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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

FEBRUARY 27, 2020
10:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 016

SENATE BILL NO. 3040
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chairperson Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 3040 that will require that the Department of Agriculture prepare and submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session. The proposed bill also provides for increased fines for administrative and criminal penalties.

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

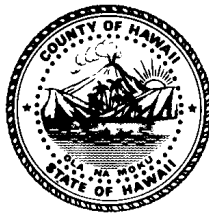


Experimental Use Permit inspections. Because each inspection is unique the amount of time it takes to complete an investigation that stems from an inspection can vary widely. Some complaints can be resolved in a matter of hours but others, due to the scope of the investigation, can take weeks. All inspections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

We are supportive of the increase in fines for violations of the Pesticide laws. Providing additional teeth for enforcement could be persuasive for applicators to make smart legal decisions when using pesticides if the penalty is severe enough.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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February 24, 2020

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

Committee on Judiciary
Thursday, February 27, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 616

Aloha Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3040, 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 Judiciary 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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Rebecca Villegas
Council Member, Hawai'i County Council



Chair Karl Rhoads

Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, February 27, 2020

10:30 AM

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB3040 RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Jun Shin. I am a Sophomore at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. I am the Environmental Justice Action Committee Chair for the Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA). YPDA advocates for public policies that reflect the values of young people throughout the State of Hawai‘i. YPDA is in **Strong Support** of **SB3040**, Relating to Pesticides, which would require the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations. It would also increase monetary fines for pesticide violations.

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

For years now there have been incidents, notably in Kaua‘i, Maui and Moloka‘i in which toxic (and banned) pesticides have drifted into schools, communities, and even our environment in our lands and our waters. This is a serious public health issue. Article XI Section 9 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution makes it very clear that, “Each person has the right to a clean and healthful environment, as defined by laws relating to environmental quality, including control of pollution and conservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources.” These constitutional rights

are not being protected and as a result, in November of 2019 we saw Monsanto now Bayer pled guilty and paid \$10 million as part of a plea agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for illegally using the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai. This could have been avoided, and SB3040 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.

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**. We respectfully ask for you to pass it through your committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

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February 25, 2020

Hawai'i SEED, GMO Free Kaua'i, and The MOM Hui are in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2040

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeri Di Pietro". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeri Di Pietro
Hawai'i SEED



Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: SB3040

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole 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 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, 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,

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February 27, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

TESTIMONY ON SB 3040
RELATING TO PESTICIDES
Room 016
10:30 AM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, 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. 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.

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**
It is clear, even from the examples cited in SB 3040, 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 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? Will this number be used to compare with the number of enforcement actions taken? So, if there are 100 complaints and only 3 enforcement actions, will that ratio be used to vilify the department and further allege that public health is not being protected? What is to prevent false allegations from being made, counted, and publicized, against a particular farmer 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.

Pesticide use is a fact of life worldwide, and especially in locations like Hawaii, where there are year-round insect-breeding and weed-growing seasons. Eliminating pesticide use altogether, or demonizing their use ignores the reality that they can and are being used safely, and that they are very much needed to prevent human and animal diseases, to protect the watershed and other natural resources, and to safeguard 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 currently being done. This bill and its paperwork mandate will detract from the real work the department must continue to do, without any benefit to the public or the environment.

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 this measure.



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February 27, 2020

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE
Executive Director

Subject: S.B. 3040 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Chair Rhoads 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 three (3), information is specified as that which is the outcome of pesticide inspections including any enforcement actions taken, however it should be clear that it also include those inspections where no violation was found.

Additionally, we believe there should be an item number six (6) on page 3, which should read something to the effect of "[T]he benefit that each application resulted in, including the pest controlled, the damages curtailed, the adverse health effects prevented and the products or services which were saved or maintained".

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

Please note that these fines also apply to individual homeowners who have misused a pesticide.

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

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

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

Thank you.



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February 25 , 2020

TO: Honorable Chair Rhoads and JDC Committee Members

RE: SB 3040 Relating to Peesticides

Support for hearing on Feb 27

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 as it would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

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.

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. SB3040 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.

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. 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.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel President





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Senate Committee on Judiciary

Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports: SB 3040

Thursday, February 27th 2020 10:30am, conference room #016

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is in strong support of SB 3040 which requires the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on pesticide inspection and compliance investigations, and increases monetary fines for pesticide violations.

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.

Too often state 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.

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

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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. However these fines are often drastically reduced to 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

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:32:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:36:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:40:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

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.

I 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.

Why This is Needed:

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.

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. SB3040 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.

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Mahalo,

Michele Nihipali

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:44:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SB3040 and keeping our communities safe from pesticides. Mahalo,

Judith White

Kapaa

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:45:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I've been in the agriculture industry in Kona for over 30 years. it isn't necessary to use toxic chemicals to grow and protect ornamental and edible plants.

