

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Lower and Higher Education Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. By Nicholas Comerford, Dean College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources And Michael Bruno, PhD Provost University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 2736 SD1 – RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Quinlan, and members of the House Committee on Lower and Higher Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in <u>support</u> of SB 2736 SD1 that seeks to support the ornamental and landscape industry on O'ahu County, with particular emphasis on East O'ahu, by requesting three (3) faculty positions for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). The three positions, and their foci, are well-defined in the bill.

This is one of three bills that deals with biosecurity in the ornamental/landscape industry, which speaks to the problem that this industry is facing. This industry is an important economic engine for agriculture as, taken as a whole, it represents approximately two-thirds of the Hawai'i farm gate value.

Important components of this request focus on pesticide efficacy, labeling, education and training of both conventional and organic certified pesticides. This request fits the CTAHR's goals as it is dedicated to supporting all types of scientifically-based agriculture.

Another important point for this request is that while these positions are stated to work primarily in O'ahu County, all CTAHR faculty also have state-wide responsibilities. This is particularly true for all faculty with Extension appointments.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in <u>support</u> of SB 2736 SD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.







Written Testimony By: Glenn K. Muranaka SB2736sd1, Relating to UH-CTAHR House LHE Hearing – 2:30 pm Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Room 309

Position: Support

Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Quinlan and Members of the House LHE Committee:

My name is Glenn K. Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—123 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 300 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

Support is expressed for CTAHR's appropriation request for positions that will help farmers and agricultural production in Hawaii. Hawaii's year-round temperate climate is good for agriculture and visitors. However, it is also a thriving environment for invasive species and plant disease.

The positions requested, ornamental and landscaping entomologist specialist, plant pathologist extension agent and pesticide specialist position contribute to stemming the devastating effect of invasive species and plant disease that harm farm production, watersheds and forests.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.

<u>SB-2736-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/9/2020 6:01:24 PM Testimony for LHE on 3/11/2020 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



March 9, 2020

Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair House Committee on Lower & Higher Education

Testimony in Support of SB 2736, SD1, Relating to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UHCTAHR). (Appropriates funds to the UHCTAHR for ornamental and landscape entomology specialist, and pesticide extension specialist positions; effective 07/01/2050.)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 2:30 p.m., in Conference Room 309

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and utility companies. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its support of SB 2736, SD1.

SB 2736, SD1. This bill proposes to make an appropriation to the UHCTAHR for staff positions, including an ornamental and landscape entomology extension specialist, plant pathologist extension specialist, and pesticide extension specialist, needed to address the proliferation of invasive species and to protect the future of agriculture on Oahu.

LURF's Position. Invasive species such as insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests pose the greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, tourism, agriculture, the natural environment, native species and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Invasive species already cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native wet, moist and dry land forests, and the spread of disease, but even more harmful viral, fungal and unidentified bacterial pathogens such as the unknown pathogen causing devastating crop decline in ornamental ginger in windward Oahu, now threaten to invade all of the Hawaiian Islands and wreak further damage.

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Despite efforts by the UHCTAHR and the Department of Agriculture to address this critical situation, more research and outreach is necessary to avoid further damage to the profitability and long-term sustainability of local agricultural and landscape production industries. Control of invasive species involves monitoring crop health, identifying issues in collaboration with other government agencies including the Department of Agriculture, examining the underlying causes of the problems currently faced, and developing solutions and remediation programs.

For the above reasons, LURF **<u>supports</u> SB 2736**, **SD1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.



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March 11, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOWER & HIGHER EDUCATION

TESTIMONY ON SB 2736, SD1 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Room 309 2:30 PM

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Quinlan, 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 strongly supports SB 2736, SD1, which makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for ornamental and landscaping entomologist specialist, plant pathologist extension agent, and pesticide specialist positions

The excellent work performed by UH CTAHR for our Hawaii's farmers and ranchers cannot be overstated. The ongoing outreach and education are unparalleled in the State. Farmers and ranchers rely on this program for their very success. CTAHR has helped develop and improve agricultural technologies pertinent to Hawaii's farmers. This includes intensive cover crop research, promoting the importance of locally grown produce, developing biological and cultural methods for controlling pests without chemicals, and the use of biological nitrogen fixation to significantly increase the production of high protein foods while at the same time reducing the need for commercially produced fertilizers.

