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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2565 HD2
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Hearing Date: 3/11/2020 Room Number: 224

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
3 personnel.
- 4 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports this measure directing the Department of
5 Agriculture, in consultation with the Department, to develop and implement a one-time pesticide
6 disposal program offering safe collection and lawful disposal of unwanted pesticides from bona
7 fide farmers. These waste chemicals can become a serious public health and environmental
8 threat.
- 9 This bill has tremendous potential to provide environmental and human health benefits for the
10 community by removing threats to residents, waterways, and the environment. This measure is
11 timely, as legal disposal options are limited in Hawaii, and the longer waste pesticides are left
12 unmanaged, the more likely the container will leak, the label will be become unreadable,
13 someone will be exposed, or the chemicals will leach into the ground or wash into nearby
14 waterways.
- 15 Farmers and other businesses have a legal obligation to properly dispose of the waste pesticides
16 that they generate, including those qualifying as hazardous waste. Waste pesticide collection
17 programs have been established in other states that require farmers to provide inventories of
18 waste materials being received by the waste contractors conducting the events. With proper

1 documentation, hazardous waste pesticides can be properly managed as universal waste under
2 such a collection program.

3 **Offered Amendments:** The word “amnesty” should be replaced with “collection” in all
4 instances. The bill does not and should not provide amnesty from complying with waste disposal
5 regulations. Calling this a “collection program” aligns with language in the universal waste rules
6 for pesticides in chapter 11-273.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

March 11, 2020
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

HOUSE BILL NO. 2565 HD2
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2565 HD2, Relating to Pesticides. The bill appropriates funds from the general fund for fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to develop, in consultation with the Hawaii Department of Health, a pesticide disposal amnesty program to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted use pesticides and non-restricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity; and directs the Department to convene a steering committee to guide and monitor the pesticide disposal amnesty program. Additionally, this bill increases fines for pesticide use violations. The Department supports the intent of this measure (provided it does not adversely impact the Administration's priorities in the Executive Budget) and offers additional comments.

The Department supports the pesticide disposal program but has requested amendments to **Part I** as follows:

- The Department requests the disposal program's duration not be limited to only 14 days, as it may be insufficient to collect the (currently unknown) amount of unused pesticides in the State. The Department respectfully



suggests amending at page 3 line 9 and at page 4 line 5 to add “at least” before “fourteen days”.

- The Department requests that the Legislature limit the Department’s obligation to accept for disposal pesticides with active ingredients weighing less than 5 lbs. or 15 gal. to the monetary amount appropriated by this measure less the cost of storage for pesticides collected under the disposal program.
- For the fees allowed in section 2 (c) for pesticide amounts greater than 5 lbs. or 15 gal., the Department requests the ability to set a fee schedule for disposal without regard to HRS Ch 91 or HRS Ch 201M.

We believe that with these changes the Department can run an effective pesticide disposal program.

Part II. The Department supports increased fines for pesticide use violations. The Department always started violators off with small fines, and only increased fines as violators made repeat violations. Raising the fines at the higher end does not stop the Department from beginning with minimal fines for first- and second-time violators. Currently, if the Department feels that our maximum possible fine has not deterred a violator from violating again, we refer the case to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If the EPA acts, the fine for a violation is generally substantially higher, and all monies collected go to the EPA. After the passage of Act 45 SLH 2018, all fines collected by the Department for violations of 149A, HRS are placed into the pesticide use revolving fund, where they may be used for training, educational workshops, environmental surveys, and other pesticide branch related activities. The Department would benefit from fines being utilized in-state rather than going to EPA. The Department would only use these highest end fines for businesses and individuals who repeatedly violate pesticide law without any attempt to better their practices.

