



**Hawaii Farm Bureau**

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**TESTIMONY**

**Re: HB1570 SD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of commercial farm and ranch families and organizations in the State is in **STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1570 SD1** providing assistance to livestock producers for feed costs.

Ranchers across the State are moving towards grassfed operations. However, it is work in progress. Time is needed to improve their ability to provide grass throughout the year including drought periods.

Poultry farmers face similar issues with no local grain sources. We need to sustain both industries as they seek cost effective feed solutions.

We respectfully request your support to move this measure forward. We appreciate this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

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**YEE-HAW!!**

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## **HB1570 HD2 SD1**

**Appropriates funds to reimburse livestock producers for feed costs. Makes goat farmers with a herd of at least 25 lactating milking goats eligible for the livestock revitalization program.**

**Effective July 1, 2030. (SD1) (\$)**

**I, Angela Kaaihue, support HB1570 HD2 SD1**

**Please Please, Pretty Please**

**SAVE OUR  
GOATS!!**

**PROBLEM #1: PEOPLE including the STATE DLNR ARE GUNNING THOUSANDS OF GOATS THROUGH ERRADICATION PROCESSES CLAIMING THEY ARE A NUISANCE. Please stop gunning down our food supply!!**

**Thousands of goats are being shot dead and their carcass is left to rot under the Hot Hawaiian Sun!!**

**Some people including the DLNR may think GOATS are a nuisance, but they are an excellent source of FOOD! So Please stop GUNNING down our FOOD SUPPLY! There is a huge demand and market for GOATS.**

Captain Cook brought them to Hawaii many years ago so that they would duplicate and we could eat them. Now, goats are everywhere. With increasing oil prices, we need to protect our food source, so that we won't have to rely so much on imported foods. So why are we gunning down our food source? Just because someone started crying "GOATS are a Nuisance"! They are wrong!! This has started a spiraling downward trend, so that people are now rounding them up by helicopter and gunning them down? Here's a better solution: Round them up, send them to WAIMALU VALLEY RANCH, and SAVE OIL by importing less food!! Trust me, WAIMALU VALLEY RANCH knowS what to do with these goats!! We have Hundreds of hungry people lined up wanting these goats. So why are we shooting them dead? Why are we destroying our own HEALTHY herd stock, OUR food source when they are right next door to us GOAT HUNGRY people?

**SAVE OIL, SAVE A SOLDIER'S LIFE  
STOP GUNNING DOWN OUR ISLAND GOATS!  
GOATS ARE NOT A NUISANCE, THEY ARE OUR  
ISLANDS FOOD SUPPLY!**

Goats are a wonderful and excellent source of food. There is a market here for them. Goats, the very ones being GUNNED down are in high demand AS A FOOD SOURCE. These goats are preferred over farm-raised goats because these GOATS eat grass and Haole Koa are strong and healthy!! I know thousands of people who would eat goats only if I could get someone to round them up and send them to me. If people can spend the time and money to round them up BY HELICOPTERS and shoot HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF THEM DEAD AS PART OF a goat eradication process, then why don't they just round them up, put them in a container and bring them to WAIMALU VALLEY RANCH!! We will pay the price to eat healthy, strong, delicious tasting goats!!

It is a delicacy in some cultures. For some people, Goat meat is preferred over beef or pork. SAVE OUR GOATS and STOP SHOOTING THEM DEAD (hundreds and thousands of them) LEAVING THEIR CARCASS TO ROTT in the hot Hawaiian sun. THEY ARE NOT A NUISANCE. THEY ARE HAWAII'S VALUABLE STOCK SUPPLY OF FOOD.

The 3 necessities & essential for survival:

**FOOD-SHELTER-CLOTHING**

**“Without these, we would not survive!”**



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**These pictures show that GOATS need to be protected by Hawaii's Law and Policies. Goats are a food source, and can help to Sustain Hawaii's food**



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supply, and thus making Hawaii less dependent on imported foods. Let's work together and stop gunning THOUSANDS OF them down!!

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my testimony.

***Ms. Angela Kaaihue***

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L A T E

Testimony of Island Dairy  
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1570, LIVESTOCK REVITALIZATION BILL  
March 30, 2011

My name is Bahman Sadeghi, and I am the president of Island Dairy Inc. I am writing to you today, to ask for your **support** of Livestock Revitalization Bill 1570. As you may know, Island Dairy is one of two remaining dairies left in the State.

Island Dairy was one of the many beneficiaries of the Livestock Revitalization bill passed in 2007. It provided us the opportunity to not only survive a difficult market, but also allowed us time to reinvent ourselves.

In the past 3 years, Island Dairy has been trying to become self sufficient by growing as much locally grown feed as possible. As with any new venture, there was a learning curve in trying to obtain the knowhow and at the same time, invest in equipment and land development. A task made more difficult as our operation was scrambling in survival mode.