Currently, the Ornamental and Landscape Entomologist and Pesticide Specialist positions are temporary and on soft money and a CTAHR Plant Pathologist is retiring. Hawaii's ornamental plant production exceeds \$70 million annually in wholesale value and contributes greatly to Hawaii's image as a lush tropical paradise. Oahu produces a significant portion of this value but has not had a dedicated ornamental plant extension

agent since the end of 2009. The recent emergence of new diseases that threaten ornamental ginger production adds to the need for assistance in this field. The pesticide specialist has also been important in the past in getting registrations for minor crops. All three positions are needed to help farmers deal with crop pests and diseases.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important subject.

<u>SB-2736-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/10/2020 9:32:34 AM Testimony for LHE on 3/11/2020 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole K Galase	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

EAST OAHU COUNTY FARM BUREAU



910 CALIFORNIA AVE., WAHIAWA, HI 96786

March 10, 2020

Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair, and Representatives Mark J. Hashem and Sean Quinlan, Vice Chairs House Committee on Lower and Higher Eduation State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Quinlan, and Members of the Committee,

The East O'ahu County Farm Bureau, which represents approximately 420 farmers and supporters of agriculture from Waimanalo to Kahuku, **strongly supports SB 2736 SD1**, "Relating to the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources," which would provide funding for an ornamental and landscape entomologist specialist, a plant pathologist extension agent, and a pesticide specialist under CTAHR. These positions would help to replace capabilities that are not currently available at CTAHR due in part to recent retirements.

Pests and diseases are constant threats to Hawai'i's agricultural crops, and every year more pests arrive. The proposed positions would help Hawai'i's farmers deal with these problems. The entomologist specialist would identify insect pests and determine best practices for their control. The pesticide specialist would determine best practices to minimize pesticide use while maintaining adequate pest control, and would compile data to allow registration of pesticides (including organic pesticides) for use on crops for which they aren't currently registered – a concern for Hawai'i growers, who often raise crops that are not commonly grown on the Mainland. The plant pathologist agent would identify pathogens such as fungi, bacteria, and viruses that are affecting crops, and educate farmers on the best ways to mitigate the effects of these pathogens. The emerging disease of red ginger, which is currently under study and which may involve several different pathogens, is an example of the sort of problem that this agent would help farmers to solve.

We recognize and appreciate the support in recent years that the Legislature has given CTAHR by funding a number of agent and specialist positions. We hope that this support represents a sustained commitment to increasing CTAHR's capabilities to assist Hawai'i's farmers. We therefore respectfully request that your committee approve the appropriation proposed by SB 2736 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Arederick M. Mencher

Frederick M. Mencher for Grant Hamachi, President East O'ahu County Farm Bureau

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TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In Support of SB2736 SD1 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

House Committee on Lower & Higher Education Wednesday, 03-11-20 at 2:30PM House conference room 309

Chair Woodson, Vice-Chair Quinlan, Vice-Chair Hashem, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is in support of SB2736 SD1, which makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) for the funding of three full-time positions: Ornamental and Landscape Entomologist, Plant Pathologist, and Pesticide Specialist.

Crop pests and diseases continue to be a threat to Hawaii's agricultural industry. Funding is needed to support three full-time positions within CTAHR that will help farmers deal with crop pests and diseases and set Hawaii up for success in reaching its food sustainability goals.

Currently, two of the needed positions are temporary and funded on soft money while the plant pathologist is slated to retire. We need more certainty and continuity within CTAHR to ensure the long-term success of Hawaii's agricultural industry.

