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

**FEBRUARY 9, 2022
10:00 AM
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1518
RELATING TO ANTS**

Chairperson Hashem and Members of the Committee:

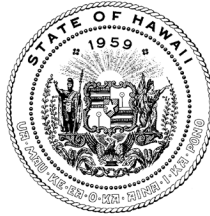
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1518, relating to ants. The bill appropriates funds from general fund for fiscal year 2022-2023 to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to fund for the research, extension and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ant species. The Department supports this measure.

Invasive species are a primary threat to Hawai'i's agriculture and economy. Funding for control of invasive species is critical to ensure that appropriate responses can be implemented and maintained which mitigate negative impacts on agriculture, the environment, and the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022
10:00 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 325, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1518
RELATING TO ANTS**

House Bill 1518 proposes to appropriate \$600,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR402) for research, extension, and control of the little fire ants and other harmful ants. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The little fire ant costs upwards of \$200 million per year to manage on Hawai'i Island alone and new invasive ant threats like red imported fire ants, which are not currently present in Hawai'i, have similar costs associated with their management elsewhere. The Hawai'i Ant Lab (HAL) has a statewide mission to prevent the entry of invasive ants into Hawai'i and to manage those that are already established. Invasive ants harm our native wildlife and can impede local food production with their aggressive stinging. The program is a point-of-contact for the public, state and federal conservation agencies, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA), Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC), and island Invasive Species Committees specifically on all issues involving identification and control of invasive ants.

A large component of the program is devoted to the management and control of little fire ants throughout the state. Program highlights include:

- Supporting and implementing eradication projects on Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i Islands.
- Developing and implementing widespread early detection activities that focus on points of entry and high-risk sites to minimize the spread of little fire ants inter/intra-island.
- Providing training opportunities and support for East Hawai'i island communities to manage little fire ants on their properties.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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STATE PARKS

Currently, HAL has no source of stable funding other than one faculty University of Hawai'i Extension position. Last year, the program received significantly less funding and as a result, HAL staff are now working at decreased capacity to stretch funding over a longer period. This is happening at a critical time when more little fire ant infestations are occurring across the state and the potential for widespread establishment is a possibility without continued and dedicated rapid response/treatment. Annual funding appropriated to HISC through LNR 402 provides support to many of Hawai'i's invasive species projects, including HAL and the Invasive Species Committees. Due to limited funding, however, most top-ranking projects only receive partial funding and need to find other funding sources to support the remaining programmatic needs. The appropriation in this measure would directly support HAL through the Department's LNR 402 and allow HAL staff to return to 100% FTE as long as other funding sources remain the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
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DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1518

February 9, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Room 325 and Videoconference

RELATING TO ANTS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1518 appropriates \$600,000 in general funds for FY 23 to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for research, extension, and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ant species.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:56:41 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Glenn Sako	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Mark Hashem, Vice Chair Amy Perruso and members of the Committee on Agriculture,

The Department of Research and Development, County of Hawaii, fully supports this bill to provide \$600,000 to support the research on Little Fire Ant (LFA) and services by the Hawaii Ant Lab. Hawaii County continues to suffer daily from the stings of the LFA which can cause painful welts, irritating skin conditions and possible blindness in cats and dogs. We still do not know the extent of the damage and impact on the wildlife in our forests.

The Hawaii Ant Lab is tasked with seeking methodologies to reduce the population of LFA and to educate residents on managing LFA to reduce the impact on their lifestyle and agricultural producers on reducing the impact of LFA on their workers well-being, crop yield and livestock.

The County of Hawaii fully supports the work of the Hawaii Ant Lab and ask for your support for HB 1518.

Thank you.

Glenn Sako, Economic Development III, Agriculture Specialist.



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February 9, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1518
RELATING TO ANTS

Conference Room 325 & Videoconference
10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Perruso, 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 supports HB 1518, which appropriates \$600,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for research, extension, and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ants.

