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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

House Bill 2081, House Draft 1, Senate 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 in Act 31, Session Laws of Hawaii 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.

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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**APRIL 4, 2018
10:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2081 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2081 HD1 SD1. 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 30, 2018

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony in Support of HB 2081, H.D. 1, S.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, April 4, 2018, 10:30 a.m., in Conference Room 211

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, S.D. 1.**

HB 2081, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. 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.

LURF's Position. 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 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, S.D. 1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

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



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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2081, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 4, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Conference Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

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.

HCIA is in **support of HB 2081, HD1, SD1**, 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.

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, SD1 to help local farmers protect their businesses and livelihoods. Mahalo for your consideration.



Sincerely,

Bennette Misalucha

Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association



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April 4, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 2081, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Room 211
10:30 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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, HD1, SD1, 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.

HB-2081-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 3:28:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Weidenbach	Testifying for Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2081-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 11:59:32 PM

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

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

Comments:

HB-2081-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2018 10:32:31 PM

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

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

Comments:

HB-2081-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 12:51:28 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Toole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Sarah Toole, my address is 1128 Ala Napunani St. 96818, and I am a political science student at UH Manoa.

I support this bill. Supporting the removal of invasive species means supporting the ecosystem, which means supporting a sustainable community.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of HB 2081, HD1, SD1, 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.

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

Mahalo!

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From: [Alvin Tsuruda](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD1, SD1
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 7:05:01 PM

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT HB 2081, HD1, SD1
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 6:30:44 PM

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