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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the House Committee on JUDICIARY

Friday, February 24, 2017 2:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of HOUSE BILL 606, HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

House Bill 606, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize counties to enter private property for invasive species control. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.

The Department manages and is the administrative host of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC). The HISC is in the process of developing administrative rules to formally designate invasive species for eradication or control, pursuant to Section 194-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The ability of county governments to enter property to control invasive species pursuant to Section 194-5, HRS, or agricultural pests pursuant to Section 141-3.6, HRS, would assist in timely, thorough implementation of invasive species control efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure

SHAN S. TSUTSUI Lt. Governor



SCOTT E. ENRIGHT Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

FEBRUARY 24, 2017 2:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 606 HD1 RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

Chairperson Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 606 HD1, which allows for additional enforcement and regulatory action to address invasive pest species issues. The Department supports the intent of this bill.

The Department works closely with each island invasive species committee (ISC), often to address early post-entry invasive pest establishment. In working with the island invasive species committees, it is critically important to address a new invasive pest species as soon as it is detected. If the intent of this bill is to empower county ISCs, then the measure improves the odds of successful eradication of an invasive pest by leveraging enforcement resources. Recent serious invasive pest species outbreaks such as the little fire ant and coqui frog are excellent examples how the Department and the island invasive species committees can move quickly to eliminate newly established invasive pests as long as access to private property is secured.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Dear Chair Nishimoto and members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 606, HD1.

The Council of Mayors has identified invasive species as a top-priority issue that deserves our attention. Even our best efforts are often inadequate to protect our islands from harmful pests, and limited resources make it imperative that we work together in pursuing solutions to what often seem intractable problems.

HB 606, HD1 would put the counties in a better position to fight against invasives. As the Mayor of Maui said in a prior hearing, it would give us a much-needed tool to supplement the ongoing efforts of State agencies and private organizations.

We ask that HB 606, HD1 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim Mayor County of Hawaii



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR Ke`ena O Ka Meia

COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

February 23, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Friday, February 24, 2017 2:00 pm - Conference Room 325

HB606 HD1 RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB606 HD1.

This bill will provide the counties a clear tool that is not currently available to us – the authority to enter private property, with the proper court authorization, in order to eradicate invasive species that could be harmful to public health and safety.

Maui County is currently fighting to stave off an infestation of many invasive species. Some of which include: Little Fire Ants (LFA), Coqui Frogs and Coffee Bean Borer beetle (CBB).

LFA has proven to be a threat to public health and safety. The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) and the Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) has had several property owners or lessees block access to their properties when they tried to address LFA eradication. The state department of Agriculture was able to obtain a court order, eventually, that allowed MISC and HAL to do their assigned duties. However, this is only one instance of many that are currently being faced by these agencies. There are people in Haiku and Nahiku still blocking access to their property to fight LFA and coqui frogs. We are currently getting CBB infestations in the Hana area and already getting resistance from one property owner. The DOA does not have the manpower or resources to get court orders to help these agencies work on the eradication of these pests on a timely basis.

I firmly believe that the counties can be effective where the DOA is not able to be due to their restrictions.

Therefore, I strongly urge the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa Mayor, County of Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Dillon	Little Fire Ant HUI	Support	No

Comments: Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of HB606 HD1-Relating to County Access to Private Property. As a community organizer I worked for the past two years with my neighbors living in a 1/2 mile radius of my home in the Historic Coffee Belt to educate and encourage property owners to test and treat for Little Fire Ants (LFA). As the outreach expanded, the areas of infestation continued to grow. At last tally, we have confirmed approximately 25 acres of known infestation. Testing in ongoing, and it is likely that the areas we currently know about will grow. Several of these lots are either vacant or belong to absentee owners who are not addressing the problem. Of the owners who live on-island, a fair portion are following the remediation directives of the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC). However, numerous other neighbors whose properties are interspersed throughout the overall area in all directions are unwilling to take responsibility for the public nuisance they persist in harboring upon their lot. This makes it impossible to adequately curtail and contain the infestations on lots owned by people who are actively trying to address their infestations. The basic reason is that the infestations are, by nature, a community-wide problem that demands community-wide solutions. The Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan (HIBP) delves into strengthening criminal charges for such behavior, but that does not address the real and immediate need to Stop the Ant. The longer the delay the more entrenched the LFA become, expanding in area and density exponentially. Accordingly, economic, environmental, social and health costs will continue to climb - exponentially as well. The general public is still not aware that the west side of Hawaii County has many areas of LFA infestations up and down our coastline. To allow LFA to continue to spread unabated on the Big Island is a serious mistake and a grave threat to the public health and agricultural production of the entire state. Passage of HB606 HD1 is imperative for LFA control. Allowing LFA-infested lots to persist is a public nuisance and must be swiftly dealt with. This Bill is a logical, constructive vehicle for efficient and effective control. We must act now before we pass the tipping point with LFA control and containment. We are already at that tipping point.

