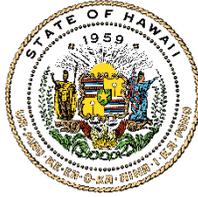


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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
10:01 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Via Videoconference

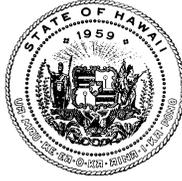
In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1427, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA

House Bill 1427, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 proposes allocating funds to the Departments of Health and Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawai'i. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

Pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), caused by the H5N1 virus, is a highly contagious disease mainly affecting birds. In November 2024, Hawai'i recorded its first HPAI case in a backyard flock on O'ahu, making it the last state to detect the virus. A migratory bird likely introduced the disease, with the first wild bird case confirmed in a hybrid mallard duck on the North Shore of O'ahu. No additional detections in birds have been reported since these initial cases.

HPAI poses significant risks to poultry and dairy farmers, public health, and Hawai'i's native bird species—many already threatened or endangered. Large-scale die-offs of wild birds, as seen on the mainland, could have serious ecological consequences. The Department supports this measure to ensure necessary funding for monitoring and response efforts that will help mitigate the virus's impact on public health, agriculture, and native wildlife.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 1427 H.D. 1, S.D. 1
RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 10:01 am, Room Number: 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** A proposed budget of approximately \$3,300,000 to \$4,700,000, depending
2 upon availability of federal funds, will support the Department of Health's monitoring and
3 response for avian influenza, both in current state and in the event of a larger outbreak in
4 animals or humans. This amount is not inclusive of funding for activities to be carried out by
5 other agencies, but will position the Department of Health for effective collaboration with
6 other state agencies to respond to avian influenza both in animals and in humans.

7 **Department Position:** The Department of Health ("Department") **supports** this measure
8 offering comments.

9 **Department Testimony:** The Disease Outbreak Control Division (DOCD) provides the following
10 testimony on behalf of the Department of Health in support of the proposed Act which
11 appropriates funds for preventing, monitoring, and responding to avian influenza in Hawaii. The
12 recent global health challenges presented by avian influenza underscore the importance of
13 robust monitoring and surveillance measures to protect Hawaii's public health, industry, unique
14 wildlife, and our agricultural economy.

15 Avian influenza poses significant risks not only to our bird populations but also to the broader
16 agricultural and food industries that contribute to the livelihood of many residents. Hawaii is

1 particularly vulnerable to the spread of infectious diseases due to its geographic isolation and
2 unique ecosystems. While current overall risk to humans is low, the potential for the virus to
3 mutate and cause more severe disease and/or more widespread human-to-human transmission
4 is a real and present threat.

5 The cost estimate for the response to bird flu detection in November 2024 for DOH was
6 approximately \$190,000. This covered laboratory supplies, personal protective equipment for
7 response staff, staff overtime and the purchase of a small stockpile of oseltamivir to offer to ill
8 or exposed persons. These costs were absorbed by budget lines in existing federal awards and
9 program general funds available through salary savings, however, a more sustained response
10 would exceed these budgetary sources. The response also involved staff time during regular
11 business hours with 59 DOH personnel working a total of 4,236 hours to conduct investigations,
12 perform testing, provide communications support and public outreach, and to activate the
13 Departmental Emergency Operations Center for incident response and multi-agency
14 coordination.

15 This Act will ensure that Hawaii has the resources necessary to quickly respond to any
16 outbreaks, animal or human, and minimize the potential for widespread transmission. The
17 Department has already taken a One Health Approach (the recognition that the areas of
18 human, animal and environmental health intersect) to this issue, by convening representatives
19 from stakeholders in a weekly status call updating partners on surveillance testing, sharing
20 resources, planning response activities, and discussing scenarios where an enhanced response
21 is needed. Heightened awareness of biosecurity and occupational health and safety protocols,
22 along with a robust wastewater and animal surveillance testing program, will protect local
23 farms, safeguard our food production systems, and reduce the risk of the virus spreading within
24 Hawaii. Enhanced monitoring for novel influenza variants in humans will enable early
25 identification and response to cases should they occur in Hawaii, and monitoring of contacts.
26 Timely investigations of cases and clusters of morbidity and mortality events support early

1 detection goals. In addition, the educational efforts outlined in this Act are essential to
2 informing the public about the risks associated with bird flu and the necessary precautions they
3 can take to stay safe.