Please pass this sensible legislation that will provide reporting and disclosure provisions for pesticide violations, such as improper or illegal pesticide uses, increase the maximum allowable fines for pesticide use violations. overall, it is an important step towards protecting our communities from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

Mahalo and sincerely,

Janice Palma-Glennie

Kailua-Kona

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:55:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Fishman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 3040! 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. We need better monitoring and safety measures. We need fresh water and freedom from contamination. E ola pono.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:00:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly	Testifying for EMCC Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

We at EMCC Hawaii SUPPORT SB3040 - it is our understanding that pesticide violations are considered "acceptable" cost of doing business by large industrial operators. This defeats the purpose of having pesticide fines and ends up threatening our children, farmworkers and the general public. If the fines continue to be as low as they are, there is no reason large scale industrial farms will stop using the dangerous pesticides that have been linked to cancer and autism. On top of that, pesticides have been proven to contaminate our groundwater and the more unnatural pesticides are used to control pests, the faster pests will become immune to the pesticides which will result in farmers using even more pesticides to combat the same pests.

We should be supporting local small scale organic farming and not large industrial operations which care not for the food they produce, our environment nor the people they serve but ultimately only care about the dollar amount at the end. If department of Agriculture does not have high enough fines to curb these large scale farms from using pesticides then their violation fines are ineffective and ultimately serve no purpose except for show. The low fine threshold is also 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.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:05:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this important bill, which will help ensure the safety of our communities!

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:11:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations. It is a step in the right direction but I do not think it goes far enough. The fines are not representative of the crime. How do you place an amount on someone's health that will be ruined for the rest of their lives? These are but slaps on the wrist of billion dollar corporations.

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.

I 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.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:30:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:39:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

NO more "slap on the wrist punishment" for peoplr and corporate interests who misuse chemicals & mislead & potentially poison the public especially the keiki! "String em up"

JN Makawao

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:49:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The ONLY acceptable CODB for pesticide use is \$0. That is, they should not be used period, and violators should be charged \$Millions to encourage compliance.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:57:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Heartfield PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to get the message across to violators of banned pesticides that they are NOT OK AND CANNOT BE OVERRUN BY SIMPLY CHOOSING TO PAY A FINE AND STILL GET AWAY WITH POISONING OUR CITIZENS.

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. 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.

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 very recent [Monsanto/Bayer guilty plea regarding their illegal use of the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai](#), the state should have had the ability to issue a fine that is reasonable and representative of the crime, especially considering they are multinational chemical corporations. Bayer profited over \$13 BILLION dollars in 2019. Yet, the maximum the state could have fined them for this severe violation would have been \$25,000.

THIS IS TERRIBLE! PROFITS OVER PEOPLE HAS BEEN THE WAY --UNTIL NOW!
DO THE RIGHT THING AND PASS THIS BILL--IT'S AT LEAST A START.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:26:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha.

Please support SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

I work with children from birth to 6 years of age. These are the most vulnerable population and I am very concerned about any exposure to pesticides but especially concerned about repeated exposure from birth on when their brains are developing so rapidly. As well as deeply concerned about the effects of exposure over time.

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.

I 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.

Please pass SB3030. Hawaii needs and deserves this protection.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:39:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly support SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

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.

I 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.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:39:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This should be a no brainer.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:52:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sky Roversi-Deal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3040. Greater transparency around incidents of pesticide misuse, which can have serious and catastrophic consequences, is essential for the public good and environmental protections and to hold violators accountable. Increasing the allowable maximums of fines to more reasonable levels seems a sensible measure to help prevent violations (to make the penalties something more than just "a slap on the wrist" or "the cost of doing business").

Mahalo for your consideration and hard work.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 5:10:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Kimball	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 5:37:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 5:44:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 6:05:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
donald erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 6:40:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a volunteer for HAPA and have been interested in Ag policy since the 70's. AgriBiz companies have a collateral damage threshold where a certain amount of injury/fradeaths are OK from a compeensation framework. I support SB3040

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.

I 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.

Why This is Needed:

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.

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. SB3040 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.

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. 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.

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 very recent [Monsanto/Bayer guilty plea regarding their illegal use of the banned pesticide Penncap-M on Maui and Molokai](#), the state should have had the ability to issue a fine that is reasonable and representative of the crime, especially considering they are multinational chemical corporations. Bayer profited over \$13 BILLION dollars in 2019. Yet, the maximum the state could have fined them for this severe violation would have been \$25,000.

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. Mahalo for supporting this bill.

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 6:49:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Momi Ventura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:06:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support reporting and disclosure provisions for pesticide violations, such as improper or illegal pesticide uses, making the process more transparent. Increasing the maximum allowable fines for pesticide use violations means they might actually be sufficient to make it worthwhile to stop flagrant use of pesticides as well as supplying needed funding for the government.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:14:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:27:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support the reporting and disclosure provisions for pesticide violations.

