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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROECTION & WATER & LAND

FEBRUARY 16, 2017 11:00 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 174 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Chairpersons Lee and Yamane and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 174. The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Health to establish a working group to develop environmental management measures for State owned lands. The department respectfully opposes this bill and asks that it be held.

The establishment of a working group to develop environmental management measures infers that current best management practices on State owned agricultural lands are not sufficient and unless changed, present a danger to our environment. The HDOA respectfully disagrees with this assessment. Farmers are natural stewards of the environment and strive to protect their most important resources, soil and water. We believe that additional regulation will not result in a better environment, but instead provide undue strain on farmers.

Nonpoint source pollution control is a challenging issue as it can be impossible to trace. Many agricultural lands are not located directly adjacent to surface water bodies and may not be the lead contributor to nonpoint source pollution. Placing the burden of this issue on the agricultural industry will not necessarily achieve a better environment.



Additionally, testing waters only provides a single snapshot in time of quality and location, which due to the typical vast nature of agricultural lands, could show a positive not attributable to the farm. Feral animals are a prime example of this.

Through the course of normal agricultural operations, fields are managed to contain soil onsite. Pastures contribute greenspace to our land footprint and allow rainwater to infiltrate the ground and support our groundwater resources and farmers are required to obey application buffer zones near water sources when listed on regulated and unregulated pesticide labels.

Best management practices (BMPs) and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) are fundamentally ingrained in modern farming. These guidelines have been tested and modified over decades in order to minimize soil loss and prevent chemicals from entering nearby waterways. Approved conservation plans provide detailed development procedures and timelines, again with the primary purpose of minimizing soil loss. In addition, this bill proposes "new environmentally sensitive infrastructure, redevelopment of existing infrastructure, and technical plans." While it acknowledges funding will be needed for implementation at State owned lands, HDOA is concerned about future ramifications. Agricultural lands that are not owned by the State may be expected to adhere to the same requirements. HDOA is concerned that Hawaii's farmers are unable to bear the investment costs inferred in this bill, thereby hampering the agricultural industry.

The Department of Health, Clean Water Branch, manages the Polluted Runoff Control (PRC) Program. The PRC Program provides project grants to address water quality issues at a given watershed. We respectfully suggest that any funding identified for this working group instead be directed to increase the outreach and impact of the PRC program. HDOA believes that this proactive approach will yield a collaborative effort that directly benefits the environment and the agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 174 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR
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REPRESENTATIVE RYAN YAMANE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: February 16, 2017 Room Number: 325

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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Additional funds are needed to support the hiring of a technical consultant.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health SUPPORTS this initiative as long as it
- 3 does not replace our priorities requested in the Executive Budget. Polluted runoff from Hawaii's
- 4 lands are a major contributor to water quality impairments. Developing programs, infrastructure
- 5 and guidelines for protecting agricultural lands from runoff, and considering possible
- 6 amendments to chapter 342E, will complement the Department's mission of reducing the largest
- 7 category of water pollution in Hawaii—nonpoint source runoff.
- 8 Due to limited resources, the Department respectfully requests additional funding
- 9 complementary to the Governor's budget request to hire a technical consultant to assist the
- working group. The technical consultant would lend its expertise and assist the working group
- with identifying and developing effective environmental management measures, outlining
- 12 environmental management programs for agricultural lands, preparing suitable technical plans to
- reduce sediment runoff from agricultural lands, and drafting a final report for the working group
- to present to the legislature.
- Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:00 a.m.

HOUSE BILL NO. 174 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Chairperson Lee, Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Joint Committees:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC respectfully opposes House Bill No. 174 which requires the Department of Health to establish a working group to develop environmental management measures for State-owned agricultural lands.

The ADC believes this bill unfairly targets ranchers and farmers. Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is extremely difficult to control because it comes from so many different sources. Because this bill may inadvertently burden the agriculture industry, we respectfully ask that it be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 14, 2017

The Honorable Chris Lee Chair, House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection Hawaii State Capitol, Room 436 Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Ryan Yamane Chair, House Committee on Water & Land Hawaii State Capitol, Room 420 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 174; RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (OPPOSE)

Dear Chairs Lee and Yamane,

On behalf of the Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), I am writing to express our opposition to HB 174, which would create a task force to develop standards for operations on state-owned agricultural land. WPHA represents the interests of fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, agricultural biotechnology providers, and agricultural retailers in Hawaii, California, and Arizona.

Without further clarification, this bill seems to intend to create a one-size fits all set of operational recommendations for state-owned agricultural land. As any farmer would tell you, there are many factors to consider in the management of agricultural production including the climate, soil composition, and planned crop. Flexibility in the management of those lands is key to ensuring a productive harvest. There are also no definitions contained in this bill that uses ambiguous terms such as "environmentally sensitive infrastructure" and "sustainable agricultural fields."

