



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 504 – RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support, of HB 504, which increases the pesticide licensing fee and amends authorized uses for moneys in the pesticide use revolving fund.

Although we defer to the Department of Agriculture on the fiscal and management implications of HB 504 within the department, we appreciate the self-funding nature of the proposal included in HB 504. As described therein, the pesticide revolving fund of the Department of Agriculture would be used to support both greater infrastructure for training and monitoring of pesticides, and complementary pesticide education activities, by contract with the department, within the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

If this approach is deemed useful by the legislature and the Department of Agriculture, we will be glad to partner with the department in this effort.