This will help protect the citizens of Hawaii, the aina and all living things.

mahalo nui"

Dr. Bonnie Marsh

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:46:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB 3040 is a step in the right direction but fines are relatively small compared to the costs involved with misuse of pesticides and the federal fine limits. 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. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:56:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:09:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

With the minor exception of 18 months (2 carrier WesPac deployments), I spent 5 years in the middle of heavy ag spraying agriclutter in the 1970s in central Cowafornia (sic), long before the idea of drift was popularized. People had all manner of odd things happening to them, which could now be attributed to spraying, but since they weren't under the planes doing the spraying, nobody ever thought of it. Those flagging so the airplane wouldn't fly into the power and phone lines wore protective gear, nobody else did.

Nine of those months deployed, we had jet fuel in our water, so I couldn't get away from being poisoned. During the day, it was stirred, but at night, you couldn't drink it. I couldn't tell if there was fuel in the water or water in the fuel. For those on O'ahu, "Drink up, Shriners!"

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:20:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:43:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this bill. Until we make the punishment for the crime and create effective deterrents, the pesticide companies will not stop poisoning our island.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:48:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:59:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roya Dennis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need 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.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 10:28:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

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I 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.

Sincerely,
Colleen Rost-Banik
Resident of Honolulu

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:13:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB 3040.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 1:28:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kate Paine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A must pass! Science and health has been compromised by money interests. It should not take this much effort to do what is best for islands.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 6:20:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Yes. Yes. Yes.

Do what's right!

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 7:06:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Koohan Paik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 7:08:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Lander	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am part of a video production team that produced a documentary about the Heptachlor contamination of the milk supply back in the 1980's. As dairies dumped thousands of gallons of pesticide-ridden milk and mothers were afraid for their babies, the public's trust in the government and dairy industry was severely impacted. Haven't we learned anything since then? We live on tiny little dots in the middle of a big ocean. Poisons can penetrate our entire ecosystem in no time. Please protect our communities and pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 7:26:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nedi McKnight	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Gentlepersons,

As a resident of the Island of Hawai'i, a business professional, and your constituent, I would like to voice my strong support of SB3040.

We are in the middle of an ecological collapse and a cancer epidemic. We all need to do everything possible to detoxify and clean up the way we go about weed removal and maintenance for landscape, roads, parks and public places. Children and adults should not be exposed to pesticides. If it costs more to remove or control weeds without pesticides, we should pay more. That is what society and government does- work for the greater good and overall health of the population. The alternative costs of ecosystem collapse, insect extinction, water pollution and harm to human health is a much greater burden.

It is our responsibility to correct some of the mistakes of the past 25 years, and rampant use of pesticide is no longer acceptable.

Respectfully,

Nedi McKnight

Pa'auilo

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 7:38:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Logical & reasonable !!

Support!

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 7:51:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:06:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nako'olani Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:07:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Llanes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I 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.

Why This is Needed:

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.

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. SB3040 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.

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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 very recent [Monsanto/Bayer guilty plea regarding their illegal use of the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai](#), the state should have had the ability to issue a fine that is reasonable and representative of the crime, especially considering they are multinational chemical corporations. Bayer profited over \$13 BILLION dollars in 2019. Yet, the maximum the state could have fined them for this severe violation would have been \$25,000.

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.

Mahalo for reading my testimony and your dedicated service.

MeleLani Llanes

Makakilo O'ahu

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:25:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha! Please Support SB3040. Our ecosystems are being pummeled by too many threats, from climate change to biodiversity collapse there are so many things we need to work on. One easy approach that would send a clear message to both consumers and business enterprises would be to tighten the regulations and increase fines on illegal pesticide use, 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.

I 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.

Mahalo,

Phaethon Keeney, Honokaa Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:32:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

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. Raising the fine makes sense.

I 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.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sherry Pollock, Anahola, HI 96703

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:59:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this important effort to ensure agriculture on our islands is conducted in a responsible way. Thank you!

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:59:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Kerman	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 9:01:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Testifying for Pele Lani Farm	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3040 and 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 RECOMMEND THAT THE FINES BE HIGHER. MAJOR CORPS/COMMERCIAL FARMS, ETC WILL PAY THE FINES EASILY, A DROP IN THE BUCKET TO THEM.

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.

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. SB3040 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.

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 then 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.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 9:22:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 9:53:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill--it is simply basic to protecting everyone, children, the environment and the living things in it, from these harmful poisons which spread and persist.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 10:22:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Ray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am strongly in support of SB 3040 which would raise the fines for pesticide violations.