The Department has **serious concerns** about one change in present in Part II of this measure. While the Department does support the increase in fines for pesticide violations, the transposition of “may” to “shall” at page 5 line 5 removes the

Department's discretion to issue notices of violations, assess fines, or otherwise penalize egregious first-time pesticide use violations. This could endanger the health of citizens and the environment and may interfere with the Department's Cooperative Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Pesticides Branch consults with the EPA on enforcement of all high-level episodes, and removal of its discretion for first-time violations may impinge upon the Department's federal obligations. The Department observes that notices of violation currently contain orders for necessary corrective action, if that was a concern of the Legislature. The Department requests HRS 149A-41(a) remain as currently enacted in order to maintain our ability to issue a notice of violation for a severe first-time pesticide use offense and to take further action as warranted.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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HB 2565hd2, Relating to Pesticides
Sen AEN Hearing
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
1:15pm
Conference Room 224

Testimony By: Larry Jeffs
Position: Support

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Sen AEN Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC, which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai, under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. We have more than 35 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. I am a volunteer director for the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Appreciation is expressed for the HD2 that proposes to establish an affordable and accessible restricted and non-restricted use pesticides disposal program. This would provide farmers a means for legal and safe disposal of pesticides that are outdated, banned or no longer used.

HB2565hd2 indicates that this a one-time affordable and environmentally accessible disposal program. That's a good start. We suggest that the proposed Steering Committee consider how often the pesticide disposal program should be available and the necessary funding that is needed for future implementation.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony.



HAWAI'I CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY

Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports HB2565 HD2

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee,

My name is Lauryn Rego and I am the Director for the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose missions include the promotion of agricultural production methods that are beneficial to the ecosystem. We have over 950,000 farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearly 14,000 in Hawai'i. On behalf of CFS and our members, I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today regarding this important bill.

CFS has been dedicated to addressing the human health and environmental impacts of our increased reliance on pesticide use in food production, both in the State of Hawai'i and nationally. We were instrumental in providing legal and communications support in the passage of numerous ordinances relating to pesticide use and disclosure, including Act 45 (Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018), concerning uses of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) by agricultural users in the State of Hawai'i.

I am writing in support of HB2565 HD2, which requires the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to create a one-time RUP disposal amnesty program under which agricultural users may dispose of any unwanted restricted and general use pesticides, and raises the fines for pesticide violations.

CFS applauds the bill's recognition of the dangers of pesticides and the importance of their safe disposal. We support the creation of a program that shall not charge a fee for the disposal of pesticides that include an active ingredient of pesticide weighing less than five pounds or fifteen gallons, but may charge a fee for disposal of a pesticide that includes an active ingredient weighing five pounds or more or fifteen gallons or more.

We believe that agricultural companies that choose to purchase and use RUPs, so called because of their potential harm to public health and the environment, should bear the financial and legal responsibility to properly dispose of these chemicals. In publicly available court papers from the recent Monsanto pesticide violation on Maui, where Monsanto illegally stored and sprayed PennCap-M, a RUP that had been cancelled and banned by the EPA, the U.S. District Attorney stated that Monsanto "knowingly stored 180 pounds of pennCap-M hazardous waste, which it ultimately disposed of with a licensed hazardous waste disposal company on September 17, 2014."¹ Thus, agricultural users of RUPs are perfectly capable of legally and safely disposing RUPs in the state of Hawai'i.

Large agricultural users should bear the financial and legal responsibility for their use of these dangerous chemicals.

¹ See <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/press-release/file/1219516/download>, at pg. 2.

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We are also in strong support of the bill's language which increases fines for pesticide use violations and requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare and submit an annual report detailing these violations.

The study entitled "Pesticide Use by Large Agribusinesses on Kaua'i", published in May 2016 by the independent Joint Fact Finding Study Group, points out the need for more timely pesticide inspections and compliance investigations, as well as better reporting on the results of pesticide inspections and investigations. According to the same study, the use of drift-prone pesticides should be more strictly monitored through inspections and proven violators should be fined.

In light of the recent history of known pesticide violations, we strongly support HB2565, which will help establish a written public record of violations, incentivize compliance and proper disposal of toxic pesticides.

