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LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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HEARING FEB. 4, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HB 1276
POSITION: OPPOSE

Animal Rights Hawaii opposes further taxpayer monies to be appropriated for the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported total livestock including Cattle, Hogs, Milk, Eggs and Aquaculture value in 2008 was \$83,320,000

Total value of HI agriculture was \$609,404,000
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% GSP from all agriculture sales was 1.216% of HI GSP.

% GSP from Livestock sales was .166% of HI GSP.

Discriminating grocery stores such as Whole Foods will not sell meat from pigs confined in gestation crates nor those fed a non-vegetarian diet. Hawaii has the dubious distinction of feeding more garbage to pigs than any other state. In fact, several states have banned feeding swill to pigs for public health reasons.

Whole Foods will also not buy eggs from battery farms. This is a trend in consumer choice that is being ignored by local farmers.

This morning's headline in the Star Advertiser was "Social service funding drying up"
Whilst education and health care for the poor are struggling, how can you consider throwing more taxpayer dollars into the HLC money pit?

Until and unless the Legislature is willing to make public ALL the monies that have been thrown into this money pit, we demand a moratorium on any more infusions to the livestock industry.

Respectfully submitted,



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President