4 This Act represents a crucial investment in the health and safety of Hawaii's residents and
5 agricultural industry. This legislation will enable proactive steps to prevent, monitor, and
6 respond to avian influenza, ultimately safeguarding our state's economy and public health.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April 2, 2025

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1427, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA**

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
10:01 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports HB 1427, HD1, SD1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawai'i. Given the significant threat that avian influenza poses to Hawai'i's poultry industry, food security, and broader agricultural sector, proactive measures are critical to safeguarding the state's economy and public health.

Avian influenza outbreaks have devastated poultry industries worldwide, leading to the culling of millions of birds, supply chain disruptions, and severe economic losses for farmers. Hawai'i's poultry farms, egg producers, and backyard flocks are vulnerable to the disease, which can spread rapidly and result in severe production declines. Any outbreak in Hawai'i could lead to shortages of locally produced eggs, increased reliance on imported products, and higher prices for consumers.

Beyond poultry production, the spread of avian influenza could have far-reaching effects on Hawai'i's agricultural industry. The disease could impact feed suppliers, processing facilities, and other agricultural operations that rely on poultry production. Additionally, if an outbreak were to occur, strict quarantine measures and trade restrictions could disrupt the movement of agricultural goods, harming farmers and ranchers across the state.

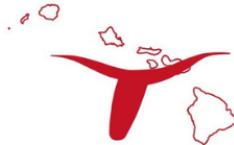
Avian influenza also presents serious public health concerns. While transmission to humans is rare, highly pathogenic strains have the potential to cross species barriers, posing risks to farm workers, veterinarians, and those in close contact with infected birds. Early detection and containment efforts are essential to prevent any potential public

health crisis. The World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention emphasize the importance of monitoring avian influenza strains for potential mutations that could lead to human-to-human transmission. Strengthening surveillance and biosecurity measures will help protect both animal and human health in Hawai'i.

Funding for prevention, monitoring, and response efforts will help minimize the risk of an outbreak and ensure rapid containment if avian influenza is detected.

We urge the committee to advance HB 1427, HD1, SD1 to protect Hawai'i's poultry industry, maintain food security, safeguard public health, and preserve the state's agricultural economy from the devastating effects of avian influenza.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

HB1427 HD1
RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 10:01 AM
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports HB1427 HD1** which appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawaii.

Avian influenza has the potential to have far reaching impacts – not just to birds, but to livestock as well as human health. Appropriating funds for DOH and DOA to increase the resources to prevent and respond to any further outbreaks of H5N1 extremely important. It is also critical that producers receive timely outreach on biosecurity measures and updates on surveillance testing so that we can focus our efforts and enhance measures to protect our community's access to local food.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

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TO: Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: April 2, 2025
TIME: 10:01am

RE: HB1427 HD1 SD1 Relating to Avian Influenza
Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, manufacturers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure. As the measure notes enhanced biosecurity will help protect local farms and food production, and increased testing of birds will help better understand the spread of bird flu in Hawaii.

Increasing local food production is a goal we all share. The first step in achieving that goal is protecting the food producers we already have. This measure is an important step to help many of our local agricultural producers continue to provide food for our state.

We urge the Committee to pass this measure and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

The Hawai'i Farmers Union is a 501(c)(5) agricultural advocacy nonprofit representing a network of over 2,500 family farmers and their supporters across the Hawaiian Islands. **HFU supports HB1427.**

HB1427 is an essential measure to safeguard Hawaii's agriculture by addressing the threat of avian influenza. Allocating funds to the Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture emphasizes a proactive approach, ensuring that Hawaii is equipped to prevent, monitor, and respond effectively to potential outbreaks. By taking these steps, the state can protect its poultry industry. The resources provided by this bill will enhance our ability to implement biosecurity measures, surveillance programs, and rapid response initiatives, all crucial for mitigating the impact of avian influenza.

