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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2076  
RELATING TO PEST CONTROL

Chairperson Wooley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2076 relating to pest control. This bill amends Section 141-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes to read that the “department of agriculture [~~shall,~~] may, so far as reasonably practicable, assist [~~, free of cost to individuals,~~] in the control or eradication of insects, mites, diseases . . . ; and [~~shall~~] may in like manner distribute to points where needed, beneficial insects, or pathogens and other antidotes . . . .”

The Department believes this bill may not be necessary. It is the Department’s opinion that Section 141-3 HRS, already gives the Department the discretion on whether or not to assist landowners in the control or eradication of pests. Particularly, HDOA believes that “reasonably practicable” in Section 141-3 gives the Department sufficient discretion.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Comments: When the state is so lax in the control of invasive species it must help pay the cost to control them! Take a lesson in how New Zealand stopped the invasion of little fire ant - they quarantined the farm, paid for losses in sales and paid for treatment - end of story, the ant did not continue to spread. What is wrong with the state of hawaii that they cannot do this, over and over again the story is repeated, the varroa mite, thie hive beetle and the list goes on and now you want to make it discretionary instead of mandatory??? wow this bill just continues to support the apathy that already is so prevelant.

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