73 -4126 Kanawai Pl Kailua Kona, HI 96740-8474

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** laurenelaine721@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Ampolos  
<laurenelaine721@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

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



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** slwsurfing@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sharon Willeford  
<slwsurfing@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Sharon Willeford  
PO Box 390605 Keauhou, HI 96739-0605

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** kamuela\_vance@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vance Viveiros  
<kamuela\_vance@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** der1way@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Erway  
<der1way@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Donald Erway  
77 -6455 Princess Keelikolani Dr Kailua Kona, HI 96740-2419

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** nutritionresources.hi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sharon Pease  
<nutritionresources.hi@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,  
Sharon Pease

Sincerely,  
Sharon Pease  
PO Box 1677 Lahaina, HI 96767-1677

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** tcb609@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Vitola <tcb609@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** druw.hagi10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Isoda <druw.hagi10@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:57 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Andrew Isoda  
PO Box 13029 Lahaina, HI 96761-8029

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** lagrasshopper@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vivian Levy  
<lagrasshopper@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Vivian Levy  
415 Haili St Hilo, HI 96720-2515

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** pomaistone@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Johanna Stone  
<pomaistone@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Johanna Stone  
142 Palapu St Apt A Kailua, HI 96734-7114



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** alohalevey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joel Levey  
<alohalevey@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Joel Levey  
551102 Homestead Rd Hawi, HI 96719

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** causelessbliss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melanie Cahan  
<causelessbliss@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** mauizoe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zoe Alexander  
<mauizoe@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations.

The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** jaedoyoun@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Youn  
<jaedoyoun@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Jason Youn  
1515 Ward Ave Apt 1402 Honolulu, HI 96822-3543

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** avisuz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susanne Kiriaty  
<avisuz@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Susanne Kiriaty  
PO Box 791265 Paia, HI 96779-1265

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gregory Puppione  
<gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:37 PM  
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Mahalo,

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

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** nix@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Nix <nix@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Melindaahn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melinda Ahn  
<Melindaahn@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Melinda Ahn  
47 -004 Okana Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-4704



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** rickthornhill12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Thornhill <rickthornhill12@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** telltaleeye@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ava Fedorov  
<telltaleeye@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Ava Fedorov  
49 Prospect St Honolulu, HI 96813-1741

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** 2hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Peterson  
<2hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
April Peterson  
400 Hualani St Hilo, HI 96720-4378

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** laurie\_leland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Leland  
<laurie\_leland@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:47 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** biz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ilene bellerue <biz@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
ilene bellerue  
500 Koheo Rd Kula, HI 96790-7909

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** kealelani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lory Ono  
<kealelani@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** alohaphap@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Cohen  
<alohaphap@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** ablukens@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ashley Lukens  
<ablukens@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:39 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Ashley Lukens  
1401 Wilhelmina Rise Honolulu, HI 96816-3222



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** joanna.catherine.lee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Lee  
<joanna.catherine.lee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Joanna Lee  
1111 Nuuanu Ave Ste 210 Honolulu, HI 96817-5183

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Cheryl Hendrickson <chermcmaui@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support SB3040

Aloha-

Please [Support SB3040](#) which would raise the reporting requirements and fines for pesticide violations in Hawai`i.

SB3040 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.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable “cost of doing business” by large industrial operations. These violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. 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 support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

We strongly SUPPORT SB3040. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Mahalo,

Cheryl Hendrickson

Haiku, HI. 96708

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Gabriela Taylor <gabrielataylor40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** support SB 3040

I strongly [SUPPORT SB3040](#) which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations, and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. This action is needed to protect our health.

