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Aloha,

I sent this yesterday on behalf of **Dr. Joe Defrank, Weed Science Professor, UH-Manoa** and originally it showed as received. The email just got bounced back to me?

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September 8, 2020

To Whom it may concern”

I am providing written testimony for Maui County Council bill titled: A Bill for an ordinance establishing Chapter 2.50, Maui County Code, Relating to Pesticide and Fertilizer Use on County Property. I have been a professional Weed Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) for over 36 years. I have also provided expert consulting to the Hawaii Department of Transportation for roadside worker training on pesticide use for vegetation management and environmental awareness for the last 8 years.

Section 2.50.040 Part E. will make it a violation of county ordinances for Extension Agents and CTAHR faculty and staff to conduct agricultural research and demonstrations on county owned land (such as UH farm at the Kula Ag-Park and similar county owned lands) when those activities involve conventional pesticides and fertilizers. Since research and demonstration activities do not produce food and non-food crops “for sale or distribution to wholesalers or retail outlets” they are prohibited by this bill and subject to fines and penalties. This section of the bill will be detrimental to the advancement of much need technology transfer on conventional fertilizers and pesticides to Maui’s farmers and reduce their access to much needed locally relevant information. In the post COVID-19 Hawaii, locally produced food and fiber will become a priority for the Hawaii State Legislature and this bill will inhibits Maui County ability to make use of Federal CARE funds designed to aid farmers needing post pandemic relief by prohibiting research on conventional fertilizers and pesticide on UH research plots located on county property.

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) has a statutory responsibility to maintain roads within their jurisdiction for safe use by all. This bill will strip the DOT of conventional herbicides that are currently used to control weeds under guard rails, below signs and within line of sight around turns. Any deaths or injury due the DOT failure to maintain safe roads can be directly attributed to the new rules proposed in this bill. With the passage of this bill, the only herbicides available will be contact types that only burn down small weeds, allowing for the perennial grasses and weeds to rebound rapidly once this temporary affect dissipates. This bill will require roadway workers to spend more time mowing and spraying weeds that would otherwise be controlled with powerful and safe conventional herbicides. The roadways are a dangerous place to work and more time on the roadsides due to the pesticide prohibitions of this bill, will lead to increased risks of death and serious injury to those workers. If you want that bad death karma on your heads then go ahead and pass this bill. In the weeks and years to come, those lost due to the provision of this bill are your fault, good luck with your deliberations and the wellbeing of your eternal souls.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph DeFrank

Professor of Weed Science, UH-Manoa