
[EXTERNAL] PROTECT MOLOKAI FROM COCONUT BEETLES!

From Arabella Ark <arabellaark@icloud.com>

Date Thu 9/18/2025 7:56 AM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

PLEASE PROTECT THE TREES!

MY HOME:



Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

My name is ARABELLA ARK, and I am urging you to adopt the **strongest interim protections** against the introduction and potentially devastating establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, **as reflected in the petition put forward by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali.**

Mahalo nui for your past vote in support of the Moloka'i community, as they sought your help in protecting their island from the potentially devastating impacts of the CRB. Like you, the Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals has now unanimously agreed that this situation is an emergency, requiring the strongest possible interim protections against the introduction of CRB on Moloka'i, while a longer-term solution is developed and implemented.

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Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

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From Cory <333cory@gmail.com>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 8:02 PM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

Please adopt the strongest protections against the coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, as reflected in the petition of 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali. The Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals unanimously agreed that we have an emergency. Please support the community, native species, local agriculture, and Hawai'i's cultural heritage.

Mahalo!

Cory Harden, Hilo

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From Elijah Warren <ecwarren@hawaii.edu>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 6:28 PM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

My name is Eli Warren from Kaneohe, and I am urging you to adopt the strongest interim protections against the introduction and potentially devastating establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, as reflected in the petition put forward by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali.

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Eli Warren

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From Joan Lander <joanlander808@gmail.com>

Date Thu 9/18/2025 8:03 AM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

I support the temporary, total ban of all CRB host material as originally submitted and supported by the Moloka'i community and Ipo and Kunani Nihipali.

We have natural barriers here in the islands, the coastlines of islands and the seas between them, that can make it really easy to control the invasion by unwanted and destructive pests.

Why not take advantage of what Nature has to offer?

It's free!!

~Joan Lander

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From Karlo Tanjuakio <karlo@goleansixsigma.com>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 6:56 PM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Cc Wayne Tanaka <wayne.tanaka@sierraclub.org>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity —

My name is Karlo Tanjuakio from Wai'anae, and I am urging you to adopt the strongest interim protections against the introduction and potentially devastating establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, as reflected in the petition put forward by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali.

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Together under your leadership, we must prevent the same horrific CRB devastation that has occurred Wai'anae — especially Makaha — from happening in Moloka'i.



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Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Karlo



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From Kanoelani Davis <molokainuiahina@gmail.com>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 6:13 PM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

My name is Kanoelani Davis and I come from Molokai. I am writing to urge you to adopt the strongest possible interim protections against the introduction of the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) to our island. This is not just about agriculture this is about protecting our 'āina, our people, our culture, and our future. The petition submitted by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali reflects the mana'o of our community. We are standing together, as kia'i 'āina, as cultural practitioners, as farmers, as families, to say loud and clear: Molokai must remain CRB-free.

Mahalo nui for your prior vote supporting our community's call to action. You recognized then and I trust you still recognize now that this is an emergency. The Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals has since come to that same conclusion, voting unanimously to recommend the strongest interim protections while a long-term solution is being developed. That speaks volumes.

Molokai is not waiting around. We know how quickly this pest spreads, how devastating its impacts are to niu, kalo, loulou, mai'a & other plants that are not just food but part of our spiritual and cultural foundations. We've seen what's happened on O'ahu and other islands. We are in prevention mode, because we know that if CRB takes hold here, the damage may be irreversible.

We ask you to stand with us not with industry voices calling for delays or watered-down rules. The version of the rule proposed by the Plant Quarantine Branch at the Advisory Committee meeting was overly complicated and left too many gaps for risk. That is not acceptable. The Committee made the right call by supporting a full, temporary ban on CRB host materials the version our community put forward. We urge you to do the same.

This moment matters. Your decision will be remembered. It can be a moment where government and community came together in true partnership to protect something precious not just for Molokai, but for Hawai'i. Or, it could be remembered as a time

when warnings were ignored, and irreversible harm was allowed to unfold despite clear calls for prevention.

Please, let this be a moment of courage, kuleana, and aloha ‘āina. Protect Molokai.

Mahalo nui for hearing this mana‘o and for your continued service to the people of Hawai‘i.

Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o a me ke aloha ‘āina,

Kanoelani Davis

Molokainuihina

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Na Kanoelani Davis

‘Ike ‘ia no ka loea i ke kuahu

An expert it recognized by the altar he builds. “Be the change you want to see in the world”

- *Olelo No’eau*

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From Nanea Lo <naneaclo@gmail.com>

Date Thu 9/18/2025 7:51 AM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Hello Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

My name is Nanea Lo from Papakōlea, and I am urging you to adopt the **strongest interim protections** against the introduction and potentially devastating establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, **as reflected in the petition put forward by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali**.

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me ke aloha 'āina,

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Nanea Lo (*she/they/o ia*) | Micro-influencer
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"Some people say that Hawai'i will be a better place when Hawaiians no longer stand in the way of progress. But even these people must know that at this point, this will no longer be Hawai'i." Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio. The Value of Hawai'i

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From Paul Hanley <pauljhanley95@gmail.com>

Date Thu 9/18/2025 10:16 AM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

I am a resident of Molokai and an active gardener. I support measures to restrict transportation of material that could contain the CRB, the introduction of which could be devastating for Molokai's attempts to become more food self-reliant. Please adopt this rule.

Paul Hanley
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From Viola Mundrick-Wichman <vkmmolokai@gmail.com>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 11:20 PM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

My name is Viola Mundrick-Wichman from Hoolehua, HI, and I am urging you to adopt the **strongest interim protections** against the introduction and potentially devastating establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, **as reflected in the petition put forward by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali.**

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Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Viola Mundrick-Wichman

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From Weldon L Wichman <wwichman45@gmail.com>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 11:23 PM

To DAB.BOARD.TESTIMONY <dab.board.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha e Chair Hurd and Members of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity,

My name is Weldon Wichman, and I am urging you to adopt the **strongest interim protections** against the introduction and potentially devastating establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetles (CRB) on Moloka'i, **as reflected in the petition put forward by 'Anakala Kunani and 'Anakē Ipo Nihipali.**

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Weldon Wichman