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### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committees on WATER AND LAND and AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:55 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224

### In consideration of HOUSE BILL 2081, HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

House Bill 2081, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to assist the National Wildlife Research Center in developing mitigation strategies for the rose-ringed parakeet. The Department supports this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

The Department recognizes that there has been an increase in reports of rose-ringed parakeet flocks on the Island of Kauai and that this species may be a nuisance to farmers. The proposed research by the National Wildlife Research Center would examine whether this species also poses threats to Hawaii's natural resources by feeding on native plant seeds or dispersing non-native plant seeds from low-elevation farms and forests into higher-elevation native forests.

The National Wildlife Research Center began some of this work utilizing funds appropriated by House Bill 655 in 2017. The funds appropriated by this measure would allow the Center to complete the proposed work plan.

The Department notes that the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan describes the need for increased research and control of established pests, such as the rose-ringed parakeet, under action item #121 (PosTifs2.3).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

## SUZANNE D. CASE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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### State of Hawaii DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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## TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

## BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER & LAND AND AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 14, 2018 2:55 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2081 HD1 RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Chairpersons Rhoads, Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2081 HD1. This bill would appropriate general funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to fund the National Wildlife Research Center's assessment of the impacts of the parakeet and develop a control program to reduce the impacts of the parakeet. The Department supports this measure.

The Department recognizes that rose-ringed parakeet is an environmental pest and agricultural pest. It spreads seeds of noxious weeds into the forests which compete with and often overwhelm the native plants, changing the ecology of the forests. This then has secondary negative impacts on the native birds, insects, bats, etc. In addition, the rose-ringed parakeet feeds on fruit grown in agricultural areas resulting in a negative impact on agriculture production. The National Wildlife Research Center has begun, but has not completed, studies on the impacts of these birds in Hawaii. This funding will continue that research which will be needed to develop effective control measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure.





March 9, 2018

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Water and Land

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Testimony in Support of HB 2081, H.D. 1, Relating to Agriculture (Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources [DLNR] to provide assistance and supplemental funding to the National Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture [NWRC] to conduct pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and develop a management plan to reduce the rose-ringed parakeet population on Kauai).

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 2:55 p.m., in Conference Room 224

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of HB 2081, H.D. 1.** 

<u>HB 2081, H.D. 1</u>. This bill proposes to appropriate funds to the DLNR to provide assistance and supplemental funding to the NWRC to continue its efforts to manage the population of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai.

<u>LURF's Position</u>. LURF understands that funds already appropriated toward this effort by Act 31, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, will be used to support research on damage mitigation and population reduction strategies by the NWRC, including the hiring a director for the study, however, additional funding is required to complete the study and carry out the second phase of the project which entails, amongst other things, conducting pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and developing a management

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plan to reduce populations of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai.

Invasive species such as birds, insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests pose the greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, tourism, agriculture, the natural environment, native species and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. These invasive species already cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native plants and forests, and the spread of disease, but many more harmful pests, such as the rose-ringed parakeet, now threaten to invade Kauai and wreak further damage.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports HB 2081**, **H.D. 1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.

<u>HB-2081-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/11/2018 10:01:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



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March 14, 2018

# HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

## TESTIMONY ON HB 2081, HD 1 RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Room 224 2:55 PM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports of HB 2081,HD 1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide assistance and supplemental funding to the National Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and develop a management plan to reduce the rose-ringed parakeet population on Kauai.

Although beautiful and appealing, these parakeets are damaging both commercial farmers' crops and backyard growers' orchards on Kauai, especially of lychee, longan, and rambutan.

