

[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: VI.1 Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

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Mon 8/26/2024 8:07 AM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Bonnie Lau from Honolulu Hawaii. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Being born and raised in this state, I've seen the destructive results of inaction and complacency of not taking immediate action on these pests and issues.

In the 1980's I visited New Zealand who were already proactive in keeping out unwanted pests in simple ways that were totally doable. Today they have a beautiful environment and have limited unwanted pests. They were in the middle of a depression but still managed to recognize the value of their flora and fauna and how it would affect their lifestyles and economy.

If only Hawaii was as inciteful. The longer pests like little fire ants, parakeets, as well as foreign plants and rhinoceros beetle go uncontrolled and failure to prevent other species from entering, the more difficult and expensive mitigation will become. Why can't we see that?? I realize it's too late to return the islands to their pristine

state, but the new goal should be to limit the damage that is taking place and try to prevent more.

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Bonnie Lau, DDS

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Fred Hofer <n1tya@yahoo.com>

Tue 6/25/2024 2:56 PM

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Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Fred from Hilo

. I first want to thank the Board and the Department for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plan. The longstanding lack of a comprehensive pest management strategy, including plans for control and eradication as required by law, has surely contributed significantly to the spread of invasive species and their deleterious impacts across our islands. Please continue to hold these updates so that the Board and the public can be informed of the actions being planned and taken to deal with our invasive species crises, which are placing our islands' ecosystems, farms, economy, quality of life, people, and pets at risk.

I also urge the Board to recognize that actions by both the department and by our communities to deal with invasive pests will continue to be severely undermined, without the intra- and inter-island quarantine requirements proposed for HAR Chapter 4-72. These rule amendments have been "in the works" for nearly a year and a half since the Board's original approval to move them to public hearing, and they still have not been brought back for Board action since their public hearing in January.

These quarantine rules are essential to the current all-hands-on-deck fight against the rapid spread of invasive pests like little fire ants and coconut rhinoceros beetles, which continue to be found in new areas and on new islands. Businesses like nurseries and landscapers are a major vector for the spread of invasive pests, including into new areas, or regions where they had been previously eradicated. It is unacceptable that there are no current measures to prevent businesses from knowingly selling infested goods - especially when the Department keeps our communities in the dark regarding which businesses have known infestation.

Accordingly, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting, and give itself the long-overdue regulatory tools needed to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

In solidarity with 'āina

Hopeful,

Fred

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Tue 6/25/2024 3:29 PM

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Thu 8/22/2024 4:50 PM

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Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Linda from West side Maui. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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[EXTERNAL] Testimony regarding VI1 invasive species updates

CATHY LAU <jeremylau@aol.com>

Thu 8/22/2024 5:56 PM

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My name is Catherine Lau from Honolulu. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Thank you

Catherine Lau

Sent from my iPhone

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Thu 8/22/2024 5:57 PM

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Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Deborah Umiamaka from the Big Island Hawaii.

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[EXTERNAL] Written testimony

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Thu 8/22/2024 6:14 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Kaniloa Kamaunu from Waihee Valley Maui. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Waihee Valley was found to have fire ants couple of years ago and I've now noticed them in other places in Wailuku and Haiku.

It's disturbing and upsetting when actions that need to be taken aren't done. Hawaii has a very sensitive ecosystem and we need it to be protected. Many of our native species have no protection against these foreign invasive species so the time to act was 18 months ago.

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Kaniloa Kamaunu
Lineal descendant of Waihee Valley Maui

[EXTERNAL] Invasive Species Action Plan

Harvey Arkin <harveyarkin9@gmail.com>

Thu 8/22/2024 7:33 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Harvey from Manoa. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Harvey Arkin

[EXTERNAL] amendments to HAR Chapter 4-72

Kiele Akana-Gooch <kiele.aloha@gmail.com>

Thu 8/22/2024 9:30 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Keiko Gonzalez from He'eia, O'ahu. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Hawai'i's environments are changing too fast, and not for the better. Everytime I see an ant I fear it may be a fire ant, especially as they have invaded my community. I am worried about the health and wellbeing of our dog and our 'ohana.

