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SB29

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Margaret Parish	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please protect our environment and establish these buffer zones. Malama 'Aina.

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House Bill SB29

Introduction: O wau o Mililani, na ohana o Pu'u, Mai no Keanae Mai, Mai no Ka'u Mai, Mai no kahiki Mai, E hawai'i au

I come from Maui nei to represent the Moku o pi'ilani district of Kula/ Honua'ula.

I live in Kihei, where we are surrounded by Monsanto fields that are located on Mokulele Hwy, Ohukai and at the heart of kihei where our schools, homes and community is located as which are still actively spraying restricted pesticides,

As a mother, a daughter and up coming community leader have been made aware of the dramatic effects pesticides and chemicals have on human health and the environment are increasingly rising as our childrens health is declining

It's the use & exposure that is poisoning our children, elders and fragile environment.

As I look into the eyes of our next generation I see many of them are sick, the exposure of these harmful pesticides and chemicals are in our air, water and food we eat, we ask for action to protect our keiki, we need disclosure of what is being sprayed, it is crucial to create buffer zones if theses corporations and ag farmers are using pesticides in high volume and not using organic herbicides for agriculture and pest control.

We know there is not efficient monitoring for this issue, which is why we ask for disclosure for without it our physicians cannot treat our sickened children and community.

With every decision we make, we must not think just for the now but with the intent that will benefit our generations of the future, we the people depend on you to make pono decisions that will honor our children and their children.

UA MAU KE EA I KA AINA I KA PONO

From: [Monique Mironesco](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB29
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:27:06 PM



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I urge you to support SB 29 and protect our keiki.

Thank you for your time.

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From: bentley@bentleyk.com
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Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 2:07:56 PM



FROM: Bentley Kalaway Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the AEN Committee, I am testifying in strong support of SB29, which will create buffer zones around sensitive areas in Hawai'i such as nursing homes, hospitals, schools and streams. I am deeply concerned that many of our most vulnerable populations (children, elderly) do not have a choice but to live and work in close proximity to areas where large amounts of highly toxic "Restricted use pesticides" (RUPs) are sprayed in open air field trials. The scientific and medical evidence of the dangers to human health from pesticides is unequivocal. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published a major report in 2012, "Pesticide Exposure in Children", that comprehensively reviewed 195 medical studies on the subject. Early life pesticide exposure has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, decreased cognitive function, behavior problems, birth defects, and asthma. In its report, the AAP recommends buffer zones as a way to protect children. The new movie, "Island Earth" shows real life people suffering in a way that should be required viewing for those who do not believe buffer zones matter.

Bentley Kalaway

From: [Laila Jayyousi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: REGARDING SB 29: RELATING TO PESTICIDES
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:42:37 PM



SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

February 15, 2017, 1:15 p.m.

Room 224

Regarding SB 29 – Relating to Pesticides

I oppose SB 29, which would establish buffer zones around sensitive areas. I'm in favor of keeping schools, senior residences, hospitals and childcare facilities safe but don't believe this is the right approach. Hawaii's climate provides a unique environment for bugs and disease, such as fire ants, cockroaches, termites and mosquitos carrying dengue. Pesticides are needed to control the abundant population and are actually used in and around many of these establishments for this purpose. If the goal is to protect children and the elderly from pesticide exposure, this bill doesn't accomplish that. Please vote no on SB 29.

Mahalo

Laila Jayyousi

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