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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

February 10, 2015
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 482
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Tsuji and Kawakami and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB482. This bill amends Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, by establishing a position within the Department of Agriculture to manage the pesticide subsidy program. The Department supports this bill provided it does not affect the priorities of the Administration's budget. The Department would also request one amendment.

Act 105 established a pesticide subsidy program within the Department effective from 2014 to 2019. The purpose of the program is to provide subsidies to coffee farmers for the purchase of pesticides containing Beauveria to control coffee berry borer. The act appropriated \$500,000 from general fund for this purpose and allowed for \$50,000 of the appropriation to be used to hire a manager of the program. The act did not create the position for this program. This bill will create the position so that the Department can hire a manager of the program.

The Department would ask to make one amendment as follows: "The pesticide subsidy program manager shall possess a requisite level of knowledge and expertise in the areas of pesticides and program subsidy management necessary to carry out the duties of the position." We envision the position to focus more on the administrative duties of the subsidy program and hence a program management background would be of more use. Furthermore, our research has shown that this type of pesticide program is rather unique across the nation and we do not wish to limit the pool of applicants who could qualify for the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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TESTIMONY ON HB 482
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Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB is in support of HB 482 which establishes a full-time temporary program manager position in DOA for the pesticide subsidy program.

Coffee is one of Hawaii's signature crops; one that helps bring fame and tourists to Hawaii. Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) threatens the entire Hawaiian coffee industry. While the full tally is yet to be made, farms on Hawaii Island have experienced deep losses. Some have failed. Moreover, large quantities of coffee have been downgraded due to insect damage, reducing the value of the remaining crop. CBB is a serious threat to Hawaii's agriculture industry and the state's economy. While CBB is battled worldwide, no other coffee growing origin shares Hawaii's high labor costs and restrictions on pesticides that may be used elsewhere to fight this destructive pest. This places the industry at a competitive disadvantage when compared to the rest of the coffee-growing world.

Fighting CBB is a priority in other coffee-producing countries. The USDA has expressed its support targeted toward research, education and mitigation. The industry's response has been immediate and multi-faceted. A non-profit CBB task force has been formed, including growers, processors, HDOA, UH, USDA and county government. CTAHR and HDOA have been responsive and effective in their combined efforts. Industry has committed countless private sector dollars and has leveraged both State and Federal funds. The State must continue to do its part.

A recent CTAHR economic analysis estimates FY2013 crop losses due to CBB at \$7.68 million, with a resultant \$571,000 annual loss in state tax revenues.

This establishment of the pesticide subsidy program manager should be viewed as a modest investment one of the state's largest and most important agricultural industries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure of great importance.

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Bennette Misalucha	Hawaii Crop Improvement Association	Support	No

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Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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Colehour Bondera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives: With great enthusiasm and encouragement I support this Bill, and encourage you to do the same. While the HDOA may not be able to easily hire another person to carry this out, nonetheless this is an excellent concept and something that the agricultural interests can and should fully endorse (as the number of sponsorships suggest). There is an emergency for the highest value agricultural consumable crop - coffee - and we need to pull out all of the stops to be sure that individual organizations are not trying to achieve actions independently without State involvement. By having an individual who is responsible for this pest with HDOA, then there will be a "point person" with whom outside groups can interact. That means consistent attention independent of grant funding, and it also means that the seriousness of the problem for coffee farmers is recognized and provided yet another means for helping the farmers figure out how to best make things work! Your support may not end up in funds being appropriated, but I would hope so and say at minimum within Agriculture that the importance can and should be more significant as a need than many other topics! Sincerely, Colehour Bondera KANALANI OHANA FARM Honaunau, HI

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Faith Ewbank	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The coffee berry borer is a terrible, destructive pest. We need money to help fight this pest and preserve Hawaii's coffee industry. Mahalo!

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Lars Lind	Individual	Support	No

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Eva Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Kenneth A Likotu	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Lind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My husband and I own a small coffee farm in Upcountry Maui. This bill is so important to the coffee industry in Hawaii. We must continue to fight the coffee berry borer, a very devastating pest, and preserve Hawaii's coffee industry. Mahalo for your support!

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Mercy Ritte	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Shaw	Individual	Support	No

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Alika Atay	Individual	Support	No

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Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

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Kanoelani Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 482 Which establishes a full-time temporary program manager position in DOA for the pesticide subsidy program

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Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Barreca	Counter Culture Food + Ferments	Support	No

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Ann M. Fontes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Thank you.

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Courtney Turner	Individual	Support	No

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Jim Wayman	Hawaii Coffee Assoc	Support	No

Comments: Support. This bill fills a position that was enacted in last years session.

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