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**SB 140**



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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 1, 2011  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 229

**SB 140**

**MAKING A GRANT APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII LIVESTOCK  
COOPERATIVE.**

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation **supports the intent of this bill** for the following reasons:

- We understand that the Oahu facility is in financial distress.
- For island food sustainability and food security reasons, the Oahu facility **should remain open** to supply meat to the population.
- Most of the population of the islands reside on Oahu and most of these people and our island visitors are not vegetarians; they do eat meat.
- Even if meat shipments from the mainland are available to the islands, **this facility supports local livestock farmers/ranchers.**
- Many in the local community prefer fresh meat to that coming in from the mainland.
- Our understanding is that at the present time, the facility is used mainly for pork processing but that it may also be useful for beef processing in the future.

We hope that this bill will at least further discussion on the situation and its potential resolution.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to offer comments.

nishihara5 - Randy

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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.

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Conference room: 229  
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Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 1/31/2011

### Comments:

There is no "sustainable" animal agriculture to be done on a populated island that is approximately 2500 miles from the western coast of the U.S. Hawaii, a place rich in tidal, wind, solar and geothermal energy cannot provide even 25% of the energy requirements for it's population. This would likely be the first "sustainable slaughterhouse" to manifest in the West and probably unique to the Earth. What about all the water and food requirements? What about the waste and runoff from it?

The National Cancer Institute explains clearly that at least 2 compounds are formed when the flesh of animals is subjected to high heat (above 300 degree fahrenheit)  
<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/cooked-meats> Since dangerous pathogens are generally more prevalent in animal flesh, especially those that are factory farmed and slaughterhouse processed, it is not wise to eat raw flesh, effectively necessitating the carcinogenic path.

Additionally, due to factory farming conditions, animals are typically dosed with antibiotics, contributing to the development of antibiotic resistant pathogenic microbes.

As people are unhealthy and dying of cancer enormous financial and medical resources are used in an attempt to band aid the effects of decades of consumption of cooked / factory farmed animal flesh.

Additionally, the energy requirements to freeze flesh is higher than that required for refrigeration and must be maintained from the time of death to time of consumption. Then additional energy must be converted to cook the flesh before consumption.

How about growing avocados, coconuts, bananas, macadamia nuts, cashews, coconuts, peppers, tomatoes, watermelons, papayas, etc. in parks, in medians, sides of the roads, around freeway entrances / exits, etc? Or, how about we just make it legal for volunteers and homeless to do so, with the help of community service organizations and schools to plant, maintain and harvest the foods while teaching people how to live off the land in a sustainable way? It would be cheaper, require much less energy, and no spilling of blood / guts is necessary; beautiful!

**nishihara5 - Randy**

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Comments:  
Support.

Thank you.

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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

**nishihara5 - Randy**

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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!

**SB140**  
**(HAWAII LIVESTOCK CO-OP FUNDING 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:

Please toss this bill (as with its redundant counterpart, SB1337)!

**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 oppose this. Mahalo~

**Anjie Pham**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**