

**HB-2119**

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Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2026 9:01:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Kimo Falconer	Hawaii Coffee Growers Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Chun, Vice Chair Kusch and members of the Agriculture and Food Systems Committee.

The subsidy program to assist coffee growers from the damage created by Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) has been successful in allowing the industry to gain a foothold on surviving with these pests. Without the program, the industry probably would not have found a path to recovery, a process that still continues long after these pests' introduction.

Please support the continuation and reestablishment of this program and affiliated program manager position.

Mahalo.

**Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,**

On behalf of the **Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative**, we submit this testimony in **strong support of HB 2119**, which reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust Pesticide Subsidy Program and the program manager position.

Ka'ū's coffee community is unique in Hawai'i's agricultural landscape. **Many of our farmers are former sugar plantation workers** who transitioned into coffee following the closure of the sugar industry. While they bring deep land-based knowledge and generational stewardship, many do not have the digital access or technical skill sets required to individually submit testimony or navigate complex state programs. As a cooperative, we serve as their collective voice to ensure their perspectives and needs are represented.

CBB and CLR continue to threaten the viability of our farms and the broader Hawai'i coffee industry. The subsidy program has been one of the most effective tools available to growers, reducing the financial burden of essential pest-control inputs and helping stabilize production. Reestablishing this program — along with the dedicated program manager — will provide critical continuity and support for growers who are already operating on narrow margins.

We strongly support HB 2119 and respectfully urge its passage to protect Hawai'i's coffee industry and the rural communities that depend on it.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**Sincerely,**

**Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative**

Pāhala, Hawai'i Island



**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for HB2119; RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL**

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

The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry. Our members are located throughout the State of Hawaii and positioned throughout the supply chain.

HB2119 extends the existing pesticide subsidy program within the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. This program has been a lifeline for Hawaii's coffee growers in the battle against invasive pests and disease; most notably Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust. CLR is known to spread rapidly and leads to defoliation and tree death. Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) remains a significant threat in all coffee producing regions.

Hawaii's coffee farmers have the highest cost of production anywhere, particularly with recent labor shortages and inflationary pressures. The cost to manage these compound threat layers caused by invasive species and economic forces are squeezing Hawaii's farmers more than ever before. Yet we still compete in a global market with our counterparts across the globe who do not share many of our high costs. We respectfully ask that the Pesticide Subsidy Program be continued and be adequately funded. Please consider it a wise investment in one of Hawaii's most important agricultural crops. Your support is vitally important to Hawaii's coffee growers and the many families and businesses that depend on our industry.

We respectfully ask you to pass HB2119.

Please accept our thanks on behalf of Hawaii's hard working coffee producers. Please feel free to reach me at [president@hawaiicoffeeassoc.org](mailto:president@hawaiicoffeeassoc.org).

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryson Nakamasu".

Ryson Nakamasu  
President



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February 6, 2026

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2119**  
RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL

Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
9:01 AM

Aloha Chair Chun, Vice-Chair Kusch, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports HB 2119**, which temporarily reestablishes and funds the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) Pesticide Subsidy Program and the program manager position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Coffee is one of Hawai'i's signature agricultural crops and an important contributor to the State's rural economy. Coffee Berry Borer continues to pose a serious threat to Hawai'i's coffee industry, reducing yields, downgrading crop quality, and threatening the viability of farms across the State. Hawai'i's coffee producers face unique challenges, including high labor costs, climate change, and limited pest-control options compared to other coffee-producing regions worldwide, which place them at a competitive disadvantage.

Coffee Leaf Rust remains an additional and ongoing concern. This highly destructive fungal disease spreads rapidly, causes defoliation, and can result in severe yield losses or tree death. The presence of Coffee Leaf Rust in Hawai'i underscores the need for continued support to help growers manage and mitigate its impacts.

The pesticide subsidy program represents a modest but targeted investment that helps growers access effective tools to manage these pests and diseases. Hawai'i's coffee industry has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing these challenges through collaboration among growers, the University of Hawai'i, USDA, and State agencies, and through significant private investment. Continued State support is an important component of these coordinated efforts.

HB 2119 helps stabilize an industry that supports jobs, rural communities, and local agricultural production. Reestablishing this program will help coffee farmers protect their crops and maintain the long-term viability of one of Hawai'i's most recognizable agricultural sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Aloha Chair Chun, Vice Chair Kusch, and Members of the House Agriculture & Food Systems Committee,

The Hawai'i Farmers Union is a 501(c)(5) agricultural advocacy nonprofit representing a network of over 2,500 family farmers and their supporters across the Hawaiian Islands. **HFU supports HB2119.**

The reestablishment of the Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust Pesticide Subsidy Program is crucial in assisting local coffee farmers, who have long battled these persistent pests. By subsidizing the costs associated with effective pest control, this bill provides financial relief to farmers and strengthens their ability to produce high-quality coffee that is free from the detrimental effects of these pests. The reinstatement of the program manager position further underscores the commitment to structured and organized implementation, ensuring that the program operates smoothly and benefits reach the intended recipients—our hardworking farmers.