Respectfully, Gabriela Taylor  
Kauai

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** shablow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janette Shablow  
<shablow@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State Senate Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Janette Shablow  
PO Box 233 Oceano, CA 93475-0233

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** H2ohtech@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John McGuire  
<H2ohtech@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:01 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
John McGuire  
PO Box 11098 Hilo, HI 96721-6098

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** picchina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cinzia B.  
<picchina@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Cinzia B.  
Cesare Battisti South Kent, CT 13047

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** joanna.catherine.lee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Lee  
<joanna.catherine.lee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 1:33 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Joanna Lee  
1111 Nuuanu Ave Ste 210 Honolulu, HI 96817-5183

## **AGRtestimony**

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Joanna Lee  
1111 Nuuanu Ave Ste 210 Honolulu, HI 96817-5183



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JULIA FUJIOKA  
<JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
JULIA FUJIOKA  
99 -826 Halawa Dr Aiea, HI 96701-3144

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Laura Ramirez <lauraramirez87@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 8:56 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony; AEN Testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SB3040 & HB2565

Aloha,

My family and I strongly SUPPORT SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations, and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations.

We are also in SUPPORT of HB2565 which establishes a program for the disposal of pesticides. We 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.

Mahalo,  
Laura Ramirez &  
Bettencourt family  
4510 Kawaihau Road  
Kapa'a, Kaua'i

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Lynnzlw3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynn Wilson <Lynnzlw3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Lynn Wilson  
28 -1123 B PUA St # 449 Honomu, HI 96728

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** manukhanano@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of MANU HANANO  
<manukhanano@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
MANU HANANO  
65 -1395 Kawaihae Rd Kamuela, HI 96743-8474

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** marlieslee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marlies Lee  
<marlieslee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:37 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Marlies Lee  
73 -1001 KUKUINUI St Kailua Kona, HI 96740

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** mary babcock <marybandito@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:14 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SB3040

Please support SB3040  
Mary Babcock  
KailuaAGRtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** MaryLu Kelley <mkelley323@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR SB3040

Aloha,

Please support SB3040 which would raise the reporting requirements and fines for pesticide violations in Hawai'i.

I work with the birth to kindergarten population on Kauai and this bill is critically needed for this age group. 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.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. These violations are a threat to **our keiki**, farmworkers and the public in general. 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.

Our community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

I strongly SUPPORT SB3040. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Thank you.

Mary Lu Kelley

3644 Lawaiuka Road

Lawai, HI 96765

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** dylansfaddah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael MOORHEAD  
<dylansfaddah@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Michael MOORHEAD  
33 Hualalai St Apt 208 Hilo, HI 96720-3802



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** haloa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nalei Kahakalau  
<haloa@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

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

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Raj Kreisler <rajkreisler13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:25 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** support

Aloha, I am resident on Kauai. I strongly urge you to support bill 3040 and make agriculturalists responsible to our residents for safe and documented use of herbicides and pesticides. Mahalo, Scott Kreisler

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** wnan003@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wesley K.Nanamori <wnan003@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State Senate Committee on Agriculture,

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Mahalo,

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

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:50:44 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Regina Gregory	EcoTipping Points Project	Support	No

Comments:

**Richard P. Creagan  
Agriculture  
SB 3040- Relating to Pesticides  
March 11, 2020  
9:00 am, room 312 (House)  
In Support**

Aloha awakea Chair Creagan and the Agriculture House committee. I am Skylar Grossman, a current student attending Hawaii Pacific University, who is here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 3040. Senate Bill 3040 pertains to the misuse of pesticides within the Hawaiian Islands. This bill will require that the DOA perform and conduct regulatory inspections of pesticides as well as compliance inspections from large agribusinesses. In addition to increasing the monetary value of the fines of pesticide violations. This bill will not only increase the protection of the residents of the islands but increase protection of the environment as well.