The people of Hawai'i have the right to decide that the risks associated with the improper use of toxic pesticides in commercial agriculture are unacceptable. The public deserves access to the knowledge of such violations to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such misuse.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

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Lauryn Rego
Director, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:55:17 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robert brower	Testifying for surfrider foundation kauai chapter	Support	No

Comments:

on behalf of our members and executive committee I am writing in strong support of this important Bill



Young Progressives Demanding Action
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March 11, 2020
1:15 PM

TO: Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment
RE: Testimony in Support of HB2565 HD2

Aloha Chair Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair Russell Ruderman, Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment,

Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA) advocates for public policies that reflect the values of young people throughout the State of Hawai‘i **Supports HB2565 HD2**, relating to pesticides. This measure would require the department of agriculture, in consultation with the department of health, to develop and implement a pesticide disposal amnesty program to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted use pesticides and non restricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity. It would also convene a steering committee to guide and monitor the pesticide disposal amnesty program and appropriate funds for purposes of the pesticide disposal amnesty program.

Our organization is dedicated to the keiki and their future in our advocacy, striving to create a better world for them. It is for the sake of future generations that we need to demand further accountability and meaningful enforcement of our pesticide laws. Helping people both easily and safely transition out of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) is important to properly transitioning us to a sustainable future of organic land management while protecting our communities, ensuring that no one is left behind and our yards and rivers are safe for the whole community.

YPDA supports these efforts and we hope to see the further expansion of the program to include the disposal of outdated and now restricted or banned pesticides from everyone including backyard gardeners and homeowners. We also would support this program being offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

We also strongly support the increase in fines for pesticide violations. In the past, pesticide fines were either not enough or were significantly reduced. Article XI Section 9 of the Hawai‘i

State Constitution makes it very clear that, "Each person has the right to a clean and healthful environment, as defined by laws relating to environmental quality, including control of pollution and conservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources." These constitutional rights are not being protected and as a result, in November of 2019 we saw Monsanto now Bayer pled guilty and paid \$10 million as part of a plea agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for illegally using the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai. This could and should have been avoided. We need to keep violators in line.

Young Progressives Demanding Action is in **Support** of **HB2565 HD2**. We respectfully ask for you to pass it through your committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

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HB-2565-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Testifying for We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

Please [Support HB2565](#) which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal of outdated and now restricted or banned pesticides from everyone including backyard gardeners and homeowners. We also would support this program being offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. Please include some talking points from the above section on SB3040 related to increasing pesticide fines for violations.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more accountable.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeri Di Pietro	Testifying for Hawai'i SEED	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakau,

Please SUPPORT an increase in fines for pesticide violations and a free pesticide disposal option for small agricultural users.

Our GMO Free Kaua'i community has been advocating for increased regulation for years. Please stand up to the Multinational Chemical Corporations that are abusing pesticides without ramification, and squandering our precious water resources and world reknowned coastal oceans.

Please take a step toward our future economic growth and reputation as a pristine tropical island paradise. Dream big and see the possibilities as a food sovereign and self sufficient model of aloha `aina for the the world.

Mahalo nui loa,

Hawai'i SEED, GMO Free Kaua'i and The MOM Hui



March 10, 2020

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment
Hawaii Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 2565, HD 2 – Pesticide Container Collection – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Chair Gabbard:

The Western Plant Health Association (WPHA), strongly supports the original intent of HB 2565, which will provide a collection and amnesty program for the proper disposal of illegal or unused agricultural pesticides. However, recent amendments unrelated to the original intent of the bill have been added which we believe are inappropriate and should be removed prior to the bill moving forward. WPHA represents the interests of fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, agricultural biotechnology providers, and agricultural retailers in Hawaii, California, and Arizona.

