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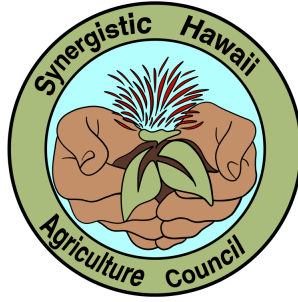
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Testimony for AGR on 2/10/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

It makes sense to have representatives of existant agriculture be on the board to look at pesticides rather than non-existant.



RE: SUPPORT for HB876

RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

The Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council stands in support of this Bill. Our three founding associations - the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association, the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, and the Hawaii Coffee Association - represent 1,000 businesses, from growers to processors, stretching across the State of Hawaii.

The face of agriculture has quickly changed in the last several decades. Coffee is the second largest crop in the state by farmgate value, and the largest in numbers of commercial farmers. Diversified agriculture is a fast-rising income source for acreage across the state.

Both have vital and active farmer bases who need to have their voices on the Advisory Council. New pests are impacting farms regularly, from Coffee Berry Borer, to Little Fire Ant to Leaf Fungus. Quick attention to these issues through the Advisory Council will be of economic benefit to the entire state.

Thank you for considering support to this bill. Your attention makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of farmers.

Mahalo nui loa!

Suzanne Shriner
Administrator

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:36:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/10/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Me and my 'ohana strongly support HB876 Mahalo Representatives.



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February 10, 2021

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 876
RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES

Conference Room 325
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 876, that would update the membership of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides by removing the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries and replacing them with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.

The purpose of the advisory committee is to advise and assist the department of agriculture in developing or revising pesticide laws and rules and to advise on pesticide problems. Membership on the committee is specific and broad-based. It includes industry and agency nominated, well-vetted, Governor-appointed representatives with pesticide expertise from the department of health, the University of Hawaii, the department of agriculture, industries that make or use pesticides, and stakeholder representatives from the community and an environmental organization.

The size of the committee must be limited in order to ensure that there is adequate representation of stakeholders to effectively accomplish the committee's work but not too many members to preclude meaningful engagement by each member.

Due to the loss of the sugar industry in Hawaii, the dramatic decrease in pineapple production, and the rise in acreage and economic significance of the diversified agriculture and coffee industries, it is appropriate that the committee membership be statutorily updated accordingly.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure and for your continued support of Hawaii farmers and ranchers.

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Governor

JOSH GREEN
Lt. Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION AND COMMERCE**

February 10, 2021
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 876
RELATING TO PESTICIDES**

Chairpersons Hashem and Johanson and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 876, relating to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The bill removes the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries and adds the statutory requirement for representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticide.

The Department strongly supports the measure. It is well documented that the pineapple and sugar industries do not have the same economic or agricultural footprint that they did at the time when the Advisory Committee on Pesticides was established. There are few growers and few people able to fill these seats on the committee. The Sugar and Pineapple Industry seats have had multiple vacancies throughout the past several years and have been the most difficult to fill. Coffee is the second most economically significant crop in Hawaii after seed corn, with many growers big and small throughout the islands. Diversified agriculture would allow for a greater selection of small and large growers of fruits, vegetables, and other commodities across the state. The Advisory Committee on Pesticides would benefit from these new seats contributing to the committee.



Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for AGR on 2/10/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for including Hawaii's coffee industry on the Pesticide Advisory Committee!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Matsumura	Department of Agriculture	Support	No

Comments:

I will be available for comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Takeshima	Hawaii Department of Agriculture	Support	No

Comments:

I am available for comments