

**SB 1145**

**SD 1**

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## Support SB 1145

**Requires the State to attain certain food sustainability standards by enumerated deadlines. Requires the department of agriculture to monitor the State's progress with respect to achieving the food sustainability standards. Requires the department of agriculture to report to the legislature annually. Makes an appropriation to the department of agriculture to effectuate the purpose of this Act. (SD1) (\$)**

**I, Angela Kaaihue, support SB 1068**

**PROBLEM #1: PEOPLE 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!!**

**People on the Big Island 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.**

**PROBLEM #2: THE STATE WOULD RATHER LEASE VALUABLE STATE OWNED AGRICULTURE LAND TO RAISE COCK FIGHTING ROOSTERS INSTEAD OF ME!!.** Yes, its absolutely and ridiculously true! Prime agriculture lands owned by the STATE is leased to unqualified people on a month 2 month basis and is used as a breeding ground for cock-fighting roosters. This has been ongoing for years!! I submitted my lease application so that I may diversify agriculture to market and distribute goats to meet our demand for sustainable foods here in Hawaii, and to raise horses, and other livestock, but I have been denied!! I want to know WHY?? It doesn't make sense!

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, and eat them, and SAVE OIL by not relying so much on imported foods!!

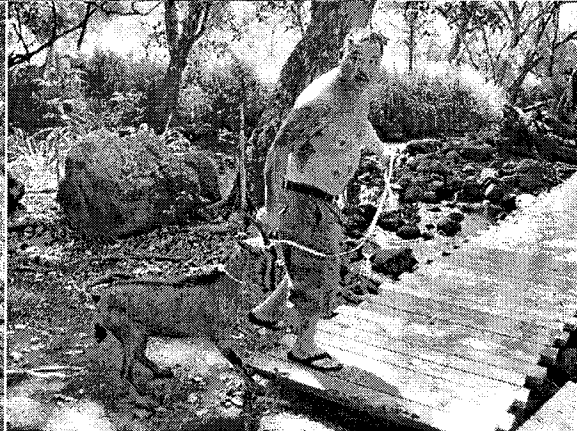
Goats are a wonderful and excellent source of food. There is a market here for them. Goats, the very ones being GUNNNED down are in high demand AS A FOOD SOURCE. These goats are preferred over farm-raised goats because these GOATS that eat grass and Haole Koa are strong and healthy!! I know thousands 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.

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

The 3 necessities & essential for survival:  
**FOOD-SHELTER-CLOTHING**  
“Without these, we would not survive!”



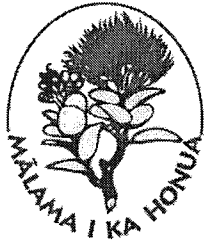


**These pictures show that GOATS need to be protected by Hawaii's Law and Policies. Goats are a food source, and can help to Sustain Hawaii's food supply, and thus making Hawaii less dependent on imported foods. Let's work together and stop gunning THOUSANDS OF them down!!**

**This is ANIMAL CRUELTY AND PEOPLE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR GUNNING DOWN OUR FOOD SOURCE!!**

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

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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(Testimony is 3 pages long)

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1145 SD1 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with 8000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, *supports* SB 1145 SD1. This measure creates a vision of food self-sufficiency and sets metrics to ensure compliance over time. However, in order to ensure compliance, it appears that some connection must be made between compliance and land use planning within the State.

The Hawaii State Constitution, article XI, section, is explicit about the need to “conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase self-sufficiency,” and the obligation to “assure the availability of agricultural suitable lands.” Despite this rather clear directive, Hawai'i has moved in the wrong direction. We import approximately eighty-five per cent of our food. Currently, Hawaii has a fresh supply of produce for no more than ten days. Ninety per cent of the beef, sixty-seven per cent of fresh vegetables, sixty-five per cent of fresh fruits, and seventy per cent of all milk consumed in the state are imported.

Further, over the past 50 years, approximately 53% of Class A and B lands have been reclassified to urban use. On Oahu alone, almost 4,000 acres of prime farmland have been reclassified in the past 20 years.

Our current strategy for increasing diversified agriculture and promoting self-sufficiency plainly isn't working. The definition of stupidity is doing the same thing over again and expecting different results. Plainly Hawai'i needs to look at new solutions.

SB 1145 sets a new vision. It creates a specific targets and requires annual reporting. A similar concept helped pump prime Hawai'i's clean energy industry. Hawai'i's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards were a key part in starting the clean energy movement. Tangible goals with metrics that define success effectively brought previously bickering parties together to solve Hawai'i's dangerous dependence on foreign oil.

Just fifty years ago half our food was produced locally. We can aspire a return to that level of self-sufficiency through self-enforcing standards that encourage collaboration between landowners, farmers, and the State.

Relying on DOA estimates, this concept could generate a billion dollars in new sales for our businesses, stimulate \$300 million in new household earnings, create more than 14,000 new jobs with living wages, and pump \$39 million in new tax revenues into our state coffers.

Enforceability of the Food Sustainability Standards is necessary. For example, Hawai'i adopted a goal of reducing its waste production by 50% by the year 2000 (a goal that has been essentially ignored).

Without enforcement, stakeholders will not have a reason to treat the standards with the level of seriousness necessary to ensure compliance. Enforcement, particularly tied to one of the problems hamstringing food production, is a means to bring everyone to the table for positive solutions.

***PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:***

We propose adding a new § - 4 subsection to amend Haw. Rev. Stat. § 205-2

**§205-2 Districting and classification of lands.**

(a) There shall be four major land use districts in which all lands in the State shall be placed: urban, rural, agricultural, and conservation. The land use commission shall group contiguous land areas suitable for inclusion in one of these four major districts. The commission shall set standards for determining the boundaries of each district, provided that:

(1) In the establishment of boundaries of urban districts those lands that are now in urban use and a sufficient reserve area for foreseeable urban growth shall be included;

(2) In the establishment of boundaries for rural districts, areas of land composed primarily of small farms mixed with very low density residential lots, which may be shown by a minimum density of not more than one house per one-half acre and a minimum lot size of not less than one-half acre shall be included, except as herein provided;

(3) In the establishment of the boundaries of agricultural districts the greatest possible protection shall be given to those lands with a high capacity for intensive cultivation; and

(4) In the establishment of the boundaries of conservation districts, the "forest and water reserve zones" provided in Act 234, section 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 1957, are renamed "conservation districts" and, effective as of July 11, 1961, the boundaries of the forest and water reserve zones theretofore established pursuant to Act 234, section 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 1957, shall constitute the boundaries of the conservation districts; provided that thereafter the power to determine the boundaries of the conservation districts shall be in the commission.

In establishing the boundaries of the districts in each county, the commission shall give consideration to the master plan or general plan of the county. No agriculture district boundary reclassification will be granted in a county that fails to achieve the state food sustainability standards, as defined in section \_\_\_\_\_, for a continuous period of two or more years.

SB 1145, as amended, is an opportunity to create a self-sustaining vision of Hawai'i's future. We hope this Committee will allow it to proceed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.