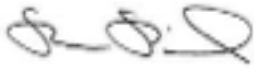
WPHA supports programs facilitating the safe disposal of all unused pesticides. We believe these types of programs help assure farmers can handle products safely and can be of great educational benefit to farmers. We believe that collection programs like this provide positive opportunities for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to proactively educate and interact with farmers and others who may be in position of products that should be removed from an individual's possession.

WPHA is opposed to the inclusion of the amending language which would dramatically increase fines for pesticide violations, including increasing five-fold increases on individuals. WPHA is concerned that requiring the HDOA to increase penalties for any first-time violations or misdemeanors will result in fewer individuals contacting HDOA for guidance on the use of a product. We believe that one of the strengths of regulatory agencies like HDOA is their ability to act as an educational tool for the regulated community. If farmers and distributors believe they could be putting themselves at risk of substantial fines, even for misdemeanors, they will be less willing to reach out for the educational expertise that HDOA can provide. WPHA could understand the rationale for

increased fines if there were any indicators of a growing trend of violations by applicators or agricultural users. WPHA is unaware of any increase in the number of violations by agricultural users, or failures by farmers or applicators to observe pesticide rules. WPHA is opposed to increasing fines without a justification of need.

Again, WPHA strongly supports the author's goal of establishing a collection and amnesty program to help farmers eliminate unused or illegal products. However, we believe the amending language increasing fines on farmers is counter-intuitive to the intent of the bill and therefore inappropriate. As a result, WPHA must oppose HB 2565, HD 2, unless amended. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Renee Pinel
President/CEO

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:50:01 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina Gregory	Testifying for EcoTipping Points Project	Support	No

Comments:



Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment

Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports: HB 2565

Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at 1:15pm, Conference Rm #312

Board of Directors:

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

President

Gary L. Hooser

The Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) submits this testimony in support of HB 2565, which would establish an amnesty program for the disposal of pesticides and increase fines for pesticide violations.

CoVice Presidents

Andrea N. Brower

Ikaika Hussey

HAPA is a state-wide environmental, social and economic justice organization. We engage over 10,000 local residents annually through our work. HAPA is committed to working to protect our communities and environment from the impacts of pesticide exposure. Our organization was formed in response to community concerns about the public health and environmental impacts from the migration of pesticides from large agrochemical fields into adjacent communities.

Treasurer

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Pesticide Amnesty Disposal Program:

Secretary

Bart E. Dame

We support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

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In some cases backyard gardeners and homeowners might also have stores of unused pesticides which are now either restricted or banned. However, information on the safe disposal of pesticides for backyard gardeners and households is not readily available or consistent from county to county. We also would support this program being offered and promoted to these smaller users. It is worth exploring whether this program should be offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

Increase in Pesticides Fines

We strongly support an increase of the maximum fines for pesticide use violations levied by the Dept of Agriculture.

Too often pesticide violations are considered an acceptable "cost of doing business" by large industrial operations. Pesticide violations are a threat to our keiki, farmworkers and the public in general. Illegal use of pesticides threatens to harm adjacent, non-target species, and contributes to short and long-term contamination of the state's soil, air and waters. Despite these risks, pesticide misuse has, and continues to occur within the State. The state's current low fine threshold does not create a sense of urgency to change behavior and stop repeat violators.

The current state fines for pesticide use violations are only a maximum of \$1,000 dollars for individuals and \$5,000 for commercial applicants. Even in cases where the commercial applicant knowingly violates pesticide labels and laws the maximum state fine is currently only \$25,000. HB 2565 would propose to change the maximum allowable fines to \$5,000 for an individual, \$10,000 for a commercial applicator and \$35,000 for a commercial applicant that knowingly violates.

In cases, such as the 2016 and 2017 Syngenta (Kaua'i) failure to adhere to pesticide use instructions, exposing farmworkers to the (now banned) neurotoxin pesticide chlorpyrifos and injuring their health, or the recent Monsanto/Bayer guilty plea regarding the illegal use of the banned pesticide PennCap-M on Maui and Molokai, the state should have the ability to issue a fine that is reasonable, especially considering they are multinational chemical corporations. Bayer profited over \$13 billion dollars in 2019. The maximum the state could have fined them for this severe violation would have been \$25,000.