Acceptable levels of pesticide use were determined based on a clear scientific understanding of the human health risks and environmental risks to land and water that come from excessive use. Clearly, we have those limits in place for a reason.

Increasing fines for pesticide violations demonstrates that as a state, we take those limits seriously and don't intend to turn a blind eye to pesticide violations which are implicitly treated as a "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations.

Raising fines also provides an opportunity to improve a revenue stream into the department of Agriculture as an offset against the work they should be focused on - improving the yields and sustainability of agricultural practices in the state.

I 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.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ray

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 12:08:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 12:17:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Pesticides are harmful to all but especially vulnerable are our keiki

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 12:24:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danelle Guion	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please raise the fines for pesticide violations. 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.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 1:59:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark A. Koppel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Save our Keiki.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 2:00:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherri Thal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is absolutely essential to start monitoring pesticides in a meaningful way, and SB3040 is a good start. Large scale agriculture corporations can be extremely negligent and harmful to our keiki, our flora and our fauna when they misuse pesticides. Larger fines will alert these lawbreakers to the fact that they must be held accountable for their actions, and the transparency aspect of this bill is also promising. The people of Hawaii need to know the facts about what is in the air, water and soil around them and who are the violators of our laws. An added bonus would be more money for the state to better implement positive agricultural laws and practices.

Mahalo for supporting a cleaner, safer and more just future for Hawaii in passing SB3040.

Aloha,

Sherri Thal, Keaau, HI

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 2:15:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Gray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We must protect our kids and everyother living thing on our islands from these dangerous chemicals.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 3:30:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We need adequate protection against pesticide violators. Only through penalties that exceed the cost of doing business will that happen. Fine them -- bigtime. Don't wimp out or accede to the pesticide lobbyists.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 4:32:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Testifying for Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

I'm surprised that this is not already a law. This process has been debated for so many years. Yearly reporting by HDOA with increased fines for offenders makes sense, considering that it is the role of government to protect people, the environment and communities from substances that they authorize as "safe."

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 4:34:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiana Kamen	Testifying for Non-Profit	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha members of the committee,

The time has come for the State to take a leap forward in helping to foster healthier communities, healthier environments, and healthier keiki and families. One simple way you can do this is by supporting this bill. Reserach proves that people who live in communities close to agricultural areas that use harmful chemicals are suffering from increased rates of infertility, cancers, cogintive delays, birth defects and more. As a nutritionist, I see these detrimental health effects of pesticides and other other agricultural chemicals in the clinic. As an early childhood educator, I see the detrimental effects on our children who have increasing cognitive delays and special needs. As a community member, I see the weed-killer burn on the sides of the streets I walk on - and am fearful to walk in my own community and swim in our oceans. All of these should not be.

The time has come for our state government to intervene with these harmful chemical practices that are directly hurting all of our people and environment. I have seen organic farms all around Hawai'i and the world in my travels. I know that we can grow without these chemicals. Sometimes, we need to help others seek alternatives to chemicals. Additional fines are one way to educate and encourage people to try healthier farming practices.

Mahalo for caring for our entire communties and 'aina by supporting this bill.

Tiana Kamen,

Founder and Author, Farm to Keiki

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 6:04:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keke Manera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3040. There needs to be more regulation, stiff fines and penalties on the use of pesticides that are causing cancer and are unsafe in Hawaii.

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/25/2020 6:53:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin Mcaulton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Does stupid LEGISLATORS COME TO MIND ?

In my words yes !

Every asshole behind this bill should be far warned, Pesticides upon your food is you killing yourself !...COMMON SENSE !

Here we have the ultimate of progressive virus in the entire world and we have to deal with SENATORS AKA ASSHOLES ! With the high amount of coronavirus being spread it only takes one !..and one mistake means anywhere from 1 to 1,000. Yet pesticides on our food or any where near our AG Lands is just as crucial as a virus.

That makes 2 dangers we are dealing with !....Legislators USE your heads and put up your dam asses ! its common sense....Wildman.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:54:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	Testifying for A'a Li'i Farm	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2020 10:46:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lopaka K Lonoaea	Testifying for Aloha Aina	Support	No

Comments:

Stop killing our planet with man made products...

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/26/2020 8:00:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ryan christopher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and raising the fines on people who damage the aina.

Ryan Christopher

Honokaa HI

LATE

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/26/2020 11:07:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Uyeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I currently reside in Honolulu.

SB3040 is valuable to me, my children and grandchildren, all my students, and the people who call Hawaii their home.

I have taught school for 30 years. One of the schools I taught at was Helemano Elementary School. Very soon after being hired, I began experiencing dizzy spells, nausea and flu-like symptoms. Helemano Elementary School and Whitmore Avenue are bordered by pineapple fields that are continually sprayed. Driving on Whitmore Avenue one day after school, I suddenly felt dizzy, then blacked-out, and regained consciousness in an ambulance. I learned that I had a seizure.

