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**HB-2046-SD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 4/4/2018 10:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization                                | Testifier<br>Position | Present at<br>Hearing |
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| Dale Sandlin | Testifying for Hawaii<br>Cattlemens Council | Support               | No                    |

Comments:

**HB-2046-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/3/2018 10:44:11 AM

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| Sandra Scarr | Individual   | Support               | No                    |

Comments:

Controlling invasive species is critical to Hawaii agriculture.

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| Joan Gannon  | Individual   | Support               | No                    |

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 11:37:04 AM

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| Paul Strauss | Individual   | Support               | No                    |

Comments:

The need for a position in West Hawaii dealing with LFAs is critical as the West side is about to erupt in LFAs just as the Puna has. Education is one of the most important tools we have and a West side LFA position would allow for more opportunities to engage the public and get the word out about LFA.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2018 12:22:53 PM

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| Gil Solomon  | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

Comments:

Please consider the important and critical nature of HB2046 not only is it imperative toward the immediate process of containment, it is also prudent policy to be in front of possible infestation and not reacting after a crisis is recognized

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| Mary Robblee | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

## Comments:

If we do not get more people aware of the facts regarding the Little Fire Ant there will be a lot of preventable damage that will take place. Folks I work with (farmers) are afraid of the mulch, this think it is direct link to LFA and in Kona that is incorrect. The West Hawaii dump, where the mulch is processed is not Little Fire Ant habitat, in any way, shape, or form. I know folks who have obtained LFA through vegetative material (usually potted plants and landscaping material) brought from East Hawaii. I'm not trying to cause problems. At an LFA workshop, when asked how a particular neighborhood acquired this problem I was told that did not really matter when in fact it does. Farmers are worried about using the mulch significantly more than they worry about the 100 grafted avocado trees they just got from Hilo when in fact it is those trees from Hilo that carry the greatest risk, not the mulch created in the West Hawaii facility. People need to have accurate information to deal with this issue. Also, by not being honest about the associated risks related to what someone brings on their land bad actors on this issue are being protected. If it is not understood that someone is more likely to get an LFA infestation by bring vegetative material from East Hawaii to West Hawaii you are allowing the East Hawaii business person to disregard the responsibility to the land, his customers or his community. The public needs to know how important this issue is and they need to be told honest, accurate, information. Thank you.

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| Submitted By         | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| janice palma-glennie | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

Comments:

Aloha,

this measure is long overdue and even insufficient. but it's a start to stop what's becoming an untenable problem of invasives on our island and state, especially little fire ants which are decimating and leaving large tracts of land, farms and homes unliveable.

Mahalo for hurrying to approve this and added funding and effort to allay this serious problem.

sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

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Submitted on: 4/4/2018 9:15:25 AM

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| Brenda Ford  | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

Comments:

The farmers and residents of West Hawaii are desperate for a dedicated staff person to assist in combating the Little Fire Ant. We are going to lose our agricultural industry because no person would want to pick in a field where there are fire ants. PLEASE fund a staff person in West Hawaii.