In the late 2000s, major agricultural business bought up land on the Hawaiian islands. These companies included Monsanto, DuPont-Pioneer, Dow Chemical, Syngenta and BASF. These chemical companies were enticed by Hawaii's prime climate and soil compositions to test genetically engineered organisms to tolerate a vast array of pesticides. According to the Center for Food and Safety, per acre, Hawaii has the most restricted use of pesticides than ordinary commercial farming on the mainland USA (CFS,2012). In addition, the state of Hawaii has more genetically engineered test fields than any other state in the nation (CFS, 2012). In a study conducted by Michiel A.Daam, SóniaChelinho, Júlia C.Niemeyer, Olugbenga J.Owojori, P. Mangala C.S.De Silva, José PauloSousa, Cornelis A.M.van Gestel, JörgRömbke, funded and supported by the Portugese Government, found that “In tropical countries, pesticides have often been reported to be applied at a high frequency and throughout a large part of the year” (e.g. Albuquerque et al., 2016; Lewis et al., 2016; Rasmussen et al., 2016,). This study also advocated that topical application of pesticides have a very low efficiency due to the vast array

of pesticide species inhabiting the tropical climates such as the Hawaiian islands. Therefore due to the low efficiency, the dose and frequency of pesticide treatments are substantially increased (Daam A., Michiel, et al., 2019). As the growing phenomena and advocacy of green jobs, sustainability, and ecoconscious development is increasing on a global level, the Hawaiian islands have also dedicated to becoming more green and sustainable by adopting the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. This includes improving health, food supply, water quality and supply, and much more. However, the current domination and increase in pesticide misuse of these chemical companies are not aligned with the 17 sustainable development goals.

In recent years, particularly for the state of Hawaii, there has been an increasing amount of large scale agribusiness operations that have been found improperly using pesticides. However, as these instances increase throughout the years the fine for misuse of pesticides have decreased. The EPA proposed a fine of \$ 4,900,000, however this number was significantly reduced to a fine of \$500,000. The lax regulation and penalty do not accurately show the severity of the effects of misused pesticides have on society and the planet. These effects include increased birth defects and cancer rates of communities located right below GMO Test fields on the islands. The Island of Kauai, specifically the residents of Waimea, have seen these impacts directly. Furthermore contamination of waterways, air and soils have also been analyzed and linked to pesticide usage. For these reasons among others, I believe that SB 3040 should become law in order to protect both humanity and the environment from contamination of harmful pesticides, Mahalo for listening to the Agriculture House Committee. I look forward to seeing where it goes now that it has been referred to the Judiciary Committee. Aloha a hui hou!

**Skylar Grossman**  
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**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 11:16:33 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Blake WAtson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JULIA FUJIOKA  
<JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** mauiwit@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Andrews  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** orioh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rion Harmon  
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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** samoanbear@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Bohn  
<samoanbear@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
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**LATE**

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 12:36:37 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kari Matadobra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB3040 is an important step towards protecting our people and environment from exposure to toxic pesticides. Hawai'i needs more transparency and higher penalties for pesticide use violations, so they are not simply a "cost of doing business" in Hawai'i. The ends do not justify the means! These are persistent pollutants which far outlast any easy dollar! 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.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. These violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. 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 (I, my husband and daughter) support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were. These should not be swept under a rug!

We strongly SUPPORT SB3040. It is important that our communities and the 'aina see justice when violators rape the planet. Pesticides are neurotoxins, for little creatures as well as big. Mahalo, aloha!

**LATE**

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 12:40:15 PM  
Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Salisbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 1:22:18 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Our ohana and neighbors in Kekaha are in favor of SB3040 in general, but you need to amend it, specifically:

\*Make the number of inspections required in each locality tied to the amount of RUPs used in each locality.

Increase number of inspectors on Kauai, and give them the resources, training, and incentives to discover violations and document them.

Pre-Alerting the RUP applicants when they plan on doing inspections is a ridiculous practice. It should be like 'employee random drug tests'...just that - RANDOM! Currently all reports of violations begin with affected citizens, not via the Dept of Ag inspectors. Makes you wonder who is really paying them or what benefit inspectors are getting.

\*To make the effective date 2050 (section7), is a joke! **Make it effective in 2020!**

That's just placating to constituents by not implementing it for 30 years!! This just plays into the big corporations agenda who DO NOT care about the injury they cause to Hawaii residents, land & sea when it's all about their power and bottom line.

As the previous lawsuits have shown, agri-chemical companies are not to be trusted in adhering to our regulations and laws, and we need some teeth in our enforcement. There are finally lawsuits on Monsanto etc. proving it is unhealthy for people. There are good reasons other countries don't allow what the U.S. allows. Why doesn't Hawaii take a stand and take back the health of our state, land, and ohana, and stop letting agri-business take advantage of us! If those in power themselves had family members become sick or die as a result of the pesticides, they might see this more clearly.

Protect our aina, kai, keiki and all residents health. Stop selling out Hawaii to outsiders & corporations. Hawaii COULD be a model, as it is in other areas.

Aloha





**LATE**

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 1:49:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 2:04:35 PM  
Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherilyn Wells	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a former environmental litigator on behalf of the public interest, a former co-President of the Washington Environmental Council, and a former Board Member of the Washington Toxics Coalition, I was in a unique position to observe both whether laws were strong enough and whether laws were being enforced adequately. As a mother and grandmother, I had an extra incentive to ensure that my other "jobs" created a better world for my family and other families as well. There is no substitute for a fundamental level of protection for the public from institutions whose baseline is profit, not health. Accordingly, as per your constitutional and statutory responsibility to be the public's advocate when it comes to protecting public health and safety, please Support SB3040, which would strengthen reporting requirements and raise fines for pesticide violations in Hawai'i.

SB3040 is an important step toward 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 risks associated with exposure to improper pesticide use, pesticide misuse continues to occur within the state, posing a threat to adjacent communities, our keiki, the environment and farmworkers.

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I also support transparency in the reporting process associated with pesticide use violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

I strongly support SB3040 and urge you to do the same. This is an important step toward protecting our keiki, communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Sincerely,

Sherilyn Wells

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 2:41:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

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

Comments:

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Wesley K. Nanamori <wnan003@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040



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**From:** Nalei Kahakalau <haloa@kalo.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040



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Sincerely,

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**From:** Paula Cohen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** laurine makaneole <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

House Agriculture Committee,

Please Support SB3040, which would strengthen reporting requirements and raise fines for pesticide violations in Hawai'i. OUR HOME HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO AGIRICUTLURE SPRAYING BY THE KAUI COMPANY- PIONEER. WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND THE NAME OF THE CHEMICAL. THIS HAS TO STOP

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Sincerely,

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** homeruncreator@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erin Pinto  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:39 PM  
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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Erin Pinto  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Carla Hess <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:35 PM  
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Sincerely,

Carla Hess  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Greg Puppione <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:19 PM  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Rose R Aranita <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

House Agriculture Committee,

Please Support SB3040, which would strengthen reporting requirements and raise fines for pesticide violations in Hawai`i.

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I strongly support SB3040 and urge you to do the same. This is an important step toward protecting our keiki, communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Laurie Leland <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Valerie Weiss <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Susan Lam <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** H G Picher <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Barbara Nosaka <barbrick@hawaiiintel.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Debra Nix <info@lifeislight.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** John Nix <nix@lifeislight.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Sherilyn Wells <votetrees@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

House Agriculture Committee,

As a former environmental litigator on behalf of the public interest, a former co-President of the Washington Environmental Council, a former Board Member of the Washington Toxics Coalition, I was in a unique position to observe both whether laws were strong enough and whether laws were being enforced adequately. As a mother and grandmother, I had an extra incentive to ensure that my other "jobs" created a better world for my family and other families as well. There is no substitute for a baseline protection for the public from institutions whose baseline is profit, not health. Accordingly, as per your constitutional and statutory responsibility to be the public's advocate when it comes to protecting public health and safety, please Support SB3040, which would strengthen reporting requirements and raise fines for pesticide violations in Hawai'i.

