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Testimony for AGR 2/9/2011 10:00:00 AM HB1570

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair
Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

Wednesday, Feb. 09, 2011
10:00am
Conference Room 312
State Capitol

HB 1570
Position: oppose

I am Cathy Goeggel, President of Animal Rights Hawai'i. It was only two years ago when the pig and chicken industry managed to pry \$600,000 from the Legislature for feed - in order to stabilize the livestock industry...

Now a cadre of livestock entrepreneurs is asking for another \$2 million!!!

Is there no end to the greed of the livestock industry? How much more tax payer money is needed to stabilize what is obviously a dying industry.

Yes, the Committee on Agriculture has a certain interest in livestock agriculture, but you also have a fiscal obligation to taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,



THE HOUSE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair
Rep. Mark Hashem, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2011
TIME: 10:00am
PLACE: Conference Room 312, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: Testimony In Strong Support of HB1570 Relating to Agriculture, with suggested amendments so as to include aquaculture animal production

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Hashem, and Committee Members,

The Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association strongly supports HB1570, which supports the agricultural industry in Hawaii by helping agricultural businesses meet their feedstock costs, but respectfully requests necessary amendments to include aquacultural businesses so as to help aquatic animal producers meet their high feedstock costs as well.

As currently worded, HB 1570 only supports feedstock costs of terrestrial livestock production, whereas the feedstock costs of aquatic animal production are equally costly and burdensome. Federal programs under current U.S. Farm Bill recognize the similar burdens of terrestrial and aquatic animal feedstock costs, and do not discriminate between the two. The state should do likewise. Such amendments would be consistent with the recent inclusion of the HDOA Aquaculture Development Program into the HDOA Animal Industry Division previously focusing solely terrestrial livestock services.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald P. Weidenbach, HAAA President

February 8, 2011

To: Representative Clift Tsuji, Chairman
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

Re: House Bill 1570 : Committee on Agriculture

Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Place: Conference Room 312
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415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chairman Clift Tsuji and members of the committee,

My name is Jeffrey Peterson.

I was born and raised on a poultry egg farm in Wahiawa where my family still farms poultry today. For the last 10 years I have been the manager for Land O Lakes Purina Feeds which sells animal livestock feeds here in the State of Hawaii. My personal testimony comes from being both raised on a local family poultry farm and also working with the feed industry.

Back in 1999 there were 14 dairy farms, 17 poultry operations and numerous hog farms across the islands. Today we have one dairy, 4 poultry farms and a handful of hog farms in the state. In 2007 a livestock revitalization bill passed allowing for the livestock industry time and assistance to adjust to the increase in costs and change their business model to survive in the future in Hawaii.

I ask myself has it helped? I know first hand it has saved a number of family farms from going out of business. I know they are still struggling as they continue to change. I have seen some of the farmers change their business models by selling directly to the end user, another processing their own products to sell to the market as opposed to going to a middle man, another upgrading some of their old equipment to be more efficient with the best management practices.

It has been traumatic for the current generation of producers. I ask myself what will the next generation look like? Will there be one. What would be the impact to the local consumer or Hawaii. There are still many challenges in front of the farmers we have left producing food in Hawaii. Sustainability and growth through change needs to be achieved by current farmers. They have proved to be receptive to change and there are opportunities in Hawaii.

I support HB 1570 with its intent and purpose.

Respectively submitted,

Jeffrey A. Peterson

OPPOSE!

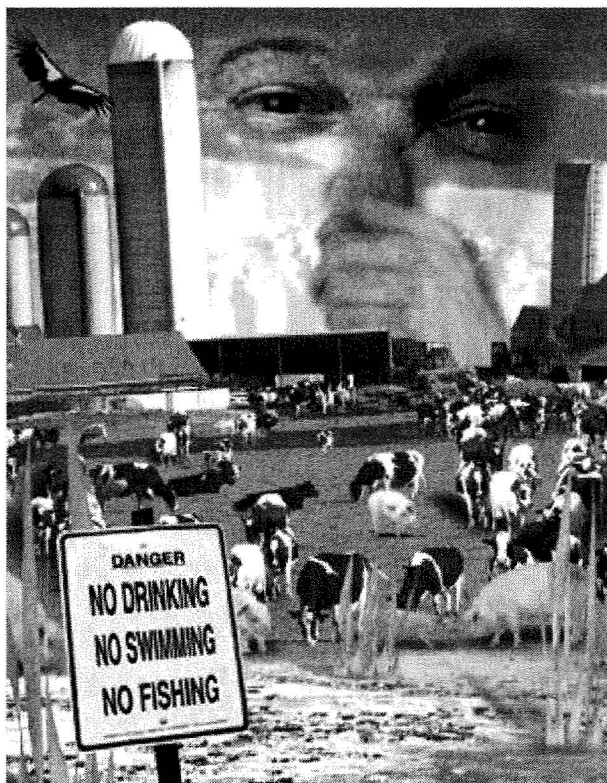
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(FEEDSTOCK SUBSIDIES)
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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE (AGR)
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair
Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

Dear Representatives:

No more bailouts & subsidies for sinking, unchanging animal agriculture businesses doing more of the same.

The main reason some dairy & egg farms here have closed was not because of rising feed stock but because of **low consumer demand**. Despite receiving *millions* in state funding & subsidies over the years, **Hawaii's meat, dairy, egg products remain to be higher in price yet lower in quality** than those imported/sold at places like Costco & Sam's Club. The huge shopping crowds and thriving profit margins of these wholesalers prove that. They also prove that meat neither had to be freshly killed (as 99% of the meat sold are imported chilled) nor milk & eggs newly squeezed out of the animals to be good.



As people wise up about **growth hormones**, **PCB levels**, and **antibiotics** in milk, meat, and egg, they spend more money on organic, products.

For those who are health or environmentally conscious, cruelty to animals and pollution at the local level is unacceptable as a whole.

So unless there are changes made in current animal agriculture practice, please refrain from pumping more subsidies into this outdated industry. Please toss HB1570!

Mahalo nui ~

Anjie Pham
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/6/2011

Comments:

Once again the Hawaii legislature chooses to give a monetary bail out to the animal food industry, when virtually every health authority in the US is recommending the consumption of more fruits and vegetables.

That will only come about when taxpayer subsidies are eliminated, thus putting animal ag on the free market where it belongs.

Why recommend that people eat healthy foods and then give monetary support only to the unhealthy ones?

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Submitted on: 2/6/2011

Comments:

please do not support this expensive, unnecessary bill. The cattle industry needs to succeed on its own, or else fail and should not be the responsibility of taxpayers.

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Comments: