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SB 1337

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Testimony for AGL 2/1/2011 3:00:00 PM SB1337

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

Animal agricultue produces only unhealthy and environmentally unsound foods, and can never make it on a free market. It should be allowed a natural death rather than annual attempts at resuscitation.

In addition this bill SB1337 alleges that beef and pork provide essential nutrition to Hawaii citizens. So they do, but all of those essential nutrients come second hand from the plant foods the animals ate. The only unique ingredients are cholesterol and saturated fat, both risk factors to human health.

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Comments:
Support intent

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Comments:

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Agriculture

Senate Committee on

February 1, 2011
Conference Room 229
State Capitol at 3:00 pm

Testimony on SB 140, SB1337
Position: oppose

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele:

I am Cathy Goeggel, President of Animal Rights Hawai'i and I wish to express our opposition to these and any other attempts to provide financial defibrillation to the moribund livestock industry in Hawai'i.

Remember the taxpayers' monies that built Moloka'i slaughterhouse, the sweetheart lease deal given Hamakua slaughterhouse, the attempt by the legislature to spend \$65,000 of taxpayer monies for cowtainers, the \$million bond to Palama Meat and the Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative (HLC) abattoir in Campbell Industrial Park (CIP), the state support of feed and shipping for pigs and chickens from just two years ago, and the scandal surrounding the land swap with Hawai'i Raceway Park some years earlier.

Well, Palama Meat went bankrupt and the HLC is \$100,000 in arrears in paying back two loans totalling \$600,000 from the State Dept. of Agriculture. In fact, it was only immediately after our inquiry in November of last year, that HLC made any payments since 2008. I have not been able to ascertain if HLC has been paying lease rent to the State either.

I remember well hearing that the HLC killing plant would provide many new jobs and provide "hot" pork for the local markets as well as provide killing for spent dairy cows. O'ahu has

only one tiny boutique dairy left whose market is limited; the numbers of pigs imported for slaughter has decreased significantly; Local meat remains more expensive and is found only at a few stores--and is totally missing from Costco, Safeway and other large purveyors of meat. So now that the reasons for building the plant in the first place have disintegrated, the State now wants to enlarge and embellish the Kalaeloa property and then hope

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that they will have been right. If the cattlemen want to gamble (if you build it, they will come ?), let it be with their own money, not ours.

When I read the introduction to this bill, I thought it might be a bit of an inside joke- as I am sure you know, there is only one slaughterhouse in CIP--so why not name it?

The majority of Hawai'i cattle are on the Big Island, where there already are slaughterhouses. There are killing plants on Maui and Kaua'i as well. If the State is determined to squander money on cattle, why not do it where the cows are, and build a rendering plant there. If the idea is to finish the cows on O'ahu, allow me to remind you of the rusting fences of the defunct feed lot on state land, abutting the HLC.

The gorgeous green pastures that are currently home to cows could be used for biofuel production or other agricultural enterprises, and can remain green, whilst actually helping Hawai'i to self sufficiency.

It is obvious that livestock agriculture in Hawai'i cannot contribute to our economy--rather it is a drain on our already dwindling coffers. I do not want any more money spent to provide a rural lifestyle for a very few large landowners.

Please hold these bills
Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Goeggel

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Comments:

I believe that the island should be promoting more food sustainability. Raising animals on such a small landmass is not the way to do it. This is not to say that Hawaiians should not have access to meat, but it does beg the question -how much locally produced meat do Hawaiians eat? I hazard to guess that it is a small percentage relative to overall meat consumption. Livestock degrade the land, pollute watersheds, and introduce pathogens into the environment. Supporting a slaughterhouse would be counterproductive to improving sustainability.

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Comments:

OPPOSE!

SB1337
(HAWAII LIVESTOCK CO-OP GRANT FOR SLAUGHTERHOUSE)
Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 3 p.m.
State Capitol, Rm. 229

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Sen. Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

Dear Senators:

There is no such thing as a “sustainable” meat processing industry, and certainly not at our current level of appetite/consumption. Those who truly have common sense or concerns about ecology/the environment will NOT blindly support this bill.

There are many things wrong with Hawaii Livestock Cooperative’s request for more funding to flush down their already sinking business model. The most important one is: **They have neither proven nor given any example of how they will make their meat processing operation “sustainable”** except to increase the number of slaughter, cruelty, and pollution.

Simply jumping on the bandwagon of local-ism is NOT good enough. In a rush to “go local”, must we also bring **environmental pollution & cruelty to the local level** as well? **Dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation** are just some of the inevitable outcomes of slaughterhouses (and other types of pollution associated with animal agriculture.)

Please toss this bill. Mahalo~

Anjie Pham
Honolulu, Hawaii