HFB recognizes the harm that the little fire ant has caused to farms, businesses, and the quality of life of those affected by the pest. We agree the Hawaii Ant Lab's operational funding is critical to ensure that continued measures to stop its spread of little fire ants are not reduced or disrupted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

February 10, 2021

The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
Via Videoconference

RE: House Bill 1518, Relating to Ants

HEARING: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perusso, and Members of the Committee,

I am Ken Hiraki, Director of Government Affairs Committee, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its over 10,800 members. HAR **supports** House Bill 1518, which appropriates \$600,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for research, extension, and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ants.

Little fire ants are listed among the world's 100 worst invasive species. Additionally, little fire ants can cause severe economic damage and negatively impact the quality of life of our residents, homeowners and our community.¹

As such, Hawai'i REALTORS® supports efforts to control invasive species and believe this research is a small price to pay for the long-term negative impacts that little fire ants would have on our State if left unchecked.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

¹ Donna J. Lee, et al, Taking the Sting Out of Fire Ants
https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/hisc/files/2019/02/2015_EcologicalEconomics_LFA_Impacts_Hawaii.pdf



The House of Representatives
Committee on Agriculture
February 9, 2022
10:00 a.m. via Videoconference

Testimony in Support of HB 1518

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **is in strong support of HB 1518, Relating to Ants**. The aim of this measure is to provide funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for work on little fire ants (LFA) and other harmful ants.

LFA were first detected on Hawai‘i island in 1999, but at that time, there were no registered ant baits for organic crops and no registered formulations and methods for applying baits to trees and foliage, there were only granular baits formulated for ground-nesting fire ant species. The Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) was created as a partnership between the Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii at Mānoa-Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit, with funding from a variety of sources, to fill technical and capacity gaps in responding to Little Fire Ants and other damaging ant species.

LFA’s unusual ability to nest in any protected space, from the ground, leaf litter, plants and treetops required specialists to do the research and development for effective control chemicals and “baits”, application tools that could stick the bait up in trees where the ants forage, and to register these new pesticides and tools for use. It is thanks to HAL that we can detect, control, and even eradicate these ants if found early enough, and they are working on additional tools for the toolbox.

The funding shortfall that is hitting HAL is a significant concern and CGAPS and partners are working with HAL to identify and apply for federal funds to support part of their work, but these funds, if successful, would not become available until the summer of 2023 at earliest. We urge you to pass HB 1518 to provide gap-filling funds for work on LFA and other pest ants through DLNR. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,
Christy Martin
CGAPS

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:43:45 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Aubrey Hansen	Hilo Orchid Farm Hawaii, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

The continued support for Research, Extension, and Operations for Hawaii Ant Lab is critical to the protection of native Hawaiian plants and land. Fire Ants cannot be overlooked and present a major risk to all individuals and agriculture businesses. We cannot ship product that may be compromised with Fire Ants, and we rely on Hawaii Ant Lab as a first line of defense against this dangerous invasive species.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 3:45:34 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Frank Hustace	Stop LFA Kohala	Support	No

Comments:

Ladies and Gentelmen of the Committee:

My name is Frank Hustace, and I am the president of Stop LFA Kohala, a grassroots organization of community members in North Kohala, Island of Hawai'i. Stop LFA Kohala was formed several years ago in response to the emerging and present threat of LFA in the North Kohala region, affecting the vilages of Hawi, Kapa'au and adjacent communities.

The threat of LFA infestation in our community is immediate and real.

Several uncontrolled infestations of LFA have been detected, the most critical outbreak is on lower Ho'ea Road within 1 mile of the business district of Hawi. Business owners in Hawi have expressed alarm over this infestation.

A disparate group of individuals and organizations have joined the fight against LFA, including the North Kohala Lions Club, high school students at Kohala High School and other civic groups.

Community outreach programs have drawn hundreds of individuals, and they have responded with contributions and many volunteer hours.

The Ant Lab in Hilo has been a consistent and valued partner in our work, and I urge the members of the community to approve the requested funds that wil enable the Ant Lab to continue its important community work.

Full funding is extremely important for the continued health of our residents, children, businesses and visitors to our communities.

Please lend your support to this important bill.

