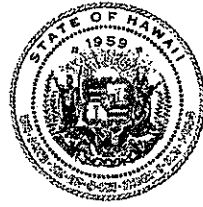


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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Friday, April 01, 2011
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 174/HOUSE RESOLUTION 150
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONVENE THE FERAL ANIMAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKING GROUP TO
DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE FERAL ANIMALS
MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) understands the intent and goal of House Concurrent Resolution 174/House Resolution 150 to better coordinate and control feral animals and the negative impacts they can have on our environment and private and public property. However, because of the large commitment of staff, time and resources it will take to implement and administer this taskforce, the Department is not able to support this new initiative with limited existing resources.

The Department believes that community based management approaches on a regional basis, dealing with the communities most pressing local issues, offers a better forum to discuss and resolve feral animal issues. These forums provide partnerships and cooperation between local landowners, both private and public, local hunters, conservation, recreationist and forest users to identify and implement the highest priority and best local solutions, rather than statewide review and directions. There are already many existing advisory committees and partnerships working on feral animal control issues. The Natural Area Reserves System Commission, watershed partnerships, community conservation groups, and local hunting clubs across the state are engaged on game mammal issues, and Coordinating Group on Alien Pests, Hawaii Invasive Species Council, and County Invasive Species Committees deal with invasive species issues. Additionally, there are the many existing studies and previous working group results that are available as resources to these regional efforts without repeating those costs and efforts. To administer a project of this magnitude would likely cost \$50,000 for dedicated Department staffing and \$150,000 for a professional facilitator, travel, supplies and materials. Use of

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\$200,000 in resources, were it available, is more urgently needed to replace the six (6) vacant or eliminated wildlife biologists or wildlife technician positions on West Hawaii, Oahu, Maui and Kauai; invasive species coordinator position; and endangered forest bird biologist position. The Department believes that with available resources, the Department's time and effort would be more productively spent working at the community level and with existing forums.



Written Comments

HCR174

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
TO CONVENE THE FERAL ANIMAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKING
GROUP TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE
FERAL ANIMALS MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

Comments by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Charlotte A. Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director

Presented to the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources

Friday, April 1, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 325

Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

I am Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. The Bureau appreciates this opportunity to submit the following written comments on House Concurrent Resolution No. 174.

H.C.R. No. 174, among other things, requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene the Feral Animal Conflict Resolution Working Group to develop and recommend statewide comprehensive feral animal management policies. In addition, the measure also requests that the Working Group submit draft documents to the Legislative Reference Bureau by no later than November 1, 2011, so that the Bureau can assemble, finalize, and submit the Working Group's report to the Legislature and Governor, no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012, which is to include:

- (1) The Working Group's work, information, deliverables, findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, including problems with existing statutes or administrative rules;
- (2) The Working Group's recommendations regarding the continuation, discontinuation, modification, or placement of the group, to include budgetary requirements or constraints related to continuing or modifying the Working Group, and recommendations regarding maximizing the Working Group's effectiveness to meet future work needs; and

- (3) Minority reports and dissenting positions, if applicable.

The Bureau takes no position on the merits of the measure, but notes that, since the Working Group is to be administratively attached to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, then all the requested functions, with the exception of the drafting of legislation, would be more appropriately handled by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, not the Bureau. With regard to assisting the Working Group with the drafting of legislation, the Bureau would be amenable to providing such services.

Thank you again for allowing us to comment on this measure.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Commenting on H.C.R. 174 and H.R. 150 Requesting the Department of Land and Natural
Resources to Convene the Feral Animal Conflict Resolution Working Group to Develop and
Recommend Statewide Comprehensive Feral Animals Management Polices
House Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
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The Nature Conservancy appreciates the intent H.C.R. 174 and H.R. 150. However, we are concerned that without funding and personnel support, the multi-organizational coordination, research, analysis and reporting requested by the resolutions will be extremely difficult to manage and achieve. The organizations named in the resolutions are doing their very best to achieve their individual and collective missions, but many—if not most—are also struggling with budget and personnel shortages.