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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Debra Vitola <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Sherrie Moore <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:28 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** annhorwath@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Horwath  
<annhorwath@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations. The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks that come with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Ann Horwath  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Steven Forman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

Steven Forman  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Earl Kim <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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Sincerely,

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Susie Walsh Eubank <tigerlilyhawaii@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support passing of Bill SB2985, SD1

I support the passing of Bill SB2985, SD1.

Veterinarians should be allowed to use their skills and expertise to help any animal without fear of liability..to be able to report cruelty of an animals(s), without fear of liability. Mahalo!

Susie Eubank  
Diamond Head

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 6:56:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanna Maile Pokipala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3040

**LATE**

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:31:37 PM  
Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lana Brodziak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I suport this bill. I feel it is importanat to pass this legislation. Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:03:07 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM



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

Comments:

Aloha All,

Please [Support SB3040](#) which would raise the reporting requirements and fines for pesticide violations in Hawai`i.

SB3040 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.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable “cost of doing business” by large industrial operations. These violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. The current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

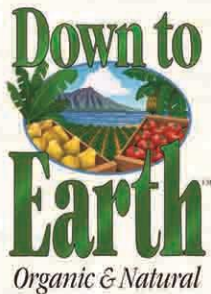
The low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai`i.

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Dr. John and Debra Nix, Kihei

Love Life!



SB 3040, SD1 RELATING TO PESTICIDES  
House Committee on Agriculture  
March 11, 2020, 9:00am State Capitol

**LATE**

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Aloha Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair, and Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

#### **Down to Earth Organic and Natural testifies in support of SB 3040, SD1.**

*Down to Earth Organic and Natural has six locations on Oahu and Maui. Since we opened in 1977, we have supported healthy lifestyles and preservation of the environment by selling local, fresh, organic and natural products, and by promoting a healthy, plant-based and vegetarian lifestyle.*

We are in support of SB 3040, SD1. The real and persistent danger that many pesticides pose to individual health, the development of our children, and the sustainability of our land cannot be denied, as we have witnessed through recent media reports and the conclusions of scientific studies. We often don't understand the impact of pesticides until after widespread use for many years, as they affect much more than just the crops they are intended for.

Better tracking, complaint documentation, and general oversight over pesticide use on our islands is imperative to provide a complete picture of the chemicals that are being used and their affects, as we all strive for a healthier environment and community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Alison Riggs  
Public Policy & Government Relations Manager  
Down to Earth

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**SB-3040-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2020 7:41:38 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/11/2020 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

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

Comments:

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**From:** mothra246@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Earl Kim <mothra246@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

Dear Hawaii State House Committee on Agriculture,

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Big agribusiness like to raise their seed crops in Hawaii because they get more growing seasons here, which also means more pesticide use and environmental damage.

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Earl Kim  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** THOMAS TIZARD <tizard8@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:41 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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**From:** Kathleen Hilliard <sarah@rockinrobyn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 8:07 AM  
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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Michael Rueli <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 7:17 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support SB3040

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I strongly support SB3040 and urge you to do the same. This is an important step toward protecting our keiki, communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Sincerely,

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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** lola96761@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dolores Burke <lola96761@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 3:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Dolores Burke  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** C Lum <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 12:29 AM  
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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Christine Weingand <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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Sincerely,  
Christine Weingand

Christine Weingand  
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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** maunutritionaltherapy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Busto  
<maunutritionaltherapy@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:10 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for Increasing Pesticide Fines

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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
Nicole Busto  
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**From:** alana.ross@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alana Ross  
<alana.ross@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Mahalo,

Sincerely,  
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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Lory Ono <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:43 PM  
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Sincerely,

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Robert Miyake-Stoner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:03 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Robert Miyake-Stoner  
(retired United Methodist minister)

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Aiea, Hi 96701

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Val Hertzog <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:18 PM  
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Mahalo,  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** nancy221b@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Silva  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:43 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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