I soon learned that people living in the area were experiencing neurological diseases, miscarriages, Johnson's Syndrome, chronic fatigue, and other illnesses.

I executed an emergency transfer to another school to regain my health. I continue to worry about children, workers and communities that continue to be exposed to pesticides. Regulating proper use of pesticides is imperative to protect the health and wellness of our people. The total disregard of these corporations is frightening to me. The state must be allowed to levy higher fines for persons that knowingly use pesticides illegally or improperly. Greater fines could result in greater compliance, since these corporations have no conscience to follow.

Bonnie Uyeda

LATE

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/26/2020 3:05:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trinette Furtado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this VERY IMPORTANT measure.

I **strongly support** passage of **SB3040** that would require the Department of Agriculture to provide annual reporting on all pesticide inspection and compliance investigations and increase monetary fines for pesticide violations.

Foreign, big AG corporations take advantage of our almost year-round growing without recognizing their kuleana to the communities they impact with their large-scale and/or experimental agricultural practices and operations.

To protect and safeguard our health (physically, with the foods we consume), the Department of Agriculture should provide detailed reports with sufficient data and enforcement, of all pesticide inspections and compliance investigations in a more timely manner than they have been, when individuals have requested this same information in the past.

For the above reasons, I ask that you **vote YES and pass SB3040** for the health of our community and our `aina.

LATE

SB-3040

Submitted on: 2/26/2020 8:14:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fern Anuenue Holland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong strong support for this measure. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/27/2020 12:38:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nely Villanueva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Bill SB3040 and agree to transparency and disclosure for pesticide violations as well as increasing the maximum allowable fines for pesticide use violations.

This is a step towards protecting and informing our communities from toxic pesticide exposure by holding violators more accountable.

By increasing the maximum allowable fines to individuals, business and corporations this will ensure deterrance of continued toxic pesticide usage on our island--Kauai and the rest of the State.

The community deserves a right to know how complaints are being addressed and the result of the investigations being conducted. Transparency in this regard allows the community to be informed in the possible relations of the toxic pesticide exposure and experienced heath complications directly relating to exposure.

In such cases as 2016 and 2017 Syngenta (Kauai) failing to adhere to pesticide use instructions, exposing farmworkers to the (now banned) neurotoxin pesticide chloropyrifos.

The lack of disclosure and public knowledge of such toxic exposure ensures the perpetuation of such violent acts to the very balance of the ecosystems that our island is coveted for.

The very basis of my concern is that the use of these toxic pesticides affects the entire island ecosystem through air, water, soil and it is bio-accumulating with mutliple and regular usage.

Contamination of the soil damages the flora and fauna at the bacterial level--vital systems for growth in plants, insects. Contamination of the water through air and soil run off affects the entire island as a whole.

This promotes destruction of the delicate balance of our food chain.

Toxins in the water that are known to be neurotoxins, not only harms us, humans but also all organisms in our ecosystem.

Exposure to such chemicals affects the entire web of life in the food chain.

From algae overgrowth, to predator-prey dynamics, to neurological diseases and disorders and reduced immunity for ALL organisms.

Raising the maximum in allowable fines will deter these multi billion dollar corporations from establishing such practices in remote places such as our state, where there is an effective impact on the entire community as whole.

WE will not stand a chance if these corporations are to continue such acts without MASSIVE consequences to their dollar bottom line.

Without the proper disclosures, how are we, as a community, be vigilant in the knowledge that is available in the effects of such toxins?

If there was public disclosure on such effects of toxic pesticide use, do you honestly think any parent would condone their children playing in the fields near these companies?

If behavioural and neurological effects were known to the public, do you think parents would continue to allow their children to drink contaminated water--further injuring their developing bodies and allow bio accumulation of toxins that are directly responsible for chemical and hormonal imbalances?

As a biology and chemistry student, I know that the mere presence of ONE toxin can disrupt the protein signalling gradient in fetal development.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2999589/>

Impact on fetal growth of prenatal exposure to pesticides due to agricultural activities

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4247335/>

Pesticide Exposure and Child Neurodevelopment

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5490151/>

Childhood pesticide poisoning in Zhejiang, China: a retrospective analysis from 2006 to 2015

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6371608/>

Organophosphorus pesticide chlorpyrifos intake promotes obesity and insulin resistance through impacting gut and gut microbiota

These are just results of a quick search in the effects of pesticides on children and fetal development. IF these are the documented effects of such use, what implications are to be had on the UNDOCUMENTED effects and PROLONGED usage that is not disclosed??