Exposure to PennCap-M has been linked to impaired neurological development in the fetus and in infants, chronic fatigue syndrome, and Parkinson's disease. What is the fine amount that matches the true cost of the impact to the health and life of our people? The maximum allowable state fines should be raised to represent the full damages to our communities and environments and the exposed workers in the fields.

Furthermore, the low fine threshold is a lost opportunity for the department of Agriculture to obtain the funds they need to better implement their programs and new laws around pesticide use in Hawai'i.

We support transparency in the process and the reporting associated with pesticide violations. The community deserves the right to know how complaints are being addressed and what the result of the investigations were.

We would suggest that the word "may" be turned to "shall" in relation to a the inclusion of a cost for larger disposals of pesticides to ensure that taxpayers aren't given the bill for larger users and agricultural corporations which could use this as an opportunity to offset their financial and legal liability on to the State of Hawai'i taxpayers.

There are some concerns with how sites will be selected for collection and disposal. Historically such dump sites have often been placed near economically disadvantageous communities and native Hawaiian communities. The bill should clarify that the steering committee includes representatives from OHA and other stakeholders from an appropriate environmental justice organization.

Please support HB 2565 and efforts to better protect communities and our environment from the impacts of pesticides.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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March 11, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON HB 2565, HD2
RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 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 Part 1 of HB 2565 HD2, which establishes the Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program within the Department of Agriculture to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity, and convenes a Program Steering Committee to guide and monitor the program.

While some of Hawaii's counties already provide for periodic *residential household* hazardous waste collection, **farmers are not eligible to participate** in these events. The majority of states/counties across the country periodically hold unwanted pesticide collection events specifically for farmers and ranchers – from the very small to the largest farms. Unfortunately, Hawaii does not. Although our isolated location and the need for numerous island collection sites make this type of program logistically complex, and costly, it would certainly benefit farmers and ranchers, and their communities.

HFB agrees with Section 2(e), providing that the State Advisory Committee on Pesticides should guide and monitor the pesticide disposal program. This Committee is the appropriate body to hold that role and responsibility. Its members are vetted Governor-appointees, confirmed by the Senate, experienced in pesticide laws, regulations, and use, and include HDOA, HDOH, DLNR, the environmental community, pesticide user group representatives, and the public. They also have the farmer connections necessary to help make the program a success.

HFB would also be pleased to partner with HDOA to help with this program, as we have knowledge and experience in this area, having assisted the agency in the last agricultural pesticide disposal program conducted eleven years ago.

We respectfully request one small amendment to the bill with regard to the duration of each collection period.

- That the section of the bill referring to “collections with a duration of fourteen consecutive calendar days” be modified. That duration seems arbitrary and should instead be determined by the department, working closely with an experienced contractor (and the State Advisory Committee on Pesticides) selected by the agency to conduct the collection and disposal. Proper collection is a very complicated and expensive undertaking, not only because of our isolated geography and the fact that we are trying to accommodate six separate islands, but because of the extremely strict federal laws regulating the identification, manifesting, storage, transportation, and disposal of these materials. The number of days on each island must be strategically coordinated to accommodate contractor and shipping schedules and availability, while avoiding legal glitches, logistical nightmares, and exorbitant program costs. Fourteen days on each island may not be necessary.

Page 3, lines 7 - 11: Amend the sentence to read: “Each site shall offer the opportunity for ~~[disposal]~~collection of restricted use pesticides and nonrestricted use pesticides for a ~~[duration of fourteen consecutive calendar days]~~reasonable period of time during the pesticide disposal amnesty program.