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Me ke aloha,
Keiko Gonzalez

[EXTERNAL] Invasive Species Action Plans

Pete Wilson <perhansahi@gmail.com>

Thu 8/22/2024 10:37 PM

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My name is Peter from Pahoia. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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In solidarity,

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Fri 8/23/2024 8:59 AM

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Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Laurel from Kapālama. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Mālama pono

Laurel

[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: VI.1 Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

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Fri 8/23/2024 9:18 AM

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Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Teri Corpuz from Pukalani. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Teri Corpuz

[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: Invasive Species Action Plan Update

Glenn Choy <choyhawaii@gmail.com>

Fri 8/23/2024 1:17 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Dear Ms. Hurd:

Please get all involved to wake up and act with the necessary urgency on rules to combat invasive pests.

Glenn Choy

Honolulu

Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: VI.1 Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

Keala Fung <kealadancer@gmail.com>

Fri 8/23/2024 9:52 PM

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Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Keala Fung from Honolulu HI. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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Keala Fung

[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: V1.1 Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

Robert Culbertson <dancingcloudrefuge@gmail.com>

Sat 8/24/2024 7:43 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Rob Culbertson from Hawaii Island. Thank you for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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As a former field technician for the Big Island Invasive Species Committee, I know the value and vulnerability to time lost in appropriately responding to invasive species. And your Department of Agriculture is our front line of early warning and assessment for the many biological threats to our island's ecosystems.

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

R A Culbertson
Honokaa

[EXTERNAL] Testimony Re: VI:1 Invasive Species Action Plan

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Sun 8/25/2024 7:25 AM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Danielle from Makakilo, O'ahu. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and coconut and other crops are being decimated.

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Without this protection, small children at schools where I work can be hurt by harmful ants because someone is stung and bitten every day! Our precious trees and landscaping at home are at high risk after all the expense and time we put into our properties!

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Danielle Guion

[EXTERNAL] Testimony Regarding Invasive Species//HAR Chapter 4-72

Suzanne Fields <suzmaui@gmail.com>

Sun 8/25/2024 8:31 AM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Cc:Suzanne Fields <suzmaui@gmail.com>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Suzanne Fields from Haiku, Maui. Thank you again for providing updates on the department's Invasive Species Action Plans. These updates are appreciated but with the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, **the updates do not reflect the level of urgency communities feel** while keiki, kūpuna, and pets are experiencing painful bites and niu and other crops are being decimated.

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We are already in a difficult battle with the coqui frog; we CANNOT LET DOWN OUR GUARD! My home borders Maliko Gulch and the EMI IRrigation Reservoir. The ever increasing coqui frog population is RUINING our neighborhood - we CANNOT let what happened to the Big Island happen to Maui. Through the great work of the Maui Invasive Species Committee, the crew sprays on my property and I am proud to allow them to place listening devices at the edge of my property to support monitoring. We MUST STRENGTHEN the RESOURCES and STAFFING for MISC and all the island-specific groups to battle these invasives.

Regulations are Priority One in the ongoing battle - You must also ESTABLISH the Intra and inter island quarantines; you didn't do the job years ago and just listen to the coqui 🙄

The Board of Agriculture needs to GET SERIOUS about all invasives - Do Your Job - Take the Necessary Action!!!

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Suzanne Fields
Haiku, Maui

[EXTERNAL] LIVE NOTE: Testimony. Invasive Species

John Shockley <shockleyjr@gmail.com>

Mon 8/26/2024 5:48 AM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

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In our neighborhood alone we have lost at least one quarter of our palm and cocoanut trees to the Rhinoceros Beetles. Another third are damaged even after abatement chemicals have been applied.

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John & Rita Shockley. Coordinators Free Access Coalition

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Mariko Whitenack <mcw536@nyu.edu>

Mon 8/26/2024 8:02 AM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

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Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

[EXTERNAL] Testimony re: VI.1 Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

tk kona <tkkona@hotmail.com>

Mon 8/26/2024 12:47 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

It has been 18 months since amendments to HAR Chapter 4-72 were first proposed to establish intra- and inter-island quarantines for pest-infested plants and materials, and seven months since the public hearing was held. This delay is unacceptable.