HFB agrees that we need a cost-effective means to control the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai that will benefit economically important crops, reduce the potential for damage to natural resources, and avoid any negative effects on the health and safety of Kauai residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Cindy Goldstein, PhD Ag Matters, LLC 98-814 C Kaonohi St Aiea, HI 96701

## HB 2081 H.D.1 RELATING TO AN APPRORIATION FOR ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Senate Committee on Water and Land; Senate Committee on Agriculture and Env Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 2:55 p.m. Conference Room 224

Chair Karl Rhoads and Vice Chair Mike Gabbard; Chair Mike Gabbard and Vice Chair Gil Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committees,

Position: Support HB 2081, H.D.1

As a board member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau and as an agricultural consultant in Hawaii, I am in support of this funding to study measures to control the rose-ringed parakeet. This bird is not native to Hawaii and it has become a terrible and destructive agricultural pest, causing a great deal of economic harm for farmers growing a wide range of crops. This bird is a particularly destructive pest on farms producing high value tropical fruits and other higher value crops.

While the rose-ringed parakeet has sizable populations established on Kauai, flocks of this bird pest are also seen on other islands. Data and information gathered from this study will provide much needed insight into control measures that can be used across the state where this bird has increasingly become a more significant destructive pest for agriculture, causing economic harm.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2081 H.D 1 for an appropriation of funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide assistance and supplemental funding to the National Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and develop a management plan to reduce the rose-ringed parakeet population on Kauai.

#### **Board of Directors**

#### TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President
Alan Takemoto

#### IN SUPPORT OF HB 2081, HD1 RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Vice-President Joshua Uyehara

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT March 14, 2018, 2:55 p.m.

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Conference Room 224

<u>Treasurer</u> Laurie Yoshida Chairs Rhoads and Gabbard and members of the committees:

Directors-at-Large
Adolf Helm
Mark Stoutemyer
Dan Clegg
Gene Harrington

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization 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 state economy.

President Emeritus Kirby Kester HCIA is in **support of HB 2081**, **HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Hawaii State Department of Land & Natural Resources to assist and fund the National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) to conduct pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and develop a management plan to reduce the rose-ringed parakeet (RRP) population on Kauai.

Executive Director
Bennette Misalucha

The RRP is a substantial threat to agriculture in Hawaii, especially on Kauai. Over the last several years, local farmers have watched as the population of these environmental and agricultural pests have grown. The RRP feeds indiscriminately on the crops of both small and large agricultural enterprises.

RRPs measure approximately 16 inches long, including tail feathers. Their average single-wing length is roughly 6.5 inches. These birds are most commonly found in flocks containing several dozen, allowing for the quick destruction of an agricultural field.

Secondary to their impact on crops from feeding, the RRP also spread seeds of invasive weeds. Left unchecked, the unwanted weeds lead to lower production yields and a myriad of other negative ecological impacts.

The requested funding will allow the NWRC to conduct their field studies and move forward with a much-needed control plan to limit the negative impacts produced by these animals.

HCIA respectfully requests that this committee vote yes on HB 2081, HD1 to help local farmers protect their businesses and livelihoods. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bennette Misalucha Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

<u>HB-2081-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/10/2018 12:04:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Ako DVM	Testifying for Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association	Support	No

### Comments:

The Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association supports HB2081.

<u>HB-2081-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2018 7:16:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments:

### HB-2081-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 8:38:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Lupkes	Testifying for Beck's Superior Hybrids	Support	No

#### Comments:

I support this bill. The parakeet population has rapidly increased on the West side of Kauai over the last few years. Our crop, which is a very expensive crop to produce, can be wiped out in a day by a flock of Parakeets. Our only protection is to net fields which add a lot of expense.

<u>HB-2081-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/9/2018 3:15:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

### HB-2081-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 4:16:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Markl	Individual	Oppose	No

#### Comments:

Hello Committee (Chair(s) And Members:

I oppose 100% this bill, since the tactics taken will probably be to murder these birds. Murdering birds because someone cannot eat their lychee for example was one of the comments I heard to justify this. Can we than murder people who eat the lychees and the majority of other agricultural products that animals never get to share or are often killed for being hungry?

This is supposed to be a shared world, not just our one species who greedily parasitically thinks it's the only one entitled.

I am for compassionate methods only such as sterilization seeds now and for future planning or netting that do not hurt these birds, etc., the type of methods you would want for yourselves if you were in their place.