The scientific community is barely scratching the surface in producing studies and data on such agricultural practices in remote communities like we have here in our

state. Long term implications are yet to be addressed. Soil rehabilitation is inevitable and mandatory from such uses.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

From: jdancer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Naylor](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 7:10:23 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: mmmahalo2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [mm Moran](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 7:13:57 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
mm Moran
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From: marlieslee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Marlies Lee](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:11:04 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Marlies Lee
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From: kayersmaui@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Katharine Ayers](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:34:14 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Katharine Ayers
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From: scyoung@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [scott_young](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:35:15 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
scott young
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From: helmut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Helmut Klauer](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:52:37 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: 2hawnsoul4kupuna2mapu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [April Peterson](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:14:22 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

April Peterson

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

From: erinfcase@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Erin Fitzgerald-Case](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:28:32 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Erin Fitzgerald-Case
46 -090 Konohiki St Apt 3402 Kaneohe, HI 96744-6102

From: erika.lechugadisalvo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Erika Lechuga DiSalvo](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:28:47 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Erika Lechuga DiSalvo
1355 Haiku Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5608

From: RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [K.C.Owen](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:48:29 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: raphiell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Raphiell Nolin](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 10:43:02 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Raphiell Nolin
PO Box 1216 Puunene, HI 96784-1216

From: noenoebc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Noenoe Campbell](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 6:16:35 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Noenoe Campbell
2445 Pauoa Rd Apt B Honolulu, HI 96813-1379

From: detntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [H.G. Picher](#)
To: [JDC Testimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 6:50:42 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
H G Picher
15 -1583 10th Ave Kealia, HI 96749

From: haroldagena@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Harold Agena](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 6:53:03 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Harold Agena
PO Box 246 # HI96792 Waianae, HI 96792-0246

From: harpiano@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Julie Sharrer](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:25:09 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Julie Sharrer
15 -1785 11th Pahoia, HI 96778

From: biggystinker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mike Rueli](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 8:12:10 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Mike Rueli
637 8th Ave Honolulu, HI 96816-2109

From: [Mary Lacques](#)
To: [JDC Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 3040
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 9:59:56 AM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Mary Lacques and I am a resident of Haleiwa.

I am submitting testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the much needed and long overdue SB 3040, which would increase fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

As you are aware, the following incidents and violations are noted within the language of SB 3040, but I think the serious nature and blatant disregard for the residents, visitors and ecosystems of Hawai'i warrants repeating, especially in light of the most recent revelations from the Monsanto Maui settlement, just three months ago, in which the company was found guilty of knowingly and deliberately using, transporting and storing a banned pesticide at its South Maui, Maalaea and Kaunakakai, Molokai facilities.

Monsanto admitted in the court documents that it used PennCap-M, even though the company knew its use was prohibited pursuant to an order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The company further admitted that, after the 2014 spraying, it told employees to re-enter the sprayed fields seven days later, even though Monsanto knew that workers should have been prohibited from entering the area for 31 days.

The fact that Monsanto, now part of Germany's Bayer AG, deliberately instructed their employees to enter the sprayed fields three weeks earlier than what is legally allowed is a prime example of why the passage of SB 3040 is so crucially important-to dissuade future egregious human rights abuses in hazardous work environments.

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

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

Not mentioned in SB 3040 is that here on O'ahu, in May of 2017, a former employee of Waialua's DuPont Pioneer operations alleged in a lawsuit that the company dangerously mishandled herbicides, potentially exposing the Waialua community. The lawsuit alleged that the company sprayed its fields even on days when the winds exceeded safety rules. Pioneer's former Waialua farm is adjacent to Waialua High and Intermediate School and a nearby subdivision.

Over the years I have observed in both the House and Senate Agriculture Committee hearings that many discussions regarding the HDOA end with the fact that they are woefully underfunded. Passing SB 3040 and raising the current low fine threshold is a

simple and direct way for the HDOA to obtain the funding needed to better implement the inevitable new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

This commonsense bill is a good step towards keeping farmworkers, keiki and kupuna, Hawai'i's communities and ecosystems protected from the improper uses of toxic pesticides.

Sincerely,

Mary Lacques

P.O. Box 14

Haleiwa HI 96712

From: bwstone_49@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Bruce Stone](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 12:32:37 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Bruce Stone
75 -5873 Walua Rd Apt E333 Kailua Kona, HI 96740-1300

From: valerieweiss31@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Valerie Weiss](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 1:42:55 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Valerie Weiss
6616 Alahele St Kapaa, HI 96746-9426

From: jaymo808state@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joseph O'Leary](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 2:03:58 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Joseph O'Leary
GENERAL DELIVERY Naalehu, HI 96772-9999

From: ssmoore72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sherrie Moore](#)
To: [JDC Testimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 2:57:23 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

Laws mean nothing if they are not enforced.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: stevepaselk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Steve Paselk](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:30:53 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

It is time to get our head out of the sand and stop denying pesticide drift. Recent court cases in other states showed that Dicamba drift destroyed peach orchards and other farm crops and the nearest sources of Dicamba usage was on farms 1 1/2 miles away