In addition, the leadership and membership in the working group is a concern. While we appreciate the participation of the Department of Health (DOH), the agency should not chair the committee and be given the authority to appoint additional members at the agency's discretion. The Department of Agriculture has the expertise with respect to practices to retain soil and to develop best practice guidelines for farming.

This bill also seems to be addressing a problem that does not exist. There are no studies to indicate that state-owned agricultural lands are at risk for environmental impacts. There are no studies or reports showing that farms on state-owned land utilize any

different agricultural practices than privately-owned agricultural lands. If there is a health concern with agricultural operations, all operations on agricultural land should be held to the same standard.

For these reasons WPHA opposes HB 174 and asks the committee for a **no** vote. We thank you for your consideration of our comments

Sincerely,

Renee Pinel President/CEO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Springer Kaye	Big Island Invasive Species Committee	Support	No

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HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON HB 174: RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Room 325 11 AM

Aloha Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Kong, and members of the committees,

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 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 respectfully opposes HB 174, which would allow a volunteer, non-expert citizen group to develop environmental management measures for state-owned agricultural lands, and make recommendations to amend State law to include more specific measures regarding nonpoint source pollution and agency enforcement; environmental management programs for agricultural lands; technical plans for agricultural land to keep soil on those lands, including the use of minimal best practice guidelines to provide for sustainable agricultural fields; and funding needed to implement the programs and plans.

- Singling out only state-owned and only agricultural land for new and more restrictive
 environmental standards is inequitable. We are concerned that there appears to be no
 justification to warrant this type of action pertaining only to these areas. Our farmers and
 ranchers who lease land from the State will be disproportionately impacted not only as
 compared to their fellow farmers and ranchers who are on private land, but also in
 comparison to anyone on non-agricultural land.
- Environmental management standards and technical measures such as those identified in the bill *are already covered* in the all-encompassing USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Conservation Plans used by farmers statewide.
- Environmental management is already the purview of the State agencies that have the expertise to fully understand environmental risks and the resources to review, develop, and update regulatory standards.
- A volunteer, non-expert citizen group, does not have this expertise or capacity.

Hawaii Farm Bureau appreciates the opportunity to offer our comments in opposition to this measure.

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In Opposition to HB 174
Relating to Environmental Protection

Requires the Department of Health to establish a working group to develop environmental management measures for State-owned lands

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Chairs Lee and Yamane and members of the committees:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organiza-tion 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.

HCIA stands in **opposition to HB 174**, which would create a task force to develop standards for operations on state-owned agricultural land.

For farmers to be successful, they need the flexibility to manage their fields as appropriate to ensure productive harvests. A one-size-fits-all approach doesn't make sense, as there are a lot of different variables that come into play, including climate, soil composition, and the planned crop.

We also have concerns regarding the composition of the proposed working group. While we appreciate the participation of the Department of Health, we believe that the Department of Agriculture should take the lead, as they have the expertise needed to develop guidelines based on best practices.

Further, overregulation of any industry is a barrier to good business practices. More regulation is not needed at a time when we are trying to build up Hawaii's agriculture industry to meet the State's goal to double local food production by 2020.

It is for these reasons we ask that you vote no on HB 174. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha Executive Director

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	Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

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Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Oppose	No

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Oppose	No

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Personal Testimony Presented before the
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
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Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 11:00 am
by

Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

HB 174 Relating to Environmental Protection

Personal Testimony opposed to this bill.

Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Kong, and members of the committees:

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Professor and Animal Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. I am currently a faculty member at the University of Hawaii at Manoa since 1985. My personal testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii nor the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

I have long worked with and for the agricultural community here in Hawaii. I have served these communities throughout my over 30 year tenure as a faculty member at the University of Hawaii. I know how important it is to increase our food security and reduce the amount of food imported into the state. I also know how hard it is to be a successful farmer; how hard it is to acquire land to produce food. I also know farmers are our best stewards of the land.

Recently the state has developed innovative programs to help new farmers develop their skills and incubate their farms on state lands through Ag parks and other incubator programs. It is necessary for these beginning farmers to "learn the ropes" in a less risky scenario while they work to secure funding to expand their infrastructure or acquire land for expansion. It troubles me that HB 174 would create a new layer of regulatory compliance for farmers, especially new farmers, who work on state lands. It's hard enough to be successful without another layer of bureaucracy and regulatory burden with new environmental measures. All of which could have a chilling effect on industries we wish to expand – food and agriculture. Please do not create this new burden on farmers working on state lands.

I am also troubled by the legislative mandate to have the Hawaii Department of Health create such a working group. I believe the Hawaii Department of Agriculture may be better suited to develop such a working group.

For these reasons, I do not support passage of the HB 174 Relating to Environmental Protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Darren Strand	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Environmental management standards are already addressed in farmers' conservation plans and it seems inequitable to only require this on AG land.

