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Testimony for AGR 1/29/2010 9:00:00 AM HB2294

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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2294

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

House Bill No. 2294 1) changes the designation of the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fee from a service fee to a service tax; 2) designates the Department of Taxation to collect the tax; 3) repeals the certification services revolving fund, permit revolving fund, and micro-organism import certification revolving fund; and 4) diverts fees currently deposited into the aforementioned revolving funds and transfers the three revolving fund balances as of June 30, 2010, into the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication special fund. This bill does not include an appropriation. As such, no additional expenditures can be made from the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication special fund and no general fund expenditures are supplanted.

We oppose this bill. As a matter of general policy, this department does not support any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication special fund would meet these criteria with the amendments made in House Bill No. 2294.



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Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

Re: HB 2294 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE- Request Amendment
AGR Committee – January 29, 2010, Conference Room 312, 9 AM

Aloha Chair Tsuji and Committee Members,

My name is Bob Creps, the Senior Vice President of Grace Pacific Corporation (“Grace Pacific”) testifying in support of this bill, however, requesting an amendment.

We would like to ask for your consideration in amending this measure by replacing the definition of “Cement Bulk Freight,” with “Dry Bulk Freight.”

“Dry bulk freight” means unpackaged, pre-processed and pre-inspected homogenous cement, coal and quarry products from foreign countries including aggregate, gravel and sand, that is inspected under U.S. Department of Agriculture and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) rules and regulations, without mark or count and usually free-flowing, bought and sold by weight or volume.

For more than 75 years, Grace Pacific has been a driving force in Hawaii’s growth and prosperity. Throughout the years, we have constructed and maintained the roads and highways that have become an integral part of Hawaii’s transportation infrastructure. Grace Pacific employs more than 600 men and women, who have worked on virtually all of the streets and highways throughout the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to testify and to ask for your favorable consideration in passing this HB2294 with our requested amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert Creps
Senior Vice President
Grace Pacific Corporation



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Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

Re: HB 2294 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE-- Support with Amendment
AGR Committee – January 29, 2010, Conference Room 312, 9 AM

Aloha Chair Tsuji and Committee Members,

On behalf of Hawaiian Cement, mahalo for the opportunity to testify on HB 2294, Relating to Agriculture. My name is John DeLong, the President of Hawaiian Cement, testifying in support of this bill and requesting that an amendment be considered by the Committee.

I respectfully ask for your consideration to amend this bill replacing the definition of "Cement Bulk Freight," with "Dry Bulk Freight."

"Dry bulk freight" means unpackaged, pre-processed and pre-inspected homogenous cement, coal and quarry products from foreign countries including aggregate, gravel and sand, that is inspected under U.S. Department of Agriculture and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) rules and regulations, without mark or count and usually free-flowing, bought and sold by weight or volume.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to share our company's views with you. We respectfully request that you pass this bill with our proposed amendment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

John DeLong
Hawaiian Cement

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