

EDB Committee

From: Stephen Sussman <stephensussmanbusiness@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 8:07 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Coqui frogs

Dear Honorable council members:

The mayor had proposed including \$4 million for eradication of coqui frogs.

I request you vote in favor of this. They have already taken over many parts of the big island, and are in the process of expanding their territory on Maui. If they continue to do this, they will not only make life unpleasant for residents of Maui, but will invade tourist zones leading to a decrease in tourism, having negative impacts on our economy and employment. They will make it harder for nurseries to export plants and flowers or foliage elsewhere. Inspection facilities may be needed to do this, driving up costs.

It is crucial that we do our best to win this fight before it is too late.

Thanks,

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please fund full eradication on Maui. Let us not have paradise destroyed.

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From: carrie zipf-slowe <carrie328@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 2:28 PM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: mayors.office@mauicounty.gov
Subject: TESTIMONY IN FAVOR: Victorino Budget for Invasive Species Protection & Coqui Frog Eradication

Aloha mai,

I wholeheartedly ask that Mike Victorino's budget request of \$2.5 mln for Coqui Frog eradication and another \$1.5 mln for environmental protection BE APPROVED IN FULL AMOUNT OR CANCEL ALL SPENDING FOR MISC.

If serious monies are not provided THIS YEAR, the battle is over. So, either approve it all, or remove all funding and let the island go to the pests! It is that serious!

There is already a report of a Coqui that was found in Wailea. Do you know how bad this island will be if they spread unchecked? Have you thought about the economic impact if they do?

I encourage you to drive down Kokomo Road one evening, just after dusk. You can keep your windows rolled up and your radio on loud and you will still hear the Coqui frogs on BOTH SIDES of Kokomo screeching through the enclosed cabin of your vehicle.

Now imagine thousands of them surrounding your home while you try to sleep with your windows open.

Imagine thousands of them surrounding the resorts and vacation condos in Wailea, Kihei, Lahaina, Kaanapali, Napili.

Maui will fall drastically from the top travel destination to the bottom of the list so fast, we will need to cut back on funding for County Council pay as the tax revenue will plummet.

PLEASE APPROVE MIKE VICTORINO'S BUDGET IN FULL FOR COQUI FROG ERADICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Vote like your job depends on it, because it does!

Mahalo nui loa

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"Nothing makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes."

Henry David Thoreau