The appropriation of funds for operation and implementation underscores the bill's comprehensive approach to addressing the coffee industry's challenges. With coffee being a key economic driver in Hawaii, ensuring its sustainability through such initiatives is paramount for the well-being and prosperity of our agricultural sector and the communities that rely on it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Hunter Heavilin  
Advocacy Director  
Hawai'i Farmers Union



February 4, 2025

**RE: Support for HB2119**

RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL

HDAB; Coffee Berry Borer; Coffee Leaf Rust; Pesticide Subsidy Program; Appropriation (\$)

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

The Kona Coffee Farmers Association stands in strong support of this Bill. We represent over 180 farms in the Kona districts and our mission is to protect the economic interests of our growers.

Both coffee leaf rust (CLR) and coffee berry borer (CBB) are devastating invasive issues. Economically, many smaller farms struggle to keep up with the cost burdens that CBB and CLR have introduced. This subsidy increases the participation of growers in pest management and has made control much more effective regionally. By lowering the cost of the product, more growers are likely to treat the pest, and the overall quality of the crop increases. This benefits the state in added income to its resident farmers as well as added tax revenue.

My family has a small working coffee farm in Captain Cook and like other members of KCFA we would like to thank you for considering support to this bill. Your attention makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of farmers.

Mahalo nui loa!

Mark Petersen  
President



February 5, 2026

To: Chair Cory Chun, Vice Chair Mattias Kusch, and the House Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Subject: **HB2119**, Relating to Coffee Pest Control

Aloha,

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on this bill. We from Hawai'i Food + Policy are **in support** of the aid that this bill will offer to coffee farmers across the islands and to other relevant parties fighting the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR). We would, however, ask for an amendment to include planning for a future where farmers are supported (through education, subsidies, and technology, etc) to move away from pesticide use and towards integrated pest management (IPM), as recommended by CTAHR (1,2).

HB2119 helps coffee farmers address an immediate need of fighting against these pests, which are an existential threat to their crop, and therefore possibly their livelihood (1). The CBB can cause damage such as premature falling of berries, increased susceptibility to fungal infections for the coffee plants, and decreased yield and quality of the final harvest (1). CBB can be economically devastating for coffee growers (3). CTAHR recommends that CLR be treated with at least one spray of fungal pesticide, as well as many other holistic treatments (2). If untreated, CLR can eventually kill the entire plant (3). Both CBB and CLR are rapid reproducers and spreaders (3).

This bill provides rapid relief for farmers who currently suffer, or eventually will suffer, from the damages caused by CBB and CLR, which can be extremely destructive to their plants. We also propose that additional section(s) be added to include requirements for a plan, prior to the report and conclusion of the program in 2028, to help farmers move away from pesticide use and towards integrated pest management. CTAHR recommends that IPM be used for these pests when possible, and furthermore that each farm have one person dedicated to learning about and addressing such pests from a holistic perspective.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

The Food+ Policy Team

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**The Food+ Policy internship** develops student advocates who learn work skills while increasing civic engagement to become emerging leaders. We focus on good food systems policy because we see the importance and potential of the food system in combating climate change and increasing the health, equity, and resiliency of Hawai'i communities.

In 2026, the cohort of interns are undergraduate and graduate students and young professionals working in the food system. They are a mix of traditional and nontraditional students, including parents and veterans, who have backgrounds in education, farming, public health, nutrition, and Hawaiian culture.

1. <https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/site/cbbmanage.aspx>
2. <https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/PD-125.pdf>
3. <https://www.kauaiisc.org/pests/cbb/>

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of **HB 2119**, which reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) pesticide subsidy program and the program manager position.

CBB and CLR continue to be among the most serious threats facing Hawai'i coffee growers. The subsidy program has been a critical tool in helping farmers manage these pests while keeping operations viable and sustainable. Reinstating this program will provide much-needed support to growers who are already facing rising costs and ongoing production challenges.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 2119 and support Hawai'i's coffee industry and agricultural community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,  
Donna Woolley

Island Sun Coffee

Big Island

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Submitted on: 2/4/2026 12:14:30 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Towa Ikawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of **HB 2119**, which reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) pesticide subsidy program and the program manager position as one of the people who need coffee in their lives..