Many animals that were introduced to Hawai'i by humans, including pigs, goats, sheep, deer, cattle, cats, dogs, mongoose, and rats, if left unmanaged cause significant damage to agriculture, private property, native plants and animals (many of which are endangered), and public health. Their feeding, trampling, digging, feces and urine can destroy native species, damage crops, promote the spread of weeds and disease, and increase runoff and sedimentation in streams and onto coral reefs. Controlling non-native, free roaming animals is an important aspect of good land management, sound agricultural practices, public health protection, and natural resource preservation. A combination of control methods that, used carefully and considering the right tools for the right job, results in significant positive results with few negative consequences.

While Hawai'i has an important history of hunting game mammals for food and recreation, it is a modern history. With the exception of the Hawaiian bat, Hawaii has no native land mammals. Wild pigs were introduced from Europe and Asia after 1778. The smaller Polynesian pig brought by the first Hawaiians is gone (except on Ni'ihau), crowded out by these later introductions. However, as much as we need effective animal control to protect native species and habitat, there is no need to totally eradicate these introduced mammals from the islands. While specific large natural areas of highest priority for preserving native species should be intensively managed, tens—if not hundreds—of thousands of acres can be maintained for managed populations of game animals. A balance can be achieved between recreational and subsistence uses, public health, property protection, and conservation of irreplaceable native ecosystems.

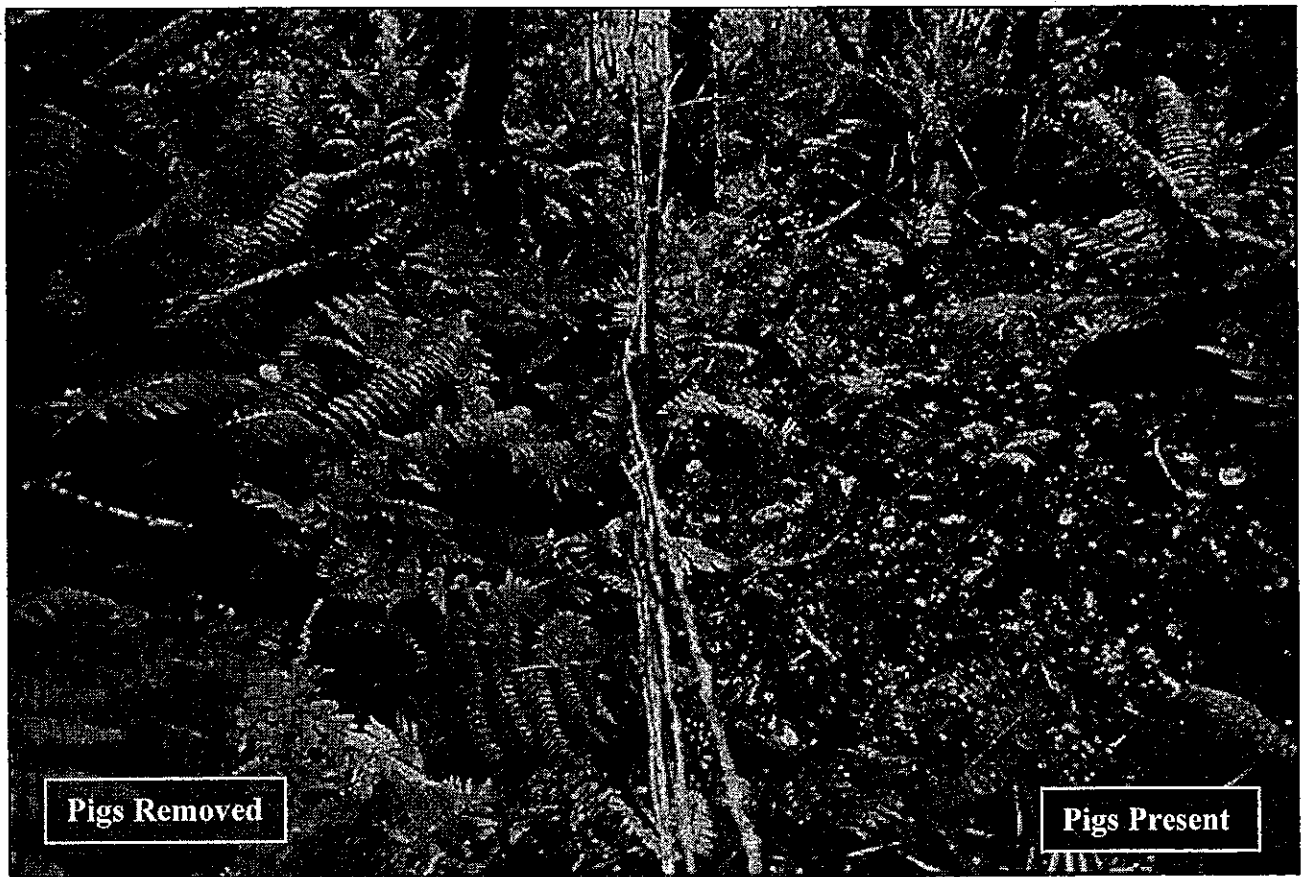
As you can see from the attached photos, left unmanaged, feral animals can cause significant damage to native species and natural resources, particularly native forests, streams and coastline. Thankfully, as a state we are finally recognizing the need to manage our forested watersheds. There are now eleven watershed partnerships made up of state, federal, county, and private landowners encompassing more than 1,250,000 across the state. The primary activities of these partnerships is controlling invasive plants and animals so that our forests and watersheds can thrive and continue to deliver the benefits we depend on—not the least of which is fresh water. When our economy improves, it is essential that we invest more in such efforts.