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TESTIMONY OF THE BIG ISLAND INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE SUPPORTING H.B.606 RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AND H.B. 172 RELATING TO PRIVATE PROPERTY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, 2:00 PM, ROOM 325

The Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) is a partnership of private citizens and public agencies working to address invasive species issues on the island of Hawaii. Our mission is to prevent, detect, and control the highest risk invasive species threats to the Big Island environment, economy, and way of life.

DEAR CHAIR NISHIMOTO AND VICE CHAIR SAN BUENAVENTURA:

Aloha. **BIISC strongly supports HB 172 and HB 606**, which could be game changers in the fight against invasive species. Each year our program contacts 400-500 land owners to request access to control some of the highest-risk invasive species threats in our community. These include albizia along major roadways prioritized for hazard mitigation, little fire ants and coqui in neighborhoods with active control programs, illegally introduced Axis Deer, and 12 emerging invasive plant species that are targeted for island-wide eradication.

Generally, if we can speak to the landowners, they cooperate. Unfortunately, in most cases we are never able to reach the landowner in person or by phone. In response to targeted mailings requesting permission for specific projects, we receive responses from just 10-40% of property owners we contact—168 last year. The rest never respond.

Importantly, BIISC is rarely explicitly *denied* access. For example, throughout the albizia hazard mitigation program for highways and powerlines, only one land owner (a mainland celebrity) ever told us "No." But dozens never responded at all. Those that live out of state, out of country, or hidden behind trusts or LLCs make our job impossible. That is not fair to the hundreds of cooperative, responsible taxpayers who are trying to keep their communities and residences safe and free of pests.

Our community albizia control volunteers ("Albizia Assassins") give their free time and sweat to hunt down emerging stands of albizia throughout East Hawaii neighborhoods—over 1,200 volunteer hours invested in removing future hazards before they become costly threats. More than 200 miles of privately owned roads are impacted by albizia, but absentee landowners thwart community efforts—a few uncooperative landowners can prevent eradication of albizia from an entire community, or prevent the protection of a powerline from albizia strikes—just by failing to respond.



Albizia control is not the only invasive species program paid for by public, tax-payer dollars, and stymied by unresponsive landowners. The denial of access to eradicate Little Fire Ants on Maui was highly publicized, and despite heroic and ultimately successful efforts of the state authority to get a court order, the lack of access caused lengthy delays during which the risk of loss of containment increased every day. When axis deer were discovered, BIISC secured over 1,000 individual, voluntary permissions from ranches, farms, and residents within the search boundaries of deer reports across the island. Shortly after the deer were dispatched, some of these lands were foreclosed by mainland banks—and we have never again gained access. If that had been the case at the start of the axis deer response, we would not have been able to contain this multi-million dollar threat to agriculture. Not because the land-owner says "no" but because they don't care, they don't live here, and they don't bother to reply.

These property-access bills will address the problem of absentee landowners, and those few residents, who neglect the reasonable management of their properties by

- 1. Allowing immediate neighbors to enter vacant property to address albizia-- at no cost to the taxpayers or the owner of the albizia infested lot; and
- 2. Authorizing the Counties to enter private properties to address invasive species.