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Steve Paselk
19 Luna Ln Paia, HI 96779-8621

From: mrgoodday2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joe Williams](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:44:53 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations. I am sad over the Copyboy Wild West approach that is taken in these Hawai'ian Islands! It appears no ONE in government much cares about that we are Turning loose on our CHILDREN and Grand Children the likes of ROUNDUP and SIMILAR sprays shame on you ! There can only be one TRUE ETHICAL VOTE on SB3040 any controls we fail to implement only make the chemical disaster train run faster down hill.....
I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Joe Williams

Sincerely,
Joe Williams
2321 Kanio St Lihue, HI 96766-8802

From: samoanbear@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Bohn](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020 11:06:25 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
David Bohn
96786 Wahiawa, HI 96786

From: vmasias27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Valerie Masias](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:22:28 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Valerie Masias
5630 Tomiche Dr Colorado Springs, CO 80923-3404

From: JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [JULIA FUJIOKA](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020 5:35:30 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: JSUSIE23@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [DR SUSAN CASWELL](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020 7:51:36 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
DR SUSAN CASWELL
PO Box 347 Paauilo, HI 96776-0347

From: edwin98g@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Edwin Guzman](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 7:58:06 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Edwin Guzman
65 Passaic St North Middletown, NJ 07748-5439

From: mcgb50@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [George Bourlotos](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 5:39:08 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
George Bourlotos
2213 Gates Ct Morris Plains, NJ 07950-3431

From: nangrif1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nancy Griffin](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 6:14:06 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Nancy Griffin
3859 NW 32nd Pl Gainesville, FL 32606-6161

From: lorenlw46@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Loren Wieland](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 6:49:51 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Loren Wieland
8401 W Cypress Dr Pembroke Pines, FL 33025-4540

From: btodd48603@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Bryan Todd](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 10:23:29 AM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Bryan Todd
3016 Estates Ave Pinole, CA 94564-1507

From: spiritguided77@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Nelson](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 3:51:35 PM

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Linda Nelson
6715 NE 63rd St Ste Pm 103 Vancouver, WA 98661-2099

From: tia.pearson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tia Pearson](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:50:14 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Tia Pearson
PO Box 861697 Wahiawa, HI 96786-8563

From: gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gregory Puppione](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:31:13 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: Melindaahn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Melinda Ahn](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:15:49 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: tcb609@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Debra Vitola](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:10:47 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

This is personal for me. I was diagnosed with Leukemia and I fight every day to try and keep my blood and lymphatic system clean and as strong as it could be.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: streamgirll@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary True](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:09:29 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: frenchkissfashions@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [claudia andrews](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:54:22 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
claudia andrews
HC 1 Box 5084 Keaau, HI 96749-9506

From: muramaru@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lynn Muramaru](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:52:49 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Lynn Muramaru
563 Kamoku St Honolulu, HI 96826-5245

From: barbaratravis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barb Travis](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:50:58 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Barb Travis
91 LAAULU St Ewa Beach, HI 96706

From: mdeycaza@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael deYcaza](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:39:46 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Michael deYcaza
21 S Kuakini St Apt 320 Honolulu, HI 96813-1647

From: rnehmad@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robert Nehmad](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:38:37 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: mariono@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [MARI ONO](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:35:59 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations. The serious health issues resulting from unmonitored violators of dangerous pesticide use have long been observed and are finally being brought to the forefront through the courts. Hawaii has long been the testing grounds for toxic pesticides and herbicides by large corporate manufacturers. It's time to address the safety of your constituents!

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
MARI ONO
2430 Campus Rd Honolulu, HI 96822-2216

From: info@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Debra Nix](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:34:10 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: rfurst808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Richard Furst](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:33:06 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Richard Furst
766 Hao St Honolulu, HI 96821-1652

From: dazar56@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [daniel azar](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:30:43 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
daniel azar
PO Box 779 Honaunau, HI 96726-0779

From: dylansfaddah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael MOORHEAD](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:21:38 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: write-maui@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ralph Hendrickson](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:11:58 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Ralph Hendrickson
PO Box 331 Kihei, HI 96753-0331

From: alohaphap@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paula Cohen](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:00:08 PM

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: nix@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Nix](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:56:21 PM

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: jerry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [jerome karzen](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:37:04 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
jerome karzen
281 Kaulani Dr Makawao, HI 96768-8620

From: taian@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tai-An Miao](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:36:45 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Tai-An Miao
714 Ocean View Dr Honolulu, HI 96816-3604

From: giaalumni2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Christine Weingand](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:32:12 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: panther_dave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dave Kisor](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:32:03 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: lmiddlet4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Middleton](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:29:42 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Linda C. Middleton

Sincerely,
Linda Middleton
2439 Holomua Pl Apt A Honolulu, HI 96816-6182

From: barbrick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barbara Nosaka](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:28:04 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Barbara Nosaka
2216 Hoonanea St Honolulu, HI 96822-2427

From: kealelani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lory Ono](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:26:51 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,

Lory Ono

44 -022 Nohokai Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-2543

From: haydn.huntley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Haydn Huntley](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:24:32 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: rickthornhill12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Richard Thornhill](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:22:21 PM

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I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: jlee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joanna Lee](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:07:27 PM

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

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

From: [Mrs. Woods](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In support of SB 3040
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 1:09:08 PM

Please support SB 3040 and raise the fines for pesticide violations.