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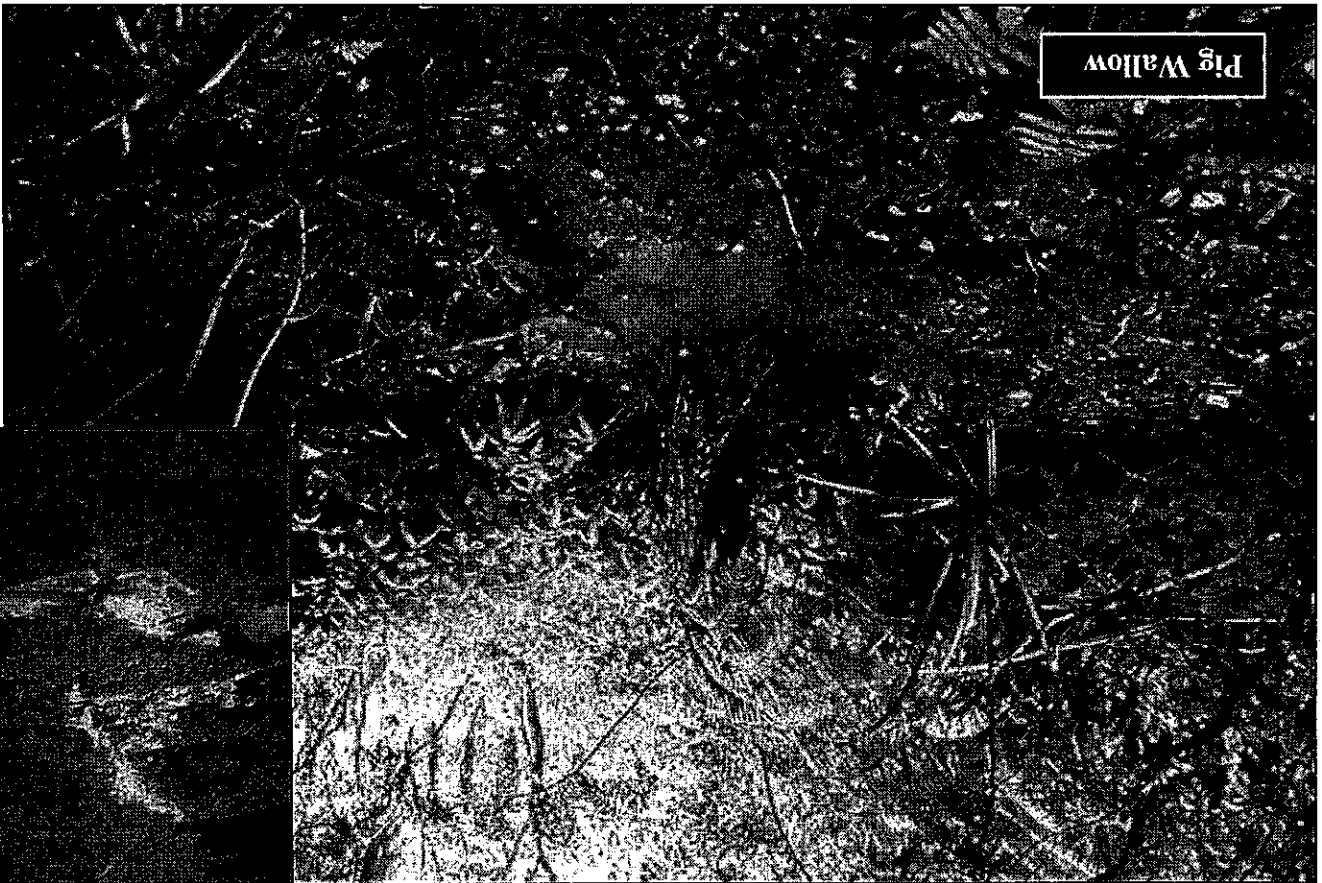