The bill also underscores the importance of collaboration between state departments, agricultural stakeholders, and health professionals. This cooperative strategy will foster robust communication networks and facilitate the sharing of critical information, thereby reducing response times and enhancing our ability to act swiftly in the event of an outbreak. In addition to its immediate benefits, HB1427 will contribute to the long-term resilience of Hawaii's agriculture, bolstering the confidence of our farmers and supporting the viability of local farming operations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Hunter Heavilin
Advocacy Director
Hawai'i Farmers Union

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:30:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	Testifying for Aloha Freedom Coalition	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY Appose HB1427!

Bird flu hoax!!!

This is an agenda by the globalist!

We see the next "Plandemic" being planned, as there already is a "Bird flu" summit scheduled for Oct in Las Vegas! We will not comply!!!

This is another attempt to take control of "we the people!"

There will be a huge backlash if you go this route! People are awake and aware of this agenda!
Fool me once...Shame on you, Fool me twice...Shame on me!

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 10:42:04 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Momoka Ioh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee on Health,

I am Momoka Ioh, a student from Kealakehe High School, writing to express my strong support for HB 1427, which appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawai'i. HB 1427 is critical to protecting public health, improving disease preparedness, and ensuring food security. With the increasing risks of avian influenza, our state must take action to prevent and combat the virus before it spreads further.

While avian influenza is known for its influence on birds, it can also cause harm to humans. A large outbreak could cause farms to shut down and impact the food supply. Avian influenza has only had major outbreaks in the mainland U.S., however, it has still impacted Hawaii's food supply: There were egg shortages across the Big Island, and the demand for local eggs rose, while also increasing the price of eggs overall. By providing necessary funding, Hawai'i will be able to mitigate the impact of avian influenza on poultry production in Hawai'i while also taking steps to protect public health and food security.

Please support HB 1427, as this bill will ensure Hawaii is prepared to combat avian influenza and protect both public health and economy, as well as maintaining food security within our communities. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Momoka Ioh

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 5:32:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Azalea Thorp	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 8:02:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE Bill HB1427

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:24:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1427, HD 1, SD 1 passage this session. It is a preventive strategy to prevent, monitor, and respond to the Avian Influenza virus presence in Hawai'i from getting worse. The funding to the Departments of Agriculture and Health is well worth the money.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 1427, HD 1, SD 1.

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Lt. Governor



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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

APRIL 2, 2025
10:01 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

HOUSE BILL NO. 1427, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA

Chairs Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1427, HD1, SD1. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (Department) supports the measure. The purpose of HB1427, HD1, SD1 is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawaii. The Department is collaborating with DOH on avian influenza and additional funds are needed to support ongoing activities. The Department requests that \$293,000 be appropriated to the Department for the purpose of this act including prevention, monitoring, and response to avian influenza. Two (2) of the largest categories of proposed use of funds by the Department are for public outreach through radio and TV and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for producers. Those amounts are estimated at \$100,000 and \$150,000 respectively. Enhanced media outreach improves public information and PPE for producers supports increased biosecurity measures on production sites necessary for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. The remainder of \$43,000 is targeted for equipment, supplies, sample shipping, contracts, and other



related expenditures. The department defers to DOH for an appropriation that addresses their needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:02:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Willweber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Money is NOT needed to go towards bird flu issues. Bird flu is not deadly and difficult to transmit. It seems like the media and some sources are trying to make this into a bigger issue than it is. For what purposes? Who is to profit from this? CDC, who I don't like to quote often for the record, is not very concerned.

Vote no on this bill and use taxpayer money for better purposes, like better roads.

Mahalo, Dave

March 31, 2025

To: Hawaii's Senate Ways and Means Chair Senator Dela Cruz and Committee members

From: Cheryl Toyofuku

Re: **STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB1427 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA**

Scheduled Hearing on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 10:01 a.m. in room 211.