Finally, HFB respectfully disagrees with the addition (by a prior committee) of Part II (beginning on page 5) of this bill, which would arbitrarily increase the administrative and criminal penalties, **doubling some and increasing others five-fold**. Contrary to proponents’ assertions, to our knowledge, there are **no** farms that intentionally violate pesticide laws and that would consider the already-significant penalties and terrible publicity as a “cost of doing business”. For the vast majority of farms in Hawaii, even the current penalties, not to mention the negative press, could quickly put them right out of business.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important subject and for your support of Hawaii’s farmers and ranchers.



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March 11, 2020

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE
Executive Director

Subject: H.B. 2565, HD 2 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association, an association composed of pest control operators who perform structural pest control.

We can only support part of this bill.

The discussion on this bill and its intent as introduced focused only on restricted use pesticides. Because our industry only uses one (1) restricted use pesticide and we virtually use all of it, we had no need of a pesticide disposal amnesty program however, in Decision Making the subject matter Committee expanded the scope of this bill to include non-restricted use pesticides, also known as general use pesticides. Our industry does use those and as a result we would very much want to be included in this program. The discussion in the subject matter Committee also had a great deal of concern that large agricultural users might avail themselves of this free

disposal program and as a result, Standing Committee Report 184-20 noted that it is not intended for large revenue agricultural operations. H.D. 2 also sets a limit of five (5) pounds or fifteen (15) gallons and we have no problem with that limitation. However, in order to properly include us we believe that all references to "bona fide agricultural entities" must be deleted or modified to allow structural pest control operators access to the program as well.

Lastly, we object to Part II which raises the fines and penalties. We find that the increase in the fines are drastic. The majority of pest control operators are small businesses, some which are "one man shows" or with two (2) or three (3) employees. There must be a less painful way of putting them out of business other than hitting them with a \$10,000.00 fine. The current \$5000.00 fine would be difficult enough to overcome. We realize that the language in the bill calls for "not more than" \$10,000.00 and we realize that there is language regarding considering the size of the business however, that is just general instructional language without any real structured application.

It is also important to note that these same fine amounts would apply to individual homeowners who misuse pesticides.

Lastly, we would have similar comments as to the increase in the fines from \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 and think that those are outrageous except for in the most outrageous of cases, however we don't find anything in this language that dictates a mitigation of this application.

We have also not heard of cases or situations where the current fines have been insufficient.

Based on the above, we support Part I, with amendments and oppose Part II entirely.

Thank you.



Testimony from Jeff Case, Senior Director Government Affairs, CropLife America

In support of HB 2565 HD2– Relating to Pesticides

Wednesday, March 11, 1:15 pm, Rm. 224

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Aloha Chair Gabbard and members of the committee,

CropLife America (CLA) is the national association representing manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of pesticides products used in agriculture production. We support and promote scientific-based policy in the regulation of pesticide products at both the state and federal level. We support HB 2565 HD 2.

All farmers struggle with ensuring the viability of their crops and they face a number of challenges including access to water, affordable transportation, manpower, pest and disease, and financial sustainability. With so many issues, there is always the chance that farmers are unable to keep up with the ever-changing pesticide regulatory system which appropriately reviews pesticides for their environmental, health and safety impact. We believe HB 2565 provides all farmers with an important tool to legally respond to discontinued pesticides that might still be present on their farms and dispose of them in a manner safe for the community, their farm, and their families.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/8/2020 12:10:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I write in proud support of House Bill 2562, House Draft 2. This measure provides for stronger pesticide regulation, including stricter fines. Please support this important environmental bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Dylan P. Armstrong

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:10:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

Please [Support HB2565](#) which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal of outdated and now restricted or banned pesticides from everyone including backyard gardeners and homeowners. We also would support this program being offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. Please include some talking points from the above section on SB3040 related to increasing pesticide fines for violations.

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more accountable.

me ke aloha 'Ä• ina,
Nanea Lo

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:13:18 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:29:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judie Hoepner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 2565 to establish safe disposal of pesticides.