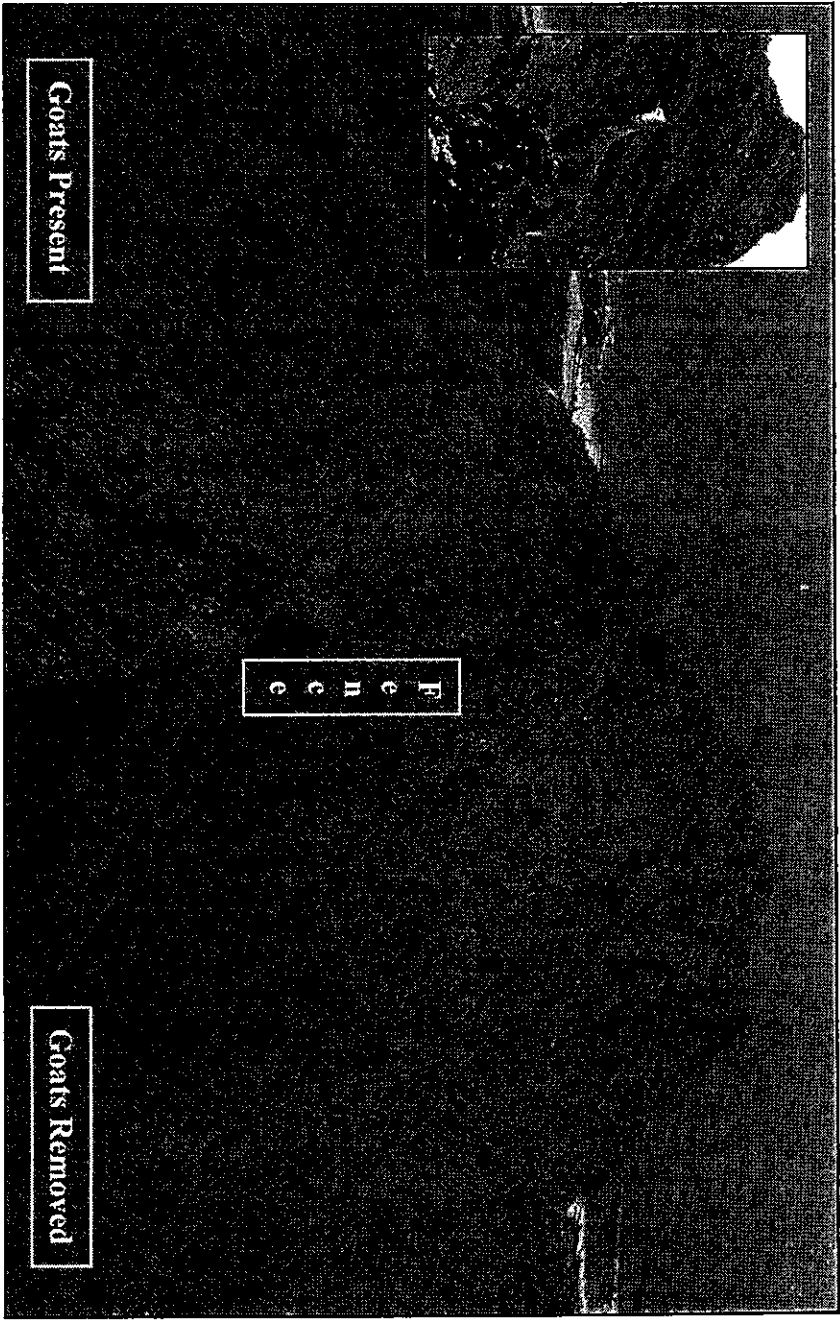
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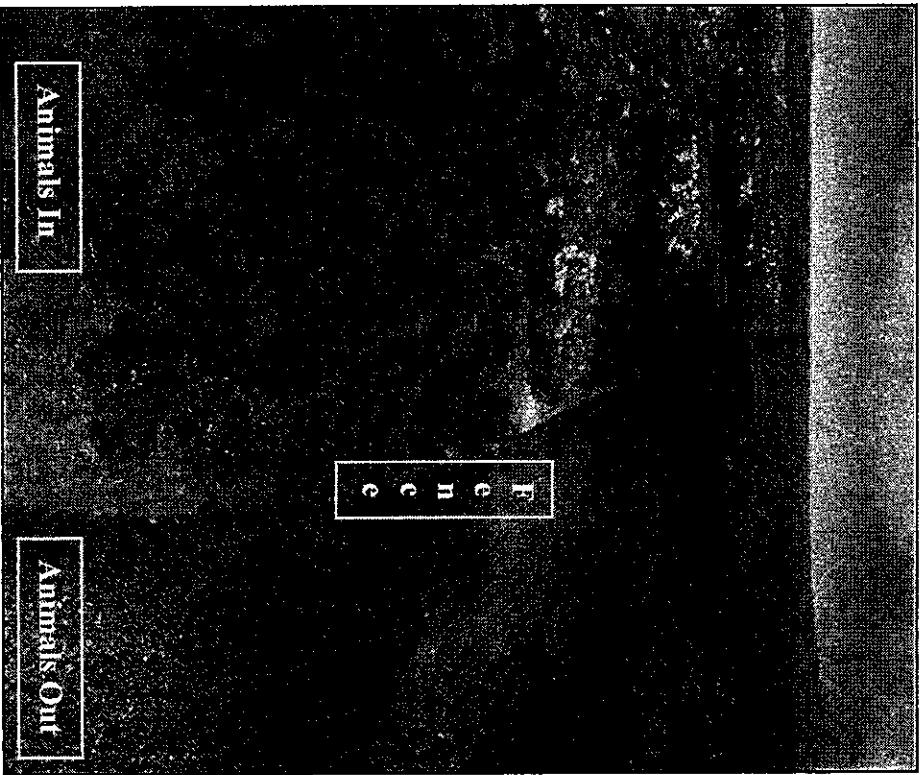
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CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAII

Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources

Hearing: Friday, April 1, 2011 10:30 am

Room 325

In Support of HCR 174 and HR 150

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawaii supports HCR 174 and HR 150 requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene the feral animal conflict resolution working group to develop and recommend statewide comprehensive feral animal management policies. Feral non-native animals pose serious challenges for private and public land managers, businesses, and the general public. A working group of this nature would be helpful.

We look forward to helping in this matter in any way we can.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please adopt HCR 174 and HR 150.

Marjorie Ziegler



Hawaii's Voice for Wildlife – *Ko Leo Hawaii no na holoholona lohiu*

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Founded in 1857

March 31, 2011

Testimony IN SUPPORT of HCR174/HR150 Requesting DLNR convene a feral animal working group.

HRA supports this resolution and looks forward to participating as a working group member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

TO: Honorable Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Har and Committee Members

House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources, 4-1-11 1030am, Rm 325

RE: Comments on HCR174/HR150; Feral Animal Working Group

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
P.O. Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, igibson@hsus.org, 808-922-9910

The Humane Society of the United States supports the intent of HCR 174/HR 150; requesting the DLNR to convene a working group to discuss and develop recommendations related to feral animals, however, we have a number of concerns with the resolution to include:

- Unbalanced representation: The mission and interests of the proposed 29 member working group participants puts our organization's interests in animal welfare and the protection of *all* animals, in the minority from the onset of the convening of the group. Fair and balanced representation should include a smaller number of participants with more diverse interests rather than numerous agencies with similar positions and activities related to feral animals, specifically, existing eradication and control efforts.
- A 29 member working group may prove too large to produce any substantive results in the limited number of meetings (4) and by the date required (November 2011).
- It remains unclear if DLNR has the funding, staff or resources to provide administrative support to the group. Furthermore, it is unclear what agency or organization will fund an objective, unbiased facilitator necessary to lead the group.
- As drafted the resolution proposes to encompass all free-roaming animals to include canines, equines and felines, rather than specific feral animal species, again raising concerns with the group's ability to produce any substantive recommendations in the time period required.

Regardless of whether or not this particular resolution moves forward, our organization remains committed to continuing communication and collaboration with various stakeholders and agencies on feral animal issues, and will continue to pursue other opportunities to serve on similar working groups, taskforces or coalitions to more humanely and effectively reduce feral animal conflict.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

har3 - Megan

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 3:09 PM
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Cc: misc@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HCR174 on 4/1/2011 10:30:00 AM

Testimony for WLO 4/1/2011 10:30:00 AM HCR174

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Teya Penniman
Organization: Maui Invasive Species Committee
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: misc@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

The Maui Invasive Species Committee supports HCR 174. The establishment of a Working Group to address the presence, use, value, and impacts of feral animals is needed. It appears that the Working Group has been structured to foster the participation of the many different stakeholders who are likely to have an interest in the issue. HCR 174 is an important first step in starting the discussion.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:13 PM
To: WLOtestimony
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bird McIver (Nancy D. McIver)
Organization: CB Horse Rescue
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cbhorserescue@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

Aloha, I am Bird McIver from CB Horse Rescue, a registered Hawaii nonprofit corporation. www.hawaiihorserescue.com. We are presently involved in the fostering and relocation of the Waikoloa Nightingales.

The formation of this committee is precipitous, too fast, and without proper public input. This is going to be adding another layer of regulation by people who apparently have little animal experience. You are also not representing all the concerns.