I strongly oppose HB1427 HD1 SD1 relating to the Avian Influenza for the following reasons:

- The Department of Health's testimony has a proposed budget request of \$3,300,000 to \$4,700,000. This appropriation is questionable as the DOH website shares that the risk of avian flu in Hawaii remains low for the general public with the main symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat and conjunctivitis (pink eye).
- The DOH website links to CDC's website for prevention and antiviral treatment of Avian Influenza A viruses in people, including vaccines. It also states that the U.S. government is developing vaccines against avian flu viruses in case they are needed.
- It is noted that an International Bird Flu Summit is scheduled for October 2025 in Vegas with sessions on vaccine development strategies and optimizing vaccine access.
- The people of Hawaii have come to realize that whether it is the Avian Bird Flu, Swine Flu, Monkey Pox, Corona Virus or other viral outbreak being trumpeted by government, state departments, some industrial complexes and media, these hyped and alarming fears are perpetuated in the dissemination of public health information. The avian flu narrative sounds familiar to the recent corona virus and other viral hysteria with subsequent undesirable vaccine mandates.
- History and research disclose the collaboration of government, state departments, the pharmaceutical industry and other certain agricultural industries that immensely benefit financially and profit greatly from the frightened frenzy created.
- Some agricultural disease-spreading practices, toxic load in chickens often overmedicated or vaccinated, **along with** disturbing poultry culling policies should be revisited, researched and re-evaluated for provision of healthier agricultural and farming practices.
- Allocation of funds to develop questionable solutions to these planned epidemics have in the past followed vaccine agendas from CDC Center for Disease Control, WHO World Health Organization or WEF World Economic Forum. These 3 letter agencies and others are coming into serious scrutiny and questioning.

Instead, the appropriation of these funds should be allocated to healthier programs to improve the natural immunity of animals and humans. State Departments, Industries and Legislation should encourage proper nutrition, exercise, sunshine and healthy agricultural, environmental practices and lifestyles, while limiting toxic chemicals and vaccines. This would better serve the people of Hawaii.

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:26:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Miyata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to HB 1427. Don't purposely hurt us.

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 1:44:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nelly Paekukui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE HB1427 HD1 SD1

PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 8:42:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit my testimony in opposition to HB1427, which proposes appropriating funds to the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture to address avian influenza in Hawaii. While I recognize the importance of safeguarding public health and agriculture, I have concerns about the bill's financial implications and its potential overlap with existing programs.

First, the proposed funding allocation lacks detailed accountability measures to ensure efficient use of resources. Without clear benchmarks or oversight mechanisms, there is a risk of mismanagement or redundancy with current initiatives already addressing avian influenza.

Second, the bill does not adequately address the economic burden it places on taxpayers. At a time when Hawaii faces pressing issues such as affordable housing, education, and infrastructure, allocating significant funds to this initiative may divert resources from other critical areas.

Lastly, the bill's scope appears overly broad, potentially leading to unnecessary expenditures on low-risk scenarios. A more targeted approach, focusing on high-risk areas and leveraging federal resources, could achieve the same objectives with less financial strain.

I urge the committee to reconsider the bill in its current form and explore alternative strategies that balance public health priorities with fiscal responsibility.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:35:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claire Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom this Bill May Concern,

I strongly oppose this bill. It is a very dark strategy and this will only escalate our source of excellent, natural protein needed for a healthy existence in Hawai'i.

Respectfully Submittly,

Claire Yamashiro

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:48:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terrie Armbruster	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

100% OPPOSE HB1427-----Many are AKAMAI to this Bird Flu LIE!!!

The next global PLAN-demic scheme is already pre-planned & scheduled this fall during the International Bird Flu Summit in Las Vegas! Topics include: Mass Fatality Mgt planning, Global Suveillance, Carcass Mgt., How to effectively Debunk mis & dis-information, posters to spread fear about NEW Mutated strains(that don't exist Yet). This is eerily similar to Event 201 Planning Summit about a New Corona Virus months before Covid Plandemic in 2020!!!

We the People are NOT falling for this "FOWL" PLAN-demic! Don't be "chicken" to STOP this FOUL BILL NOW!!! DO the Right thing for We the People you're supposed to serve, even if you risk losing pay raises and Big Pharma donations! STOP Wasting our Tax\$\$\$

VOTE NO to HB1427!!!

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 12:02:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Haine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and senate WAM committee members,

I OPPOSE this bill re funding avian influenza vaccines / prep.

