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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

MARCH 13, 2024
8:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 325 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

SENATE BILL NO. 3365, SD2
RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS

Chair Gates, Vice Chair Kahaloa and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 3365, SD2 which requires the Department of Agriculture (Department) to certify treatments performed on wood chips, compost, and filter socks; and places certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department.

The Department strongly supports this bill and recognizes that amendments offered in testimony on the previous draft of this bill have been incorporated into this version of the bill. However, in section (b), the term "entering the State" appears to conflict with HRS 150A-5(9) as a commodity is not considered to have "entered the State" until it has been inspected and passed. Treatments for pests either occur prior to entry into the State, or if required upon entry due to a pest infestation, the shipment is placed under quarantine until the treatment can occur and an inspector can verify that



the treatment was sufficient to eradicate the pest. The Department suggests the following language for section (b): "No person shall distribute within the State any plant care component that originated from outside the State unless treated prior to entering the State. Any plant care component that originated from outside the State and not subjected to a treatment prior to entering the State shall be placed in quarantine until subjected to a treatment witnessed and certified by the Department." This bill will provide the Department with another way to protect the State against invasive species.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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RE: SB3365

Dear Legislative Committee,

As an agricultural planning and support company, we are in support of SB3365 prohibiting the distribution of untreated wood chips, compost, and filter socks within and from our islands. However, we would like to see this bill lead to more specificity on acceptable treatment protocols deemed environmentally sound. Our hope is to work collaboratively with our State Department of Agriculture and value added producers throughout our state.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hagedorn

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Founder, 'Āina Design Corp.



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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:43:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2024 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Yes to requiring the Department of Agriculture to certify treatments performed on wood chips, compost, and filter socks. Places certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:13:36 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2024 8:30:00 AM

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Carol Kwan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 3365 because it provides an important tool to help combat the spread of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle. I am a Certified Arborist with my own consulting business on Oahu. Mahalo.