Unfortunately, pesticide violations in Hawaii have been considered an acceptable “cost of doing business” by large industrial operations. These violations are a threat to our health and the health of our islands. The current low fine suggests tolerance for a deadly pollution situation.

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

I 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.

Denise Woods, RN
Kauai

From: [lis.k](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: SUPPORT of SB 3040
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 7:46:18 AM

No to pesticides, herbicides!

From: [John Kochiss](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: SB3040
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:49:22 PM

To whom it may concern, honorable leaders; My name is John Kochiss and I am an organic farmer on the Big Island. I am writing in regards to this bill pertaining to pesticide use and regulation. I am concerned about the environment and ecosystem here. I grew up on the East Coast, fished streams in my backyard as a boy. The fish in those streams, if you could find live fish, are not safe for human consumption. I have traveled far and wide on this planet, and have been disappointed and disheartened by the state of the natural environment and the lack of concern on the citizenry of the planet overall in stewarding the environment. We have no backup planet that I know of, and yet the environment is being trashed at an alarming rate. Agriculture seems to be one of the biggest culprits, chemicals from farms are getting into rivers, carried out to sea, and creating huge dead zones, unbelievable, never thought I would live to see it....I ended up on this island because it is more pristine than any other place I have visited. We have something special here, quite a few other world travelers I have met agree, I am in favor of any laws or bills which aim to protect the environment, this bill, SB3040, seems like a step in the right direction. I hope and pray that it will pass and help safeguard our beautiful aina, Mahalo and Aloha, Sincerely, John Kochiss.

From: [RE Lewis](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Support for SB 3040
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 5:02:16 PM

I support raising fines for pesticide violations and I support SB 3040.

Current Hawaii fines for pesticide use violations are a maximum of \$1,000 dollars for individuals and \$5,000 for commercial applicants. In cases where the commercial applicant knowingly violates pesticide labels and laws, the maximum state fine is currently only \$25,000. SB3040 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. Current fines are hardly a deterrent. Rather, they are often viewed as an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations.

The safety of our children, farmworkers and the public deserve laws with teeth. For the behavior of violators to change, they must be held accountable. This includes reporting transparency. Communities deserve the right to know how complaints are addressed and the outcomes of such complaints.

Increased revenue from fines should be reinvested in programs associated with safe pesticide procedures and enforcement. While the safety of our citizens is uppermost in our minds, we can not overlook the threat to non-target species, as well as the needless contamination of our soil, water and air.

This is an urgent request. When we consider what is at stake, the fines and reporting outlined in this bill remain modest when compared to federal fines for pesticide misuse. The EPA has the ability to fine pesticide violators millions of dollars. Even so, violators often end up paying a fraction of the originally issued fine.

Current state fines are not an adequate deterrent to violators. Consider the the recent cases below:

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.

The very recent Monsanto/Bayer guilty plea regarding their illegal use of the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai.

In these cases, the state should have had the ability to issue a fine reasonable and representative of the crime. Bayer, a multinational chemical corporation, profited over \$13 BILLION dollars in 2019. Yet, the maximum the state could have fined them for this severe violation would have been \$25,000.

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, I ask, is the fine amount that matches the true cost of the impact of such needlessly exposure to the health and life of our people?

I urge you to raise maximum allowable state fines to better represent the full damages incurred by our communities and environments from illegal pesticide use.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Lewis, Ph.D.

[4875 Kikala Rd.](#)

Kalaheo, HI 96741

From: [Julie Paul](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: SB3040
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 3:59:19 PM

I support this bill.

Aloha,
Julie Paul

From: [Tracy Lyman](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: SB3040
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:39:03 PM

Thank You for all Your time and considerations. We are very interested in taming the Big Ag industry in their abuse of using toxic chemicals on our fields and in our communities there has been more than enough proof of how bad these residues left behind and fly through the air
Please pass more protection for our communities
Very much appreciated

Tracy Lyman
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Subject: In Support of SB3040 to Strengthen Pesticide Protections
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Dear Hawai'i State Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing in strong support of SB3040, which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

I urge you to support SB3040. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
Jason Youn
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