#### HB-2081-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 4:48:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Oppose	No

#### Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Gabbard, Members of the Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

I strongly oppose HB2081, HD1 relating to the rose-ringed parakeet population of Kauai. There are also many native birds and other types of wildlife who feed on the agriculture of Hawaii in order to survive. It would be a futile attempt to try to eliminate one single type of bird species without harming the rest. Other reasons that are being argued for reducing this population: ability to spread non-native seed and ability to spread disease. Native birds also spread seeds and can possibly spread disease. How would this be done effectively without also harming the endangered native birds that we try so hard to protect? Exactly how would the "reduction" be carried out? By introducing another non-native species to control them or by introducing dangerous poisons into the environment? Trapping methods are not possible since there would be no way to differentiate bird species. This bill doesn't even begin to answer these questions. Thank you for giving me the opportunity submit my testimony.

Jaunette Itsuno

<u>HB-2081-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/13/2018 10:47:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: Rodney & Karol Haraguchi

To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:51:24 AM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

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I believe the state needs a cost-effective solution to control the rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai that will benefit economically important crops, reduce potential for damage to natural resources, and avoid any negative effects on the health and safety of Kauai residents.

I therefore respectfully request your strong support of this measure to control the growing rose-ringed parakeet population in the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

From: Peter Wiederoder
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:44:40 AM

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From: patrick mcgrath
To: WTL Testimony

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From: Alvin Tsuruda
To: WTL Testimony

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From: <u>Jason T Okuhama</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:28:50 AM

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From: <u>Jari Sugano</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: Randy Cabral
To: WTL Testimony

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From: Sandi Kato-Klutke
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: Blake Rabe
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9:29:57 AM

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From: Owen OCallaghan
To: WTL Testimony

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From: Frederick Mencher
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>John Gordines</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Vernon Kawahara</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Laurie Ho</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:10:43 AM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of HB 2081, HD 1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide assistance and supplemental funding to the National Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct pilot field studies to evaluate control tools and develop a management plan to reduce the rose-ringed parakeet population on Kauai.

Although beautiful and appealing, these parakeets are damaging both commercial farmers' crops and backyard growers' orchards on Kauai, especially of lychee, longan, and rambutan.

I believe the state needs a cost-effective solution to control the rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai that will benefit economically important crops, reduce potential for damage to natural resources, and avoid any negative effects on the health and safety of Kauai residents.

I therefore respectfully request your strong support of this measure to control the growing rose-ringed parakeet population in the state of Hawaii.

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From: Bryna Storch
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:08:53 AM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I am a fulltime commercial fruit & vegetable farmer on Kauai, we serve numerous local markets and contribute to our local economy and food security. The parakeets are currently the #1 threat to our business and growth potential. Our neighbors and colleagues state the same. The invasive population needs to be eliminated or effectively managed, they have become like flying wild boars considering the damages they cause.

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The invasive parakeets population has exploded and is impacting both commercial farmers' crops and backyard growers' orchards on Kauai. They are significantly damaging if not ruining our farm business, while adding to our costs of doing business as we pursue various techniques and technologies to keep them away from our fruit trees. Our neighbors regularly shoot flares at the huge flocks, which is not a comprehensive nor neighborhood-friendly practice.

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From: <u>Tiffani Keanini</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: Phil Becker
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>James Tavares</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

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From: <u>David Makaiwi</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Laila Jayyousi</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: Carolyn Lum
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:18:04 PM

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 From:
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 To:
 WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Leann Lum</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: Randall Francisco
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Jill Mattos</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: paul kaneshiro
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: Andrea Woods
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From: <u>Luana Beck</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

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From: Donald Sommer
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:55:03 PM



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From: Randy Yokoyama
To: WTL Testimony

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Kylie Matsuda-Lum</u>
To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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From: <u>Joni Kamiya</u>
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From: Richard Ogoshi
To: WTL Testimony

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To: <u>WTL Testimony</u>

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From: Reid Yoshida
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From: <u>Tiffani Hull</u>
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Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD 1

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