Authorizing the Counties and their agents to enter private property to control invasive species though a fair, reasonable, and streamlined process is critical. The island-based Invasive Species Committees lack statutory authority to enter. HDOA lacks the enforcement capacity to ensure that landowners are taking responsibility as they should, and may not view a countylevel priority as a state enforcement priority (e.g. coqui frogs, LFA). Although Hawaii County enacted legislation in 2013, allowing itself to enter private property to remove neglected albizia under certain conditions, it has proven difficult for the County to act on its own rule. In a 2016 annual report, the County Dept of Public Works stated that they had received 299 formal albizia complaints and had cut down just one tree—which was on County property. Just 16 other complaints had made it as far as a court proceeding in the three years the law was in place. Imagine if these trees had been removed when the law took effect—eight months before Tropical Storm Iselle hit! Similarly, although HELCO and HDOT have made great strides in managing albizia along their infrastructure routes, Hawaii County is bogged down with their greater share of impacted roadways—at least 79 miles, and growing. Clarifying that the county has the authority to enter property to control albizia before they become large, costly hazard trees will allow proactive, cost-effective management to commence, starting with critical roads and infrastructure. Mahalo for your time and consideration.













February 24, 2017

The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Chair House Committee on Judiciary State Capitol, Room 423 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: H.B. 606, H.D.1, Relating to County Access to Private Property

HEARING: Friday, February 24, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee,

I am Myoung Oh, Director of Government Affairs, here to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS[®] ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its 9,200 members. HAR **supports** H.B. 606, HD1 which authorizes the counties to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species and pests.

REALTORS[®] are vitally concerned about issues that affect the value of real property and the quality of life in our State. The introduction and infestation of detrimental invasive species is a growing concern that is increasingly impacting the very way of life for our friends and families in our communities. HAR would support efforts to empower the Counties to join the effort to eliminate this threat.

According to the recently released Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan (2017-2027), Hawaii's ever increasing interconnectedness with the rest of the world has led to an onslaught of exotic species from around the world arriving in our harbors and airports and ultimately becoming established here.

The plan suggests that 10 percent of those invading species will prove to be harmful to our economy, our environment, and our very way of life. Seriously dangerous species like the Little Fire Ant (LFA) have established themselves in various locations in the State, and particularly on Hawai'i Island. From there, the State has continued to allow the shipment of material infested with LFA to other islands, spreading this potential environment disaster farther.

The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) is estimating that Maui will experience the same level of LFA and coqui frog infestation that is now prevalent in the Hilo and Puna Districts of the Big Island in the next 10 years if governmental agencies do not take a more proactive stance. The Biosecurity plan essentially says the same thing.







A key part of the eradication effort is the need to address infestations wherever they occur. One major problem is that certain recalcitrant property owners refuse to manage the invasive species on their property and refuse access to State agents to do the work for them. The species then spread to surrounding properties making eradication impossible.

Currently, to enter such properties requires the active involvement of the State Attorney General's office, which does not have a full-time presence on the Neighbor Islands. If the Counties participate in this effort, then the Counties' attorneys can obtain the necessary warrants to enter private property.

HAR feels the current plan for managing detrimental invasive species is not working. Laws that must be amended to correct this situation and give our local communities a better chance at addressing this problem, including Chapter 46, which gives the Counties their powers, and Chapter 194 which makes the State Department of Agriculture the agency responsible for this function.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



Testimony before the House Judiciary Committee

by The Hawaiian Electric Companies

Friday, February 24, 2017 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

House Bill 606, HD 1 – Relating to County Access to Private Property

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Electric Companies are submitting this written testimony in strong support of HB 606, HD 1.

HB 606, HD 1 authorizes the counties to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species and pests. The Hawaiian Electric Companies support the bill for the following reasons:

- Albizia trees are a hazard to public safety and critical infrastructure.
- Stands of brittle, invasive Albizia trees up to 250 feet tall grow on many public and private properties. Tropical Storm Iselle brought down many Albizia trees, blocked roadways, and caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and important electric utility lines. Broken tree trunks continue to send out new growth creating even more unstable conditions, while seedlings are rapidly germinating in disturbed areas.
- There are many landowners that either refuse or fail to respond to repeated notices to control or eradicate invasive species on their property.
- The ability for the County to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species where the landowners have failed or refused to control or eradicate invasive species on their property, is essential to mitigating issues caused by invasive species like the Albizia tree, and ensures that Hawai'i's public safety and critical infrastructure needs are met.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We oppose this measure because it allows this proposed "Authority" to designate any animal, including domestic companion animals as invasive- and then allows government storm troopers to enter private property to destroy them. DLNR, DoA and the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council have been steadily increasing their power through the legislature and accruing status and funding. This is a dangerous move that will, if approved by the leg, be a serious intrusion into the concept of private property.