The State of Hawaii is broke. We need to concentrate on what we have, not starting more boondoggles. And that is what this will be. I oppose.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 7:41 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: sydsinger@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HCR174 on 4/1/2011 10:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sydney Ross Singer
Organization: Good Shepherd Foundation
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: sydsinger@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

This bill is redundant with the Invasive Species Council as created by HRS 194 and which deals with all plant and animal invasive species. If the Council is not functioning properly, it should be fixed or lose its funding. This should be addressed before a new advisory group is formed to perform the same functions, except limited to animals. Adding new layers of advisors and working groups on top of those currently existing, and consisting of many of the same entities, is wasteful of time, money and energy, and may result in conflicts in agendas and approaches.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 3:29 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: kona.aco@hihs.org
Subject: Testimony for HR150 on 4/1/2011 10:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mayra Perez
Organization: Hawaii Island Humane Society
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kona.aco@hihs.org
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

There are some districts on the Big Island that we have identified that have severe feral animal problems and look forward to contributing to the process of addressing the issue. HIHS offers the public dog/cat/mongoose traps but have met some resistance with citizens who feel it is the animal control officer's/HIHS' duty to transport and set the traps for them. HIHS unfortunately does not have the man power or funds available to conduct this type of service. Citizens are informed of our limitations and threaten to shoot the animals they want trapped despite being warned of legal ramifications of doing so. HIHS was aware of other government agencies conducting wild animal traps but citizens would call HIHS to voice their objections to the trapping and to ask HIHS to intervene. Districts with a known wild animal problem is intensified even more so when animal owners allow their pets to stray because they see packs of wild animals roaming. So once a complaint is filed in regards to dogs seen loose, the owner's excuse is that their neighborhood is teeming with other loose animals so the offense is excusable. The ACO's educate the pet owners of applicable straying laws and dangers associated with their pet straying but are still met with resistance. It's time consuming to educate one owner at a time and some benefits are seen but the feral animal population is still a problem. Neighborhoods suffer from having a feral animal problem as it keeps citizens from visiting or occupying any available housing. HIHS offers to impound any wild dog at no expense if the citizen is willing to trap but the complaint goes back to HIHS's "dog catcher's" duty to trap the animal for them. We explain safety issues involved in chasing and is the main reason why HIHS does not chase any loose animal. Callers get upset at being informed that there are no "dog catchers" on the island and either curse at the ACO's or insult the mission of HIHS.

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mayra Perez
Organization: Hawaii Island Humane Society
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Phone:
E-mail: kona.aco@hihs.org
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

HIHS ACO's look forward to cooperating with the feral animal group to assist Hawaii in any way possible.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 11:44 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: news4ag@gmail.com
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anika Glass, Waikoloa, HI
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: news4ag@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

COMMENT: This is a nice idea in concept that needs much more work to produce an effective result.

This resolution's stated intent is to address "community concerns, including traffic safety, damage to personal property." I find the proposed committee in this resolution is not well positioned to do this.

On behalf of Malama Waikoloa Nightingales, myself (as a Waikoloa resident, a user of County and State roads, financial supporter and volunteer for a local dryland forest restoration project, and volunteer in a successful, large-scale, volunteer effort to humanely manage feral donkeys in Waikoloa, South Kohala, I submit these CONCERNS:

* A 29 member panel with very complex deliverables due in one year is not feasible nor likely to produce a quality outcome. There are too many members to be effective. Participation is slanted towards State and only well funded groups with narrow interests.

* Yet, representatives of many community groups and individuals with feral animal concerns and public safety concerns are NOT represented. Organizations similar to:

-- Those who spay/neuter and care for feral cats are not represented.

-- The South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee is not included. It is concerned about animals on public roadways.

-- The Waikoloa Village Outdoor Circle Dryland Forest Restoration Project is not included.

-- Groups with similar volunteer, public interests on a larger geographic scale are not included.

-- True community efforts to humanely manage nuisance, unwanted animals are not. These groups actively have outreach that address "community concerns". The legislative authors whom I am familiar with, have not attended these meetings where concerns are shared, status of efforts are shared, and concerns eased.

* All members of the proposed panel must volunteer time and travel expenses, but only some have paid lobbyists or budgets for this. Some have not even been asked, nor consulted, so they could say "no".

* Felines, equines, canines, domesticated animals are comprehensively covered by this resolution, but not represented.