From: [MaryLu Kelley](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB2565
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 1:34:28 PM

Aloha,

Please [Support HB2565](#) which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

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Aloha,

Mary Lu Kelley

3644 Lawaiuka Road

Lawai, HI 96765

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:36:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:00:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:00:39 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senate Agriculture & Environment Committee AENtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

For to many years bio-cide companies have acted in a cavalier slaying their poisons over Hawaii's ecosystem and poplations. We need this actions to STOP.

Please [Support HB2565](#) which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

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Mahalo for your consideration

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:05:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Can there be any doubt pesticides are dangerous to health?

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:06:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:54:12 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael deYcaza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 3:07:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:01:12 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please [Support HB2565](#) which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

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We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. Please include some talking points from the above section on SB3040 related to increasing pesticide fines for violations.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more accountable.

Mahalo,

Michele Nihipali

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Hauula, HI 96717

From: mauizoe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Zoe Alexander](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: In Support of HB2565 HD2 to support the safe disposal of pesticides
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 3:56:37 PM

Dear Hawaii State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I am writing in strong support of HB2565 HD2 which raises fines for pesticide violations and creates a free pesticide disposal option for small agricultural users only.

While we support safe disposal of all pesticides, we feel strongly that large agrichemical users—not the State nor your taxpayer dollars—should be financially responsible for safe disposal of these dangerous chemicals.

I urge you to support HB2565 HD2. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,
Zoe Alexander
222 Peahi Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5446

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:14:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB2565 on the safe disposal of pesticides. A one-time amnesty program for disposal of legal and illegal pesticides will be an important step toward decreasing the use of pesticides that are harmful to the environment and people.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:00:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Llanes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The time to protect our future generations is now. Send a clear message to those that poison our keiki, that it will not be tolerated, by imposing appropriate punishment.

Mahalo for your dedicated service and for considering my testimony.

MeleLani LLanes

Active Voter, Makakilo

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:28:54 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
donald erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:31:14 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pam Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

I support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal of outdated and now restricted or banned pesticides from everyone including backyard gardeners and homeowners. We also would support this program being offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

I strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture.

I strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more accountable.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:47:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:57:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Janik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB 2565

Richard J anik, MD

Lihue, HI 96766

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:27:16 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Metzger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha!

I strongly [SUPPORT HB2565](#) and respectfully request that you move this bill along quickly so it passes! We are in dire need of a program that informs our farmers and community about the safe disposal of pesticides! As a beekeeper I know too well how harmful pesticides are to our pollinators, but when they are dumped with no recourse, it encourages more of the same. We need to make it easy for our farmers to do the right thing! This is our opportunity! Please act now and support HB2565. Mahalo!

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:48:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support a one time amnesty for bona fide (small to medium) farmers and also accept pesticides for disposal from residents. Large users should pay for their own 'regulated' disposal.

Fines should be GREATLY increased.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:25:20 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roger Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha.

Please vote the will of at least a majority of the populace and **Support this Bill.**

Mahalo.

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HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:50:10 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I AM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS BILL.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:07:05 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [mary.babcock](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Please support HB2565
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:15:29 AM

Please support HB2565 by the Senate Agriculture & Environment Committee
Mary Babcock, Kailua

From: [Cheryl Hendrickson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Support HB2656
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:34:16 AM

Aloha-

Please [Support HB2565](#) which would provide a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal of outdated and now restricted or banned pesticides from everyone including backyard gardeners and homeowners. We also would support this program being offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. Please include some talking points from the above section on SB3040 related to increasing pesticide fines for violations.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more accountable.