Until this state government is willing to admit what an abject failure the COVID "treatment" and response was....not one dime of taxpayer monies should be available for such a program. Forcing experimental gene-therapies upon our public while withholding effective therapeutics - was criminal.

We are not ready for round 2.

Let's let Bobby Kennedy clean up HHS before we create more waste.

DRAFT



TESTIMONY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HB1427 RELATED TO AVIAN INFLUENZA
Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10:01 AM State Capitol Conference Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Committee Members:

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Jamie Detwiler, Hawaiian Islands Republican Women

There is NO objective evidence to support the funding of this bill. In fact, there is evidence to defer or return this bill to the committee for the following reasons:

1. Low Risk: According to the DOH, Disease Outbreak Control Division, “the current risk to the general public in Hawaii remains low.” *Noted three times on the DOH-DOCD website.
2. Burden on Hawaii Taxpayers and no accountability: According to HB1437, it proposes to appropriate funds out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ [BLANK] or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 to carry out the purposes of this Act, including to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza.

While HB1427_HD1_SD1 appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to be used, on March 12, 2025, the DOH submitted testimony to the HHS/AEN committee hearing a proposed budget of approximately \$3,300,000 to \$4,700,000, depending upon availability of federal funds.

3. Low Public Health Risk: According to the DOH-DOCD website, there has been one case in Hawaii in November 2024 and one death reported on the continent in January 2025.

According to the DOH-DOCD website, The risk of avian influenza in Hawaii remains low for the general public. Human avian influenza symptoms are similar to those of seasonal flu. Symptoms may vary from mild to severe, and may begin with flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, and/or sore throat. Recent human H5N1 influenza infections reported in the U.S. have been mild and included conjunctivitis.

Please vote NO on HB1427_HD1_SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Detwiler, Hawaiian Islands Republican Women

Sources: https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/avian-influenza/
Hawaii DOH - Disease Outbreak Control Division

HB-1427-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2025 6:09:16 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To all

I oppose this bill due in small measure to the financial cost which Hawaii doesn't have the budget for as highlighted by the lower GDP numbers for the state as well as the reduction in funding coming from the Federal Government.

More importantly, this bill should be killed if you consider our recent experience with the covid 19 virus. These vaccines produced in record time, and without adequate testing were advertised as safe and effective. The results were completely false, these vaccines didn't prevent or stop the transmission of these infection. As the evidence is becoming clearer it appears this virus was engineered in a lab in China with funding provided by the NIH via Peter Daszak's Echo Health Alliance.

The damage caused by these pandemic type scares is immeasurable, causing large scale government debt spending, inflation, jobs, the loss of liberty and trust in our institutions, evidenced by Dr. Fauci needing a preemptive blanket pardon spanning over a decade.

This bill is a precursor to this same scenario and should be killed before our government repeat's the same mistakes. Hindsight should be 20/20 or you are completely blind

Respectfully

Scott Fernandez

HB-1427-SD-1

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Cindy Sison	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1427. Do what is right. You will be held accountable.

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Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1427. This is overkill and not necessary. There also needs is no dollar amount in this bill making it like a blank check. Vote no!



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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair and
Honorable Members

FROM: John C (Jack) Lewin MD, Administrator, SHPDA and
Senior Advisor to Governor Green on Healthcare Innovation

RE: **HB 1427 HD1 SD1**

HEARING: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 @ 10:00 am; Conference Room 211

POSITION: SUPPORT with COMMENTS

Testimony:

SHPDA strongly supports HB 1427 HD1 SD1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Agriculture (DOA) to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawai'i.

While we defer to the DOH and the DOA in terms of appropriation requests and to detailed response to this measure, it is critically important for this to pass and be funded to prevent the spread of avian influenza here and moreover, if not controlled, to reduce the risk of the development of potential human-to-human transmissions and a possible new pandemic in the future.

We also note the sluggish response of the federal government on this issue at this time, which underscores the importance of proactive action in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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To: Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Sharon Moriwaki and
Members of the Ways & Means Committee

From: Margaret Mejia, Vice President of the Hawai'i Christian Coalition

Strongly OPPOSE HB1427, Relating to Avian Influenza

Aloha! My name is Margaret Mejia, and I represent Hawai'i Christian Coalition who has approximately 35,000 members on all Islands and in all districts. When you include spouses and children, Hawai'i Christian Coalition represents about 130,000 people.