CBB and CLR continue to be among the most serious threats facing Hawai‘i coffee growers. The subsidy program has been a critical tool in helping farmers manage these pests while keeping operations viable and sustainable. Reinstating this program will provide much-needed support to growers who are already facing rising costs and ongoing production challenges.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 2119 and support Hawai‘i’s coffee industry and agricultural community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,  
Towa Ikawa

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Submitted on: 2/4/2026 1:07:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2026 9:01:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bruce Corker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: The Chair and Members of the Committee

As a Hawaii coffee farmer living in Kona, I strongly encourage the Committee to pass HB2119 and to significantly increase the bill's current funding level for coffee farmers under this program.

**BACKGROUND:**

--For more than 30 years a USDA/APHIS regulation (7 CFR 319.73-2) has banned the importation of green coffee into Hawaii and Puerto Rico to prevent the introduction of coffee pests like Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR).

--For decades Hawaii and its Department of Agriculture (HDOA) have violated this federal regulation.

--Recognizing that its practice of permitting the entry of green coffee fumigated with methyl bromide into Hawaii was a violation of the federal regulation, the HDOA in 2005 formally requested that the federal regulation be amended to allow entry of unroasted coffee that had either been fumigated with methyl bromide or given moist heat treatment.

--After completing the rule making process and accepting comments and input, the USDA denied the HDOA request for modification of the regulation and advised in a 2006 letter to the HDOA that the denial had been made "after a complete review of the proposed treatments and schedules that neither methyl bromide fumigation nor moist heat treatments as currently proposed in the docket are efficacious against the two major pests of concern, coffee bean borer and coffee leaf rust."

--After this ruling, Hawaii and the HDOA ignored the USDA decision and continued to permit entry of green coffee into the state.

--As predicted by the USDA in its denial of Hawaii's request for modification of the regulation, in 2010 CBB was discovered in Hawaii and in 2020 CLR was discovered here—with devastating economic consequences for Hawaii coffee farmers.

#### STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Even with enactment of this bill and an increase in the current funding level, this bill is a small (but important) step toward repairing the damage caused by the State's catering to the interests of coffee roasters in Honolulu and its failure to abide by federal law or to support the interests of Hawaii coffee farmers.

Please pass HB2119.

Sincerely,

Bruce Corker

Rancho Aloha

Holualoa, Hawaii County

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Submitted on: 2/4/2026 1:17:12 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT

**Draft Letter of Support — From You (Individual Coffee Farmer & Grower Advocate)**

**Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,**

My name is **Miles Mayne**, a coffee farmer in the Ka'ū District and a long-time advocate for the sustainability and viability of Hawai'i's coffee industry. I am writing in **strong support of HB 2119**, which reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust Pesticide Subsidy Program and the program manager position.

CBB and CLR remain two of the most destructive threats to Hawai'i-grown coffee. Their spread across multiple islands has placed significant financial and operational strain on growers, particularly small family farms. The previous subsidy program demonstrated clear value by reducing the cost burden of essential, FDA-approved pesticides and enabling farmers to maintain crop health and production. Reestablishing this program is not only prudent — it is necessary to protect one of Hawai'i's most iconic agricultural industries.

The bill's structure, including the reinstatement of the program manager and the requirement for legislative reporting, ensures accountability, timely implementation, and transparency. These are critical components for a program that directly affects the livelihoods of hundreds of growers statewide.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to pass HB 2119 and continue supporting the farmers who steward Hawai'i's agricultural heritage and rural economies.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**Sincerely,**

**Miles Mayne**

Coffee Farmer & Grower Advocate

Ka'ū District, Hawai'i Island

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2026 6:49:12 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Maryanoff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

As a small coffee farmer [4000 + trees] I am writing in strong support of **HB 2119**, which reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) pesticide subsidy program and the program manager position. The challenges of the small farms seem insurmountable at times and help like this is very much appreciated!

CBB and CLR continue to be among the most serious threats facing Hawai'i coffee growers. The subsidy program has been a critical tool in helping farmers manage these pests while keeping operations viable and sustainable. Reinstating this program will provide much-needed support to growers who are already facing rising costs and ongoing production challenges.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 2119 and support Hawai'i's coffee industry and agricultural community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia A Maryanoff  
Absolutely Kona Coffee

Absolute Palate LLC  
Big Island of Hawaii

**HB-2119**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 6:55:50 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2026 9:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce Maryanoff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

As a small coffee farmer [4000 + trees] I am writing in strong support of **HB 2119**, which reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) pesticide subsidy program and the program manager position. The challenges of the small farms seem insurmountable at times and help like this is very much appreciated!