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Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

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Maris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill! We have attempted to contact our neighbor and even sent pictures to her, but she does not seem to understand the urgency. It can potentially cause severe damage to neighboring property and injury to innocent parties. Thank you for sending this forward! It is a much needed bill.

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dwight suzuki	Individual	Support	No

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James B Friday	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicola Reiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill. I have LFA on my property in Hawaiian Paradise Park. I have participated in training to control LFA on my property, and have been treating for the past year. However, I am surrounded by 8 acres of vacant (undeveloped) land. My work to control LFA is pointless when there is no treatment happening on adjacent properties.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Knight	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a resident of Hawaiian Paradise Park and working to control invasive species LFA and Albizias, there is a great deal of frustration attempting to contact absentee owners in my neighborhood to seek permission to assist them in control of these species. Many owners do not even respond--or have inaccurate contact data in the tax record. Since LFA and Albizias affect the health, safety, and land values of all of us and do not stop invading at property boundaries, HB606 is direly needed!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicola Reiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! I am a property owner in Hawaiian Paradise Park. I have undertaken training to control LFA on my property and have been carrying out treatments for the past year. However, I am surrounded by eight (8) acres of vacant (undeveloped) property, all of it containing LFA. With absent landowners, my work is quickly undone as the LFA soon repopulate my property. We desperately need more measures that will allow us to eradicate and prevent the spread of LFA. Without bills such as this one, all current efforts to eliminate LFA on the Big Island are doomed to failure.

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Benjamin Duke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Invasive species must be prevented from destroying our native species. Counties should have the authority to deal with an invasive species problem when owners won't act.

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Taira Yoshimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have many irresponsible unresponsive absentee land owners. The county needs the ability to act to control dangerous trees and fire ants threatening neighboring properties. The county also needs the authority to fine violatiors, and bill those owners for all the associated control costs.

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July Hasegawa	Individual	Support	No

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Daniel Kelly	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel D Laderman	Individual	Support	No

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Maureen Appleton	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Amendment of this bill should include language which reflects that consideration of safety for any animal(s) housed on the property will be taken into consideration before treatment begins.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zoe Whitney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am currently a nineteen-year-old college student who aspires to create environmental solutions like the one provided in this bill. So often, we feel helpless in the face of invasive species. If you are to represent me, a born citizen of Hawaii, please don't pass-up this rare opportunity for sustainable progress.

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zigmund pippin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Must be done!!

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Paul Strauss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident of the Island of Hawaii and of this great state, I support this bill. Here on Hawaii Island we already know there isn't any legitimate means of eradicating Little Fire Ants (LFAs) but we can control them with an island wide effort. This will also help to keep LFAs from becoming firmly established on other islands as well.

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spencer	Individual	Support	No

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Marilyn Begg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Bill Buckley	Individual	Support	No

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Tom Laucik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Christin Matsushige	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: For the purpose of this measure please amend to specifically exclude cats and dogs from definition of pest and/or invasive species. As currently written this measure could result in lost pets being put at risk. Thank you. Christin Matsushige

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Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony In Support of House Bill 606 HD1 Before the House Judiciary Committee 2.24.17

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in <u>SUPPORT</u> of HB 606. I will keep this statement brief: our Maui community is worried about the types of impacts we are facing from invasive species like coqui frogs and Little Fire Ants. These threats come from all over the world and the speed they seem to be arriving here appears to be increasing. If we are going to win this fight to maintain our quality of life we have to have "all hands on deck." That means the full involvement of the state, county and individual citizens. Both Maui and Hawaii Counties have expressed an interest in helping to tackle this problem. We are going to need their help and active engagement. Mahalo for hearing and support this effort.

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Russell F. Jones	Individual	Support	No

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