With warm aloha,

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HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 10:24:09 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ersel Hensley	Hawaii Ant Lab (Littlefireants.com)	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha folks,

Strongly supported!! Hawaii NEEDS this support!!

Mahalo,

Ersel Hensley

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 9:15:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Susan Donlon	susans nuts	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in support of HB 1518. The Hawai'i Ant lab has and continues to provide invaluable assistance in the control and possible irradiation of little fire ants (LFA) on my macadamia nut orchard. In addition, they assisted in the treatment of our house and lot. The extension specialists did an initial field visit, and training on surveying and treatment of LFA. They have been available for consultations and troubleshooting by phone. The Hawai'i Ant Lab is a necessary entity.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 12:02:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ronald Englund	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a teacher at Kamehameha Schools Hawaii Campus, but this is not an official KS representation, but only my own personal support. We have had researchers from the Ant Lab come to our school for many, many years and provide very important information on ants to the students. Plus, the Ant Lab people have provided very important support as we battle fire ants on our Hawaii Island campus of Kamehameha Schools. Please support this bill and provide continued and steady funding for this important program. Anyone that has fire ants in their yard or place of work knows how awful they are, and the research done by this group has been key to reducing the problem at my house and school.

Ron Englund, PhD

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/4/2022 9:52:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Little Fire Ants are a menace and are spreading rapidly in Hawaii. Funding for research, control and public education is much needed.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:28:50 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nathan Dube	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, & Esteemed Committee Members-

I strongly support increasing effort toward control and eradication for the little fire ant, one of the worst invasive species globally. Increased effort toward biosecurity and invasive species management goes a long way in improving and maintaining ecological health. In this case, it also goes a long way in promoting human health as LFA cause painful stings. More effort now saves on costly future control measures and will help improve conditions for tourism and reduce harm to the agricultural industry.

Mahalo nui for your time & consideration!

February 7, 2022

Representative Mark Hashem, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 424
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 1518 Relating to Ants

Dear Chairman Hashem,

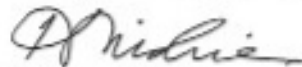
I am writing in **strong support of HB 1518** which seeks to appropriate \$600,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This funding will assure that the Hawaii Ant Lab will be able to operate at full capacity. The Little Fire Ant(LFA) invasion on the Big Island is exploding and we cannot afford to lose staff at the Hawaii Ant Lab. They are critical to responding to the adverse impacts the LFA is having on agriculture, businesses, visitors and residents.

I live in Volcano Village on the island of Hawaii. I am personally impacted by the presence of Little Fire Ants on our property. This is a growing concern for all of us because the LFA is spreading beyond its previous range at lower elevations (In November 2018, LFAs were discovered within the Volcanoes National Park at 4,000 feet elevation). It is a real threat to communities and the time and cost of ongoing control of LFAs are a tremendous burden to people.

More than ever the Hawaii Ant Lab provides **important and vital research** in the areas of understanding this highly invasive pest and determining the best methods to eradicate, control and prevent its spread. Their **extension services** translate latest research findings into understandable material for the public's use. And, together with its ongoing **operations** of investigating high risk areas, the Hawaii Ant Lab provides an effective three-prong approach for controlling LFAs in Hawaii.

Yes, the LFA is so small, it's hardly noticeable but it is extremely invasive. LFAs have made their way from the Big Island to Maui, Oahu and Kauai. By approving HB 1518, the Hawaii State Legislature will be helping Hawaii Ant Lab and other partners in local communities across the State to control LFA's adverse economic impact on agriculture, businesses, tourism, and homeowners.

Thank you for supporting the passage of HB 1518.



Kathleen Mishina
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HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 2:48:01 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
KEN OGAWA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, all.

I am totally in support of HB1518 and strongly request that you fund DLNR and the Hawaii Ant Lab because the work they do to screen products and disseminate their findings STATEWIDE to the public AND private industries are EXTREMELY INVALUABLE. LFA will continue to be a major thorn in our side, as there are NO natural predators available to control them so we'll need to keep working on control methods as long as the critters are around.

Mahalo for your attention to this VERY IMPORTANT matter and am strongly requesting that you support HB1518 and continue to fund DLNR so they can continue with their excellent work.