We OPPOSE HB1427. Currently, the legislators from the last joint committee hearing (HHS/AEN) are asking for up to 4.7 Million dollars to fund this bill. The committee reported that there was one (1) case of Avian Flu in Central Oahu. Others who testified said that it was one (1) wild bird found in the backyard of a North Shore Resident.

Legislators should ask themselves, "What are the chances that the bird flu came from the U.S. Mainland through a 'wild bird' that landed on the North Shore of Oahu in the backyard of someone who owns birds (chickens)?"

The current federal policy states that when one bird (chicken) contracts bird flu that all the birds in that flock are to be killed. This is the reason that we had an egg shortage, since thousands and even millions of birds were destroyed because of one (1) bird diagnosed with the bird flu. We find this killing of birds through foam depopulation a horrific practice and an extreme measure to take.

We find that bird flu is NOT a threat to Hawai'i residents, since bird flu cannot be contracted from human to human. Also, the Department of Health website says that the bird flu in Hawai'i "remains low risk."

Although this bill does not mention vaccines, we can follow the money to discover that the end of passing of this bill may result in our taxpayer dollars going towards vaccines since some people believe that vaccines are a **preventive** measure or a **response** to Avian Influenza. The DOH also confirmed that they stockpiled some Oseltamivir vaccines (normally used for humans with Influenza A and Influenza B) for those who were exposed to the "bird flu detection" in Central Oahu.

During the Biden Administration, we find the U.S. government spent billions on stockpiling pre-pandemic avian flu vaccines and millions have been spent on research and development for mRNA shots. The current shots contain dangerous additives (squalene) and have questionable efficacy.

The five (5) companies that are currently developing Avian Flu Vaccines (Bird Flu Vaccines), all contain mRNA in their vaccines. mRNA is known to cause changes in people's DNA, according to Dr. Robert Malone, M.D., M.S. Biochemist/Biologist who created mRNA technology.

<https://thevaccinereaction.org/2025/03/usda-gives-conditional-license-for-bird-flu-vaccine-given-to-chickens/>

We are against any taxpayer dollars going towards Bird Flu "preventative measures" and we can't imagine why it would take \$190,000 dollars to respond to one "bird flu detection" in Hawai'i since the current federal policy is to kill the bird and its entire flock. That's some expensive PPE!

Per Jack Lewin's (Governor Green's personal advisor) testimony, it looks as if they are planning another plandemic. They even have a Bird Flu Summit scheduled for October 2025.

We live in Hawai'i. And because we are away from the U.S. Mainland, like Canada and Mexico, we don't have to be a part of the next plandemic.

Regarding liability, the PREP Act protects manufacturers and public health officials (Jack Lewin, Dr. Fink, etc.) from liability for injuries and deaths from the "pandemic" products. Without liability, we should not give the Department of Health, including Dr. Fink, as well as Jack Lewin and his organization any authority. No liability, no authority.

In addition, the USDA is using the widely discredited PCR Test to determine which animals have H5N1. The PCR Test frequently gives false positives. Therefore, the numbers, even the small number one (1) in Hawai'i infected with Avian Flu may or may not be accurate.

What are practical solutions? Support the people to make informed decisions. Support the farmers to care for their livestock. Support doctor-patient and farmer-veterinary relationships, as well as **Informed Consent**. Stop the PCR fraud. Since PCR Tests result in too many false positives, and the amplification cycles greatly affect reporting, thereby altering the entire pandemic response. Improve hygiene including surface sanitation using UV light, H2O2, HOCL, and proper ventilation.

Will the Senators support this plandemic? Please consider your vote wisely. Many people lost their time, money, businesses, jobs, and families (due to death) during the last plandemic. Lots of Hawai'i residents left our Islands and moved to the Mainland or out of the country. Although this bill seems small and insignificant, it is a BIG issue because it may be the first step to validating another pandemic.

As Chicken Little said, "The sky is falling down!" **No it's not! Lol!**

Mahalo for your time & consideration!

Margaret Mejia, Vice President & Events Coordinator
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