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Sarah Styan

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Marynel Valenzuela

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The Honorable Chris Lee Chair, House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection Hawaii State Capitol, Room 436 Honolulu, HI 96813 The Honorable Ryan Yamane Chair, House Committee on Water & Land Hawaii State Capitol, Room 420 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: House Bill No. 174 Relating to Environmental Protection (Oppose)

Dear Chairs Lee and Yamane,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kekaha Agriculture Association, this is to respectfully oppose passage of the above-referenced House Bill No. 174. As you may be aware, KAA members are actively engaged in large-scale agriculture and aquaculture enterprises on State lands licensed from the Agribusiness Development Corporation in West Kauai. An agricultural cooperative, the KAA operates and maintains extensive irrigation ditch systems providing irrigation water for farming, hydroelectric power generation, drainage and other agricultural infrastructure services and support to West Kauai.

The working group proposed by H.B. 174 appears to be unnecessary, and potentially duplicative as to any nonpoint source pollution concerns. H.B. 1174 proposes to establish a working group to make recommendations on amending Chapter 342E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "Nonpoint Source Pollution Management and Control," concerning measures to manage nonpoint source pollution and also agency enforcement powers. The Legislature's existing statute, however, establishes within the Department of Health a program for nonpoint source pollution management and control, provides a 10-point list of tasks and objectives, authorizes the Department to adopt administrative rules, and provides enforcement authority. Thus, the Legislature has already established a program with sufficient authority to achieve the purported objectives of H.B. 1174 working group. Given the existing powers, a new law is not needed and would be burdensome as to affected farmers and others.

The H.B. 1174 working group would also be tasked with making recommendations on "environmentally sensitive infrastructure." In addition to failing to define this critical term, H.B. 174 does not establish such measures are necessary given the myriad of existing statutes, administrative rules, policies, and programs that are currently being implemented. Similarly, the H.B. 1174 working group is to make recommendation on soil conservation practices which are already the subject of ongoing agency development, implementation and enforcement.

For these reasons, the KAA opposes H.B. 1174 and respectfully requests it to be held in committee. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely.

Joshua Uyehara

President of the Board of Directors



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Submitted on: 2/15/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dan Clegg	Monsanto	Oppose	No	

Comments:

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HB 174, Relating to Environmental Protection
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
House Committee on Water and Land
Thursday February 16, 2017
Room 325 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: Opposed

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the House Energy & Environmental Protection Committee.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the House Water & Land Committee,

DuPont Pioneer is a seed company with farming operations in four locations in Hawaii. DuPont Pioneer employs approximately 300 people in a wide range of types of jobs on Oahu and Kaua`i. Our farmers understand the importance of good stewardship practices, including the application of science and technology, and innovative farming techniques.

DuPont Pioneer is opposed to HB 174, which requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a working group to develop environmental management measures for state-owned lands. This bill seems to create a one-size fits all set of operational standards for state-owned agricultural land. Currently, there are no studies indicating state-owned lands are at risk for environmental impacts. There is no data that suggests farms on state-owned land utilize different agricultural methods than conventional farming practices.

DuPont Pioneer supports all types of agriculture and we encourage policies that enable farmers to thrive. We are confident in the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's (HDOA) ability and expertise to enforce practices to retain soil and to develop best practice guidelines for farming. While we appreciate the participation of the DOH, the agency should not chair the committee and be given the authority to appoint additional members at the agency's discretion.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for HB 174.

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Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adolph Helm	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jerry Ornellas	Individual	Oppose	No

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JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER AND LAND

Thursday, February 16, 2017 1 1AM Room 325

In SUPPORT HB174 Relating to Environmental Protection

Aloha Chairmen Lee and Yamane and members of the joint EEP/WAL Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i supports HB174, which directs the Department of Health to study and make recommendations to address nonpoint source pollution of nearshore waters.

Since 1968, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i has been working to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of our islands. We have worked to prevent and clean up pollution in our nearshore waters due to stormwater runoff and other forms of nonpoint source pollution.

Polluted runoff, or nonpoint source pollution, results when stormwater or irrigation water washes pollutants off the land, farms, urban areas and construction sites, into our streams and coastal waters. Polluted runoff is a serious threat to Hawai'i's surface and ground waters, making them unsafe for drinking, swimming, fishing, wildlife and other recreational uses. Some polluted runoff is from natural sources; however, most polluted runoff results from human activities on the land and in the water

More than 90 streams in Hawai'i are too polluted to meet state water quality standards. Nearshore waters on O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i Island have nearshore waters that do not meet Clean Water Act standards

This measure gives the state the resources and authority it needs to better understand the problem and craft urgently needed solutions for the Legislature to consider in the next session.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Mahalo, Marti Townsend Director



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Kristen Ma	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I oppose HB 174. Governor Ige has an ambitious goal of doubling food production by 2020. Additional regulations are not the way to achieve this goal. Farming in Hawaii is already difficult, costly, and extensively regulated. I respectfully ask that you instead consider directing resources toward public education for proper use of pesticides, especially by homeowners, and toward support of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Thank you. - Kristen Ma

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Michelle Starke

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