



March 18, 2018

Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Hawaii State Legislature

Dear Representative Mizuno, Representative Kobayashi and Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

Testimony in Support of SB229 SD1

The Kohala Coast Resort Association (KCRA) is in full support of SB229 SD1 providing funding for an additional 12 positions in vector control in the Department of Health.

KCRA is a collection of master-planned resorts and hotels situated north of the airport which represents more than 3,500 hotel accommodations and an equal number of resort residential units. This is approximately 35 percent of the accommodations available on the Island of Hawai'i. KCRA member properties annually pay more than \$20 million in TAT and \$20 million in GET.

We encourage your funding these initiatives in full.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie P. Donoho". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Stephanie Donoho
Administrative Director



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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 20, 2018

S.B. 229, S.D.1 – RELATING
TO VECTOR CONTROL

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B 229, S.D.1, which appropriates moneys for twelve (12) permanent full-time equivalent positions in the Vector Control Branch of the Department of Health.

In 2009, a statewide reduction-in-force (RIF) of state public employees occurred which created a loss of thirty-nine (39) positions within the Vector Control Branch. Act 134, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, authorized four (4) positions and Act 124, SLH 2016 authorized an additional five (5) positions. S.B. 229, S.D.1 provides for establishing twelve (12) permanent full-time positions which allows the Department of Health to rebuild and restructure the Vector Control Branch and to protect public health by suppressing future outbreaks of potential vector-borne diseases.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 229, S.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,


Randy Perreira
Executive Director

SB-229-SD-1

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Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TESTIMONY ON SB 229, SD1
RELATING TO VECTOR CONTROL

Room 329
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 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.

HFB strongly supports SB 229, SD1, which appropriates funds for 12 permanent full-time equivalent positions in the vector control branch of the Department of Health..

Public health necessitates the return of this DOH branch to full capacity so that Hawaii has adequate resources to prevent proliferation of disease-carrying organisms or agents and to respond quickly to potential outbreaks of disease.

Due to the recent dengue outbreak, local residents and tourists have learned the hard way how important it is to have an active and effective vector control unit to help combat mosquitoes that carry the disease and spread it to new areas and new victims.

Because they spend so much time outdoors tending their crops and livestock, farmers and ranchers across the state may be especially exposed and vulnerable to various organisms that could spread disease. We believe that the vector control program must be appropriately funded and that adequate permanent positions be established.

Thank you for your support of this important measure.