These quarantine rules are crucial in the fight against the rapid spread of invasive pests like little fire ants and coconut rhinoceros beetles. Businesses such as nurseries and landscapers are significant vectors for the spread of these pests, including into regions where they had been previously eradicated.

Since we are incapable of effectively eradicating any invasive plants or pests on the Big Island, it is imperative that the Department establish, implement, and enforce much needed regulatory controls within their purview.

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.


Terry Kushida
Hilo, Hawaii

[EXTERNAL] Rhinoceros Beetles in Makakilo

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Mon 8/26/2024 3:29 PM

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Invasive Rhinoceros Beetles.html;

Aloha,

I was provided this email address in order to express my concerns regarding the rhinoceros beetles in Makakilo. My name is Edmund Schenck and I live within the Anuhea Community on Holomoku Street. I live on a property that is less than 10,000 square feet. The property is planted with numerous species of palms. Due to the beetle infestation, I have lost and removed a large Queen Palm and Bottle Palm. The beetles are currently destroying my Foxtail and Phoenix palms. They have recently added my larger Areca palms to their menu. I have attached a photo of the beetles collected on my lot only. Any help from the Hawaii Board of Agriculture would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Edmund Schenck

[EXTERNAL] Testimony: VI.1 Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

Creighton M. Litton <litton@hawaii.edu>

Mon 8/26/2024 4:03 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and members of the Board of Agriculture,

My name is Creighton Litton and I reside on the Island of O'ahu in the ahupua'a of Kailua. With the rapid spread of invasive pests throughout our islands, which have outsized impacts to agriculture and the conservation of natural resources, I strongly feel that your organization needs to do much more to fight those pests that have established and, importantly, to prevent further pests from arriving.

It has been 18 months since amendments to HAR Chapter 4-72 were first proposed to establish intra- and inter-island quarantines for pest-infested plants and materials, and seven months since the public hearing was held. What is the delay for? The issue is clear, as is the solution – keep unwanted pests out of the islands.

These quarantine rules are crucial in the all-hands-on-deck fight against the rapid spread of invasive pests like little fire ants and coconut rhinoceros beetles, which continue to appear in new areas and on new islands. Businesses such as nurseries and landscapers are significant vectors for the spread of these pests, including into regions where they had been previously eradicated. The cost of dealing with these invasions comes from Hawaii residents like myself who pay their taxes, but your organization is simply not doing enough with our taxpayer money to prevent and control invasions.

Therefore, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to ensure that the Department brings the proposed quarantine rule amendments for your review and approval at your next meeting. The Department needs these long-overdue regulatory tools to ensure that current and future community efforts to combat invasive pests are not in vain.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Creighton M. Litton

[EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY- IV. A.2

kimeona kane <kimeonakane@gmail.com>

Mon 8/26/2024 11:44 PM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha nui kākou,

Kimeona Kane, of Waimānalo and in my personal capacity, testifying in support of Agenda Item IV. A.2 Request to Approve Rental Offset, General Lease No. S-4935; OCR Inc., Lessee; TMK: (1) 4-1-035:014, Waimanalo Agricultural Park, Lot 14, Waimanalo, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii

Recognizing the value of supporting our small farmers. Additionally, want to thank OCR Inc. for their service and commitment to providing food crops to our communities.

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'O wau nō me ka ha'aha'a,

Kimeona Kane

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[EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY- VI. NEW BUSINESS 1. NON-ACTION ITEM: Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

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Tue 8/27/2024 12:05 AM

To:HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY <hdoa.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha nui kākou,

Kimeona Kane, as Chair of the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board #32 strongly urging that actions be moved accordingly to adopt the quarantine rule amendments and display considerable forward movement on the Invasive Species Action Plan to address the spread of Little Fire Ants and Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle. It feels like things have stalled for some reason, and while this is happening, more spread of invasive species are taking place, minute by minute.

Additionally, what is being done to stop the spread of Coqui Frogs in Waimānalo? It is sadly my strong belief that the Department of Agriculture has given up its fight to address Coqui Frogs in our community, is this the case?

Please move on the actions necessary to slow and eventually stop the progress and continued spread of these invasive species.

Mahalo nui kākou.

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‘O wau nō me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kimeona Kane

Chair- Waimānalo Neighborhood Board

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