Please vote yes on SB2736 SD1 to fund these important positions. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Emmanuel Zibakalam Program Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:14 PM
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Dear Chairman Woodson,

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice-Chair Hashem and Quinlan, and members of the committee,

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This bill will assist farmers, who rely on extension agents and specialists, to continue to receive proper support from landscaping entomologists, plant pathologists, and pesticide specialists. Agents and specialists provide free individual consultation to farmers battling crop disease, virus, bacteria, and other crop-related problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Alvin Tsuruda <waihale@hawaiiantel.net></waihale@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:20 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
Subject:	l support SB2736 SD1

Dear Chairman Woodson,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Brad Seymour < brad@seymourresourceshawaii.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:27 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
Subject:	I support SB2736 SD1

Dear Chairman Woodson,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Brad Seymour Manager SR Hawaii 390 Hale Pl Kapaa, HI 96746 brad@seymourresourceshawaii.com

From:	James Gomes <jag@urmaui.com></jag@urmaui.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:06 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
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Dear Chairman Woodson,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Kaelin Sylva <kaelins@hawaii.edu></kaelins@hawaii.edu>
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То:	LHEtestimony
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Melvin Matsuda <melvin@kahukubrand.com></melvin@kahukubrand.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:02 AM
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Tiffani Hull <user@votervoice.net></user@votervoice.net>
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То:	LHEtestimony
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Alan Gottlieb <alan@prloffice.com></alan@prloffice.com>
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Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From:	Ray Echavez <echavez@hirabarafarms.com></echavez@hirabarafarms.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:53 AM
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

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Sincerely,

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I support SB2736 SD1, which makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii CTAHR for ornamental and landscaping entomologist specialist, plant pathologist extension agent, and pesticide specialist positions.

This bill will assist farmers like Aloun Farms, who rely on extension agents and specialists, to continue to receive proper support from landscaping entomologists, plant pathologists, and pesticide specialists. Agents and specialists provide free individual consultation to farmers battling crop disease, virus, bacteria, and other crop-related problems. Our extension Specialist past and present has been a vital part to our company and agricultural industry as a whole. I've personally worked with specialists from the program like Dr. Ron Mau, Jensen Uyeda and Jim Hollier who have helped to guide various food safety, integrated pest management, plant nutrition etc. We hope these added funds will continue to grow and helping both large, small and all growers in between battling crop disease, virus, bacteria, and other crop-related problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and greatly appreciate your consideration

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Philippe Visintainer Member HCP 7600 Hana Hwy Haiku, HI 96708 philippe@coconutprotectors.com

From:	Arden Moore <ardendon@gmail.com></ardendon@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:18 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
Subject:	l support SB2736 SD1

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Arden Moore 3068 La Pietra Cir Honolulu, HI 96815 ardendon@gmail.com

From:	Christine Brammer < christine.brammer@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:13 AM
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From:	Diane Chuensanguansat <dina@hawaii.rr.com></dina@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:00 PM
То:	LHEtestimony
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From:	James Tavares <tavaresjam@gmail.com></tavaresjam@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:51 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
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From:	Joe Munechika <joe.munechika@gmail.com></joe.munechika@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:19 AM
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Sincerely,

Joe Munechika Owner Wines of Kauai, LLC 4689 Pohina St Lihue, HI 96766 joe.munechika@gmail.com

From:	Joni Kamiya <jonikamiya@gmail.com></jonikamiya@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:02 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
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From:	Laurie Yoshida <laurieyoshida@gmail.com></laurieyoshida@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:04 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
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Sincerely,

Laurie Yoshida PO Box 3717 Lihue, HI 96766 laurieyoshida@gmail.com

From:	Megan Kono <megankono808@gmail.com></megankono808@gmail.com>	
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:17 AM	
То:	LHEtestimony	
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Megan Kono 2333 Kapiolani Blvd Apt 3102 Honolulu, HI 96826 megankono808@gmail.com

From:	Pamela Takamiyashiro <pamta14@gmail.com></pamta14@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:30 AM
То:	LHEtestimony
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Sincerely,

Pamela Takamiyashiro 1518 Paula Dr Honolulu, HI 96816 pamta14@gmail.com

From:	Paula Carroll <paula-carroll@hotmail.com></paula-carroll@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:01 AM
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From:	Phil Becker <sales@aikaneplantation.com></sales@aikaneplantation.com>	
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:05 AM	
То:	LHEtestimony	
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Sincerely,

Phil Becker Owner Aikane Plantation PO Box 698 Pahala, HI 96777 sales@aikaneplantation.com

From:	Randy Cabral <kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com></kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:46 PM
То:	LHEtestimony
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Sincerely,

Randy Cabral KHK RANCH LLC PO Box 337 Volcano, HI 96785 kaiwiki.1970@gmail.com

From:	Robert Main < mainstreet808@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:30 AM
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Sincerely,

Robert Main Proprietor Main Family Farm PO Box 310 Holualoa, HI 96725 mainstreet808@gmail.com

From:	Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com></robertepaull@gmail.com>	
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:12 AM	
То:	LHEtestimony	
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Robert Paull PProfessor/researcher 5393 Poola St Honolulu, HI 96821 robertepaull@gmail.com

From:	Susan Cabral <s.kronecabral@gmail.com></s.kronecabral@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:38 PM
То:	LHEtestimony
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Susan Cabral PO BOX 337 VOLCANO, HI 96785 s.kronecabral@gmail.com

From:	Leslie Tadios <user@votervoice.net></user@votervoice.net>	
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:00 PM	
То:	LHEtestimony	
Subject:	l support SB2736 SD1	

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Sincerely,

Leslie Tadios production Tech Hartung Brothers PO Box 253 Kunia, HI 96759 It96706@yahoo.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Danette Llanos <danette.llanos@hartungbrothers.com> Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:32 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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Danette Llanos Technician Hartung Brothers Hawaii, LLC. 94-1145 Kahuailani St Waipahu, HI 96797 danette.llanos@hartungbrothers.com

From:	Ronald Weidenbach < hawaiifish@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:31 PM
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Sincerely,

Ronald Weidenbach Co-Owner/Manager Hawaii Fish Company Inc. PO Box 740 Waialua, HI 96791 hawaiifish@gmail.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Susan Mulkern <susan@mulkernlandscaping.com> Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:00 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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Susan Mulkern V P Mulkern Landscaping & Nursery 408 Lani St Honolulu, HI 96821 susan@mulkernlandscaping.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Patricia E Iwamoto <Piwamoto@msn.com> Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:23 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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Patricia E Iwamoto YEE'S ORCHARD 379 Liholiho St Wailuku, HI 96793 Piwamoto@msn.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: John Giblin <user@votervoice.net> Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:08 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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Sincerely,

John Giblin owner Ohana Farm Orchards 87-2814 Mamalahoa Hwy Captain Cook, HI 96704 jgiblinjr@aol.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Kenneth Ibara <kyi5555@gmail.com> Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:34 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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Sincerely,

Kenneth Ibara Owner Hawaii Pacific Orchids 85-775 Waianae Valley Rd Apt B Waianae, HI 96792 kyi5555@gmail.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Michelle Gorham <michelle.gorham@gmail.com> Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:31 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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Michelle Gorham 1813 10th Ave Apt A Honolulu, HI 96816 michelle.gorham@gmail.com



<u>SB-2736-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:15:25 PM Testimony for LHE on 3/11/2020 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SB-2736-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:16:30 PM Testimony for LHE on 3/11/2020 2:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

CTAHR Extension agents provide statewide assistance to farmers who are experiencing crop issues with insects, viruses and unknown predators. I support SB 2736 and request its passage.

From: Sent: To: Subject: LUANA BECK <holuanaranch@yahoo.om> Wednesday, March 11, 2020 12:23 PM LHEtestimony I support SB2736 SD1



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