Mahalo,

Cheryl Hendrickson

Haiku, HI 96708

From: [Raj Kreisler](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: support
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:26:32 AM

Aloha, I strongly urge you to support bill 2656. I am a Kauai resident and I want agriculturalists to be responsible to our residents for safe practices. Mahalo, Scott Kreisler

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 11:17:07 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blake WAtson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 12:11:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislative Leaders of Haawai'i,

No more important bill can I see before us,, Honorable Legislators! I have the understanding with my biology major with 5 terms of college chemistry and 100's of hours of nutritional studies to go beyond the superficial rhetoric and explain that these pesticides produce criminality by preventing certain endocrine processes that require the shikamate pathway of digestive processes. This is prevented by roundup (glysophate). This in turn, prevents the REM sleep state and the implications of this are so far into the stunting of our Spiritual Consciousness that you would have to have more than I could write in 50 pages to explain the importance of preventing these chemicals from getting into our bodies and food supply. PLEASE help us to be healthy and sane,

April Lee, BA, CCIM, ABR

Hawi, HI

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 12:29:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Matadobra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We (my daughter and I) strongly support the safe disposal of pesticides and the intention of the bill to provide easy and safe ways for small farmers with a method to do this.

We support all efforts to support the safe disposal of pesticides, though the less pesticides in our environment the better. It is critical to our environment and public health that these pesticides are not dumped into rivers, backyards and sewage facilities as the impacts are cascading and devastating.

We support these efforts and encourage the expansion of the program to include the disposal of outdated and now restricted or banned pesticides from everyone including backyard gardeners and homeowners. We also would support this program being offered more than once and maybe be established as a yearly program.

We strongly support the appropriate increase of maximum fines able to be fined by the Dept of Agriculture. This is a crime against the 'aina and our keiki, and needs to be taken seriously.

We strongly SUPPORT HB2565. This is an important step towards protecting our communities and environment from toxic pesticide exposure and holding violators more accountable.

For the future of all of the keiki, may their world not be full of neurotoxins. Let's be pono with these strong chemicals.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 1:49:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 2:16:04 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherilyn Wells	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a former environmental litigator on behalf of the public interest, a former co-President of the Washington Environmental Council, and a former Board Member of the Washington Toxics Coalition, I was in a unique position to observe both whether laws were strong enough and whether laws were being enforced adequately. As a mother and grandmother, I had an extra incentive to ensure that my other "jobs" created a better world for my family and other families as well. There is no substitute for a fundamental level of protection for the public from institutions whose baseline is profit, not health. Accordingly, as per your constitutional and statutory responsibility to be the public's advocate when it comes to protecting public health and safety, please support HB2565. This bill provides a one time program for the safe and responsible disposal of pesticides by agricultural entities.

A former sister-in-law once described how her husband would be hired to pick up a tanker truck full of pesticides, to start driving towards the disposal facility, then to stop and loosen the cap on the release valve. By the time he got to the disposal facility, the truck would be empty and the industry would avoid paying for the proper disposal of their waste. The unconscionable nature of acts like that make it all the more critical that we establish/expand effective disposal programs for pesticides of all kinds, including those outdated and restricted or banned, whether it's an individual or an industry being held responsible.

I also support this program being offered more than once, including being set up as a yearly program.

And, given the years I spent in court, observing whether fines did or did not deter illegal or unethical behavior, I STRONGLY support the increase of maximum fines by the Dept of Agriculture, raised to a level where the fines act as a genuine deterrent.

Mahalo for your attention to and support of this issue,

Sherilyn Wells

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 2:41:28 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 6:57:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Maile Pokipala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2565

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:32:06 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lana Brodziak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I suport this bill. I feel it is importanat to pass this legislation. Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-2565-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:04:16 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/11/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha All,

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Dr. John and Debra Nix, Kihei

Multiple Testifier list for HB 2565

Joanna Lee
Cinzia B.
Nalei Kahakalau
Lynn Wilson
Wesley K. Nanamori
Manu Hanano
Janette Shablow
Michael Moorhead
Marlies Lee
Ashley Lukens
Paula Cohen
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Melanie Cahan
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Johanna Stone
Vivian Levy
Andrew Isoda
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Sharon Pease
Donald Erway
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From: picchina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cinzia B.](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: In Support of HB2565 HD2 to support the safe disposal of pesticides
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 2:16:32 PM

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I urge you to support HB2565 HD2. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,
Cinzia B.
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