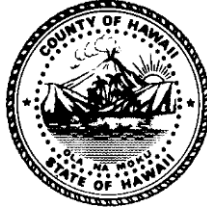


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February 7, 2020

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture
Hawai'i State Legislature

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and Committee members:

RE: HB 1888 Relating to the Pesticide Subsidy Program

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1888.

As you know, coffee is a major industry for Hawai'i Island, and I am informed that the coffee berry borer continues to be a substantial threat to coffee's economic survival. Any assistance the State can offer, including the pesticide subsidy that helps farmers manage the cost of controlling this terrible pest, is much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Takemoto".

For Harry Kim
MAYOR