CBB and CLR continue to be among the most serious threats facing Hawai'i coffee growers. The subsidy program has been a critical tool in helping farmers manage these pests while keeping operations viable and sustainable. Reinstating this program will provide much-needed support to growers who are already facing rising costs and ongoing production challenges. We currently have leases near us which are unattended and CBB and CLF just fly onto one farm! Very expensive to fight!

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 2119 and support Hawai'i's coffee industry and agricultural community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,  
Bruce E Maryanoff  
Absolutely Kona Coffee

Absolute Palate LLC  
Big Island of Hawaii

**HB-2119**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 7:31:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2026 9:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
bobbie becker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

February 4, 2026

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Bobbie Becker, I am the owner operator of a small coffee farm on Maui. It is true that I described it as small, but we are very active in the weekly Upcountry Farmers Market. For the past 18 years I have been introducing people from all around America and the world to Maui coffee through my sales of both brewed and freshly roasted coffee. Since the arrival of CBB and CLR this has become increasingly difficult because of the increased challenges and costs of obtaining a good yield. One of the things that has helped me the most is the assistance that I have received from the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) pesticide subsidy program and the program manager. Therefore, I am writing in strong support of **HB 2119**, which reestablishes the subsidies and the program manager (advisor) position.

The subsidy program has been a critical tool in helping farmers like me afford the increased cost of managing these pests. Reinstating this program will provide much-needed support to Hawai'i's coffee growers who are facing rising costs and ongoing production challenges.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 2119 and support Hawai'i's coffee industry and agricultural community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Becker

Maui Mountain Coffee

Olinda, Maui

**HB-2119**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 10:20:06 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2026 9:01:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victoria Magaña	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair & Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of HB 2119, that maintains the subsidies alive for the Coffee Berry Borer & Coffee Leaf Rust pesticide subsidy program.

With CLR’s arrival in 2020 to Hawai’i, it has been a struggle for farmers to maintain their farms health, yield, coffee defects.

Farmers here already have to endure high costs of inputs because of shipping expense for all the materials needed to be applied to our crops. CLR created a huge drop in production over the last years, not only that the little yield we have been able to produce has had a higher percentage of defects because of the Coffee Berry Borer taking advantage of the weak trees.

The subsidies incentive farmers to treat their farms with the safety net of this subsidy. Maintaining a coffee farmer is a long term commitment, not something people can just rip out from one day to the next so while farmers learn how to handle these challenges by pesticides, farming practices, planting of disease resistant varieties, or switching to a new crop these financial resources are crucial to people’s livelihoods.

Should these subsidies not exist, farmers will seek to cut their expenses potentially creating a downward spiral of yield loss, higher defects in our coffee, and bringing back a farm that falls into this situation can take as well.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 2119 to support our local farmers and one of our most valuable crops.

Thank you for your time.

Victoria Magaña

Misma Lani Farms

Hawai’i Island.

**HB-2119**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 7:40:01 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2026 9:01:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

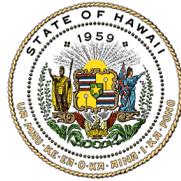
Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry Support

2119 HB RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
Governor

**SYLVIA LUKE**  
Lt. Governor



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**SHARON HURD**  
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**DEAN M. MATSUKAWA**  
Deputy to the Chairperson

**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026  
9:01 AM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 325 & VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2119  
RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL**

Chair Chun, Vice Chair Kusch, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2119 relating to coffee pest control. This bill temporarily reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust Pesticide Subsidy Program and the program manager position. This bill will require a report to the Legislature and appropriates funds for the operation and implementation of the Pesticide Subsidy Program. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity ("Department") supports this bill and offers the following comments.

The Department recognizes that coffee berry borer and coffee leaf rust are significant pests that impact Hawaii's agriculture and economy for coffee. The subsidy program would help offset the costs of purchasing pesticides to combat these pests and the Department will work directly with coffee growers around the state to provide education and outreach for the appropriate use of pesticides.

The Department recommends that (1) the Pesticide Subsidy Program not be reestablished within the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund (PURF) and (2) §149A-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, be amended to remove subsection (a)(3) (i.e., "Funds appropriated for the pesticide subsidy program established under Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014") and "the pesticide subsidy program created under Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2014" from subsection (b)(3). The Pesticides Branch ("Branch") is a regulatory agency whose primary focus is compliance with federal and state rules which includes the registration of all pesticide products and uses the funds from PURF for the program's needs. The Branch does not want to appear or imply the

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February 6, 2026  
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promotion or endorsement of particular pesticide products and recommends a general fund appropriation for the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.