We very much need to keep our livestock industry alive. Once we lose an operation, it will be exponentially more difficult to start a new one, considering the required capital and regulatory demands as well as land use.

The passage of Bill 1570 will provide for us an opportunity to sustain the operations we have been committed to and develop it further with additional investments. All necessary to compete with mainland imports.

We all know that cost of transportation will continue to escalate over the next couple of decades. We need to think long term and recognize if we continually innovate and invest in our operations, the trend is in our favor. This coupled with food safety and security, makes this a vital interest for the State.

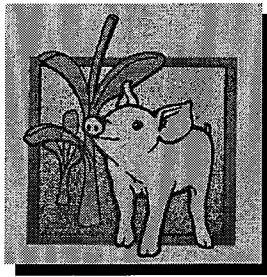
Livestock industry should be looked upon as an agricultural infrastructure of the State. We need to ride through these uncertain times and keep our focus on the long-term.

Thank you for your support.

Aloha,

Bahman Sadeghi, President

Island Dairy, Inc.



**M & H Kaneshiro Farms**  
Island Fresh Pork

**L A T E**

**To the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
March 30, 2011  
Conference Rm. 211, 9:30 AM**

**Testimony In Favor of HB 1570 HD2**

Appropriates funds to reimburse livestock producers for feed costs

**Senator David Y. Ige, Chair**

**Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair**

**and Committee Members:**

**Greetings,**

I am Valerie Kaneshiro, herd manager for our family farm on Kauai. Mamo Kaneshiro's family has been farming hogs in this area over 90 years. And I myself have been caring for these fine individuals, over 30 years. But in the winter of '07-'08, I cried. Feed prices had skyrocketed due to the use of corn for ethanol. We're efficient producers who work long hours to provide a fresh protein product that's in high demand. But even I began to doubt that we could make ends meet, so my husband Derwin and I began to reduce the herd for what would be our phase-out. And then the Livestock Revitalization Program saved us. A lot of really exciting things have happened since then!

The money was directly invested in new feed-saving feeders. We fixed the pens. And, it allowed us to set up a real office where others can come and help with accounting. Mamo and Haruko were still running the large successful business out of a porch off the back of their bedroom.

In addition, things have been looking up on other fronts. We're seeing more people supporting our local economy, and specifically, a local food source. They're eating fresh and patronizing local farmer's markets, grocery stores, and restaurants featuring locally grown food. We are proud members of the new Farm Bureau sponsored, Kauai Grown program. More and more restaurants and individuals around the state are calling, asking to buy our pork. You see, pork is not like beef that is better aged. With pork, fresher tastes better.



**Pigs are incredibly useful creatures. There are so many ways they play a vital role in sustainability and recycling. For years, farmers and nurserymen have been wanting the manure in an easy to transport form, for its fertilizer and soil amendment value. In the last couple years, revolutionary new ideas in pen design are being implemented using green waste in the pens, making it easier for farmers to gather their manure byproducts for use in composting and even alternate energy generation. We're moving forward with bold plans, in conjunction with Pacific Light & Power, to incorporate our hog's manure with green waste to fuel a biodigester that will generate electricity and revitalize large segments of Kauai. Byproducts from electrical generation will be a high value soil amendment and refrigeration for a modern, efficient, mobile slaughter and processing plant. Kauai is in dire need of a processing facility in order for the livestock industry to persevere, and the pigs will play a pivotal role in making that become a reality.**

**There is so much opportunity for growth and employment, not just for us, but for others too. We've been able to help a neighboring free-range layer chicken business grow. Because we have feed containers coming from the mainland, it helps them get feed and supplies to their birds too. Without Kauai Farm's Garden Island Eggs, we have no other egg farm on Kauai.**

**And our local community college is looking to intensify an agricultural initiative. At a recent planning session, having mentors and internships on farms was identified as a key to its success. We're looking forward to partnering with KCC, and others, to train the next generation of agriculturists.**

**Lots of organizations in our community have benefited from this farm. We continue to donate fresh pork to countless school groups, church groups, sports teams, hula halaus, cancer society, clubs, and families. We're happy when we can give!**

**Meanwhile, we hear farmers on the mainland are planting record acreages of corn and soy beans, trying to keep up with world demands. Also, there are groups pushing for an end to the ethanol subsidies, and a repeal of the approval for 15% ethanol. We're hoping that corn and soybean prices will stabilize.**

**In the near future, alternative energy production, like biodigestion, will be something pigs will play a vital role in, while we work at developing other energy sources that do not require food (corn) to make fuel (ethanol).**

**We sincerely appreciate any help saving our last herds in Hawaii. The bloodlines, acclimated and selected for generations to thrive in our climate, are irreplaceable. When they're gone-- they're gone.**

**Respectfully Yours,  
Valerie Kaneshiro**