* Individual private property issues will be addressed without legal counsel.

* County governments are not represented.

At least one of those animal rights groups (Hawaii Island Humane Society) is primarily publicly funded, in this case by the County of Hawaii to dispose or nuisance, unwanted dogs and cats, by euthanasia if they cannot be quickly adopted. To me, that is not a member of the community with a concern about

Respectfully,
Anika Glass
Waikoloa, HI

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chris Gaughen
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cdgcdg@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

I appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony on HCR174.

The intent of the resolution is to manage feral animals, but I do not see that feral cats nor feral donkeys have specific representation, although both of these animals have many people who are working towards their humane population control and protection. Perhaps those two animals should either have (1) representation by a formal group that is dedicated to efforts towards their humane control, or, (2) be excluded from this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of my suggestions.

har3 - Megan

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:22 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: mikagawa@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HCR174 on 4/1/2011 10:30:00 AM

Testimony for WLO 4/1/2011 10:30:00 AM HCR174

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Ikagawa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mikagawa@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

Hawaii has terrible problems with uncontrolled populations of feral animals of all kinds, that need to be addressed in a systematic, much more efficient way. The working group is a good beginning. We are already expending considerable resources coping with feral animals, but in the absence of clear, consistent policies and prioritized actions, a lot of effort is wasted on inefficiency. In the meantime we are playing roulette with public health with thousands of animals roaming and interacting in the watersheds, including the unholy triangle of feral chickens, pigs, and humans, which is an influenza risk. Furthermore, the State has not been a good steward of the islands' unique biological resources, which are being lost as uncontrolled populations of pigs, goats, sheep and deer decimate our landscapes. I hope you will pass this resolution and the legislature will work actively to support departmental efforts to conserve what makes Hawaii so unique as a showcase of biological diversity.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: vance dubuclet
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: vancedubuclet@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

All living things are part of the web of life, i.e. take away the pigs and the rotted fruit will be readily available for the rat population to flourish. This increases human sickness. tax payers money should be spent on promoting, not demoting life in Hawaii. Why not fix the coffee blight, or the bee problem? Why kill more things when you can use less resources mending the problems already at hand?

har3 - Megan

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:04 PM
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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nani K Mench Pogline
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: nanihawaii@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill because: 1.Feral animals are a natural resource. 2."Management Policies" usually mean total eradication. 3.Hunters are being deprived of a cultural and historical way of providing for their families. 4.Game animals provide a local food resource, especially in the event of a disaster interrupting the flow of imported food. 5. Spending funds on the "native only" campaign is inappropriate at a time of serious cut backs, and the need of our suffering fellow country, Japan.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 325
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Soma Grismaijer
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
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Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

This bill threatens all wildlife, including mammals, birds, vertebrates, invertebrates, and anything else that is in the animal kingdom that is not confined and is therefore "feral" or free roaming. Are we people unable to share any of the world with wildlife?

While these animals may have occasional positive and negative impacts on human interests, they are our wildlife. Are we really wanting to control all wildlife on these islands? We can't even control ourselves!

We already have federal, state, county, and private entities working on invasive weeds and pests. Each island has an invasive species committee working under the UH and the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. The Invasive Species Council was recently created to coordinate and integrate all these activities, and is supposed to be doing what this bill proposes again do with a new group.

Are we as a culture so obsessed with controlling everything (other than our own negative behaviors) that we need another group to discuss what to kill and how to do it?

There are real problems facing our state. Radiation fallout from Japan is one of them. That may solve the wildlife problem.

har3 - Megan

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Claudia Riley
Organization: Individual
Address:
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E-mail: claudiariley@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

I just want to say that the idea of killing off wild life just to maintain some sort of "control" is a horrible idea. Hunting, with the idea of using the meat for food, is sustainable management. Maybe those government agents, foolish legislators, etc. should go to Japan and do something more worthwhile with their time.