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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

April 1, 2015  
2:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

**SENATE BILL NO. 1062 SD 2 HD 1  
RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No.1062 SD 2 HD 1. This bill would establish a new part in chapter 150A, HRS that would allow for the department to enter into private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and for the department to adopt rules to establish parameters and construction requirements for biosecurity facilities. The department supports this measure provided it does not adversely impact the priorities in the Administration's budget.

The department has been working with freight forwarders, airlines, produce importers, and others to develop inspection facilities, manifesting systems, database sharing and other avenues to enhance the effectiveness of our biosecurity program. This bill will strengthen our ability to work collaboratively with our partners.

The Department would like to note that the previous version of Senate Bill 1062 SD 2 established the Biosecurity Program as a function of the entire department, rather than the sole responsibility of the Plant Quarantine Branch. The Department would support restoring this language to future drafts of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.



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Testimony of  
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In consideration of  
**SENATE BILL 1062, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1**  
**RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM**

Senate Bill 1062, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to enter in to private-public partnerships to implement enhancements to its biosecurity program and to appropriate funds for HDOA biosecurity program projects. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

With regard to SECTION 2 of this measure, which authorizes the HDOA to enter into private-public partnerships to enhance portions of the biosecurity program, the Department supports this concept. The interagency Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC), of which the Department and the HDOA are co-chairs, conducted a stakeholder survey in late 2014 on legislative concepts relating to biosecurity. This survey, which was promoted via email lists and websites of the HISC and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, found that the majority of respondents (78%) supported the concept of private-public partnerships relating to biosecurity. Only 6% of respondents opposed the concept, stating that biosecurity should be the sole responsibility of the State (the remaining 16% of respondents selected "other" and provided additional input that is available in the full survey report from the HISC website, <http://hisc.hawaii.gov>).

The Department further notes that Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 of this measure removes the original language of Senate Bill 1062, which was an Administration measure to move the Biosecurity Program at the HDOA from being focused solely on the Plant Quarantine Branch (described in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 150A) to being a department wide initiative (described in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 141). The Department supported this measure and suggests the restoration of this language.

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Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS SB 1062, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM, which requires the Department of Agriculture to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process. Appropriates funds for specified projects. (SB 1062 SD2, HD1)

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## Testimony of the HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

### Before the House Committee on FINANCE

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

2:30 PM

State Capitol, Room 308

### In consideration of SENATE BILL 1062 SENATE DRAFT 2 HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM

Senate Bill 1062, SD2 HD1, would authorize the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to enter in to private-public partnerships to implement enhancements to the biosecurity program. **The interagency Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request, and offers the following comments.**

With regard to Section 2 of this measure, which authorizes the HDOA to enter into private-public partnerships to enhance portions of the biosecurity program, the HISC supports this concept. The interagency Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC), of which the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the HDOA are co-chairs, conducted a stakeholder survey in late 2014 on legislative concepts relating to biosecurity. This survey, which was promoted via email lists and websites of the HISC and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, found that the majority of respondents (78%) supported the concept of private-public partnerships relating to biosecurity. Only 6% of respondents opposed the concept, stating that biosecurity should be the sole responsibility of the State (the remaining 16% of respondents selected "other" and provided additional input that is available in the full survey report from the HISC website, <http://hisc.hawaii.gov>).

The HISC also notes that the original version of Senate Bill 1062 established the Biosecurity Program as a function of the entire department, rather than the sole responsibility of the Plant Quarantine Branch. The HISC supports restoring this language to future drafts of this measure.

The HISC appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.



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TESTIMONY ON SB 1062 SD2 HD 1  
RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM

Room 308  
2:30 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFB is in strong support of SB 1062 SD 2 HD 1**, which appropriates funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for their biosecurity program. It also requires DOA to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process. .

Invasive species have become one of the most challenging problems impacting Hawaii. Many invasive species are damaging Hawaii's environment and the state's economy. Agriculture has a vested interest in this matter. Agriculture is one of the major casualties when invasive species are introduced. Every year, numerous new pests are introduced into the State, such as the coqui frog, coffee berry borer, macadamia felted coccid, little fire ant, coconut rhinoceros beetle, small hive beetle and varoa mite, to name a few. Most recently, the coffee berry borer was found on Oahu demonstrating issues with interisland product movement.

Control measures take time to develop, leaving farmers and ranchers at risk. This is not consistent with the State's goal of increasing self-sufficiency and sustainability

Funding the HDOA's biosecurity program is essential to fully execute a comprehensive strategy to address the increasing amount of invasive species entering the state.

This measure addresses the needs of HDOA to help prevent new invasive species from entering Hawaii and to control and hopefully eradicate invasive species that are already established in Hawaii. HFB is willing to work with the legislature and department to accommodate updates as needed to achieve our goals in biosecurity.

Please pass SB 1062 SD 2 HD 1. Mahalo



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### **Testimony in Support of SB 1062 SD2 HD1**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **supports SB 1062 SD2 HD1, *Relating to Biosecurity***, which elevates the issue and responsibilities related to all aspects of biosecurity from within various branches to a core function of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA); authorizes HDOA to enter into public-private agreements for inspection facilities; and appropriates funds to HDOA for the implementation of its Biosecurity Program.

The passage of this bill would be an important first step in placing Biosecurity as an overarching goal of HDOA, instead of a program within the Plant Quarantine Branch. With this re-alignment, CGAPS urges HDOA to publicly share their overarching Biosecurity Plan with goals and actions for the next 2, 5, and 10 years.

We also ask for additional clarity in Section 3, on list of projects that would be funded through an appropriation. For example, the list of projects does not clearly include supporting the costs of planning, building and running, or partnering in running, quarantine inspection facilities, a priority that is featured so heavily in several areas in Section 2, (unless that is what is meant by "Section 3 (6) Improvement of productivity of inspection capacity").

Also, there is an electronic maritime manifest system being used by one shipping company, and the funding could support the expansion of the system to other maritime import and/or interisland shipping companies. However, pathway risk assessments and agriculture inspections have shown that there are more pests arriving in air cargo than in maritime cargo, although the level of risk of species arriving via ship vs. air cargo has not been assessed. CGAPS and HDOA worked with an air cargo carrier to set up and test an electronic air cargo manifest system as a pilot project. The results of the project resulted in two important findings: 1) that a higher level of commodity detail is required for air cargo manifests, and 2) the database system within HDOA is outdated and inadequate. Therefore, we suggest that a more holistic project description for Section 3 might be to, "Support the planning, development, and implementation of electronic manifests".

We respectfully ask your support SB 1062 SD2 HD1. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,  
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### Comments:

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