Ken Ogawa

**TESTIMONY OF CASPER VANDERWOUDE
MANAGER, HAWAI'I ANT LAB, PACIFIC COOPERATIVE STUDIES UNIT, UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**WEDNESDAY, February 9, 2022
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
10:00 A.M.**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1518
RELATING TO ANTS**

Chairperson Hashem and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide personal testimony in support of House Bill 1518, relating to invasive ants. This bill appropriates \$600,000 to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for research, extension, and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ants.

The little Fire Ant was first detected on the island of Hawai'i by the HDOA island entomologist in 1999. Since that time, it has spread throughout Hawai'i island and is now found on O'ahu, Maui and Kaua'i. The impact of this species on Hawai'i agriculture, tourism and residents has been profound: hampering crop productivity, stinging farm workers and domestic animals alike, affecting the daily lives of residents and tourists as well as well as threatening Hawaii's fragile ecosystems and wildlife refuges.

Since 2009 the Hawai'i Ant Lab (HAL) has provided support to affected industries and residents, developed more effective control methodologies and contributed to preventing the intra and inter-island spread of little fire ants in Hawai'i. Hal was funded entirely through non-recurring grants until 2018 when ongoing funding was provided to employ two extension staff. Unavailability of funds for the remaining 9 staff has resulted in a 50% reduction of working hours which will severely hamper delivery of much needed support.

HB1518 appropriates the funds necessary for Hawai'i Ant Lab to continue providing extension support to residents and affected agricultural industries, both on Hawai'i island and statewide; implementing early detection programs and eradication plans on O'ahu and other neighbor islands; and continuing the research program that has provided many of the control breakthroughs over the past decade.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 3:16:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Lambrecht	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The HAL needs all the support they can get to combat the continuing threat posed by the LFAs. The public needs the on going awareness, education and technical assistance the HAL provides in order for any chance of a successful outcome. I have talked to many people about LFAs only to find out they too are relying on the HAL for assistance with identification and treatment plans for infestations around Hawaii island. I have also spoken with people who are in need of assistance and have refered them to the HAL. We need a strong HAL to protect and preserve our way of life and our agricultural industry here in Hawaii. PLEASE PASS HB1518.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 12:22:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Susan Bassett	Mauna Kea Cacao LLC	Support	No

Comments:

Farmers and residents on Hawaii Island need additional funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support Hawaii Ant Lab. Little fire ants (LFA) entered our 20-acre farm two years ago. The Hawaii Ant Lab helped us eradicate LFA from orchard areas by developing a gel bait that can be sprayed in crop areas and border areas with tall trees. Ant Lab personnel visited our farm, identified the presence or absence of LFA on hundreds of survey sticks, and developed a site-specific plan for us to implement. We continue to survey and treat boundary areas and need continued Ant Lab support. We also need continued reserach and control method improvements as ants evolve.

Mauna Kea Cacao would cease farming if owners and workers were bitten by LFA in our orchards. Our farm tour operation would also end.

Dpartment of Land and Natural Resources' financial support of the Hawaii Ant Lab must continue at a high level to protect Hawaii Island farmers and residents from LFA and to prevent/control LFA on other islands.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 12:39:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rivah Winter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am strongly in support of HB1518. The Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) is an invaluable resource to our community, providing personalized, professional help to combat economically damaging invasive ant species like the little fire ant (LFA). If left unchecked, these ant species make farming difficult and physically painful, which makes it impossible to find farm help. Heather Forester from the HAL came to our farm to help us design a survey and treatment plan, and with her help, we've been able to make important inroads in our fight against LFA. We need to fully fund and support the HAL and their efforts to combat invasive species on behalf of our community. Mahalo.

HB-1518

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 12:20:29 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Danielle Frohlich	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

With little fire ants spreading on Maui, Oahu, Kauai, and Big Island, and the ever-looming threat of other ant invaders such as red imported fire ant, we can't afford not to fund research and control of ants in our state. Our quality of life, agriculture, and native